

Silver Shield will induct six today

The Silver Shield Honorary Society will hold its fall induction Monday, October 22, 1973 at the morning convocation. The constitution of the Silver Shield states the standards from which the society selects its members.

"Members shall be chosen on the basis of constructive leadership, Christian character, and service to the school.

By constructive leadership is meant not solely leadership in the sense of

holding office, but also in the sense of having helped to direct student opinion into wholesome channels. The fact that a girl does not hold office shall not debar her from membership, nor shall the fact that she does hold office necessarily mean that she shall become a member.

By Christian character is meant the actual practice of the Christian principles of helpfulness and friendliness and kindness in everyday student life, the conscientious observance of student

government obligations, and faithful and sincere performance of academic duties.

By service to the school is meant the upbuilding of school spirit through the contribution of definite, constructive helpfulness and initiative in making Meredith a better school and through actual participation in student activities."

The Society members nominate students for membership at one of their first fall meetings. This list is

then sent to Mr. Hiott for academic approval. Members from the Senior class must have at least a 2.3 to be eligible for full membership. Associate members from the Junior class must have at least a 2.5. This list is then sent to the entire faculty who selects not more than 75 percent from the Senior nominees and not more than 75 percent from the Junior nominees. The 75 percent from each group is placed on a ballot and Society members vote by secret ballot for the

designated number of memberships open. The membership from any one class may not exceed twelve and the Associate membership may not exceed three. Three Senior members and three Junior Associate members will be chosen Monday. Current members are Genie Bailey, Woody Dicus, Pam Faison, Lucy Marino, Louise McCaskill, Meg Pruette, Ruth Ann Stephenson, Elaine Williams and Alice Winecoff.

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Forum draws response from overflow crowd

By NORMA HEATH

"Sexuality is more than knowing what to do when you're 36-24-36, girls." This and many other provocative statements piqued the interest and intellect of the Meredith community during the sessions of the MCA Fall Forum October 9-11. Absorbing and quoting phrases like "the heat of battle" and "the story we weave," students were stimulated to discuss and to figure out their own ideas on issues ranging from premarital sex to the problems of changing sex roles.

The Forum began at 8:00 October 9 with the topic "the birds and the bees?" and an overflow crowd. Presenting her ideas first, Mrs. Betty Dorman, nursing supervisor at the Wake County Health Department, saw the major

problem in the area of physical sex as "lack of forethought." Using as source material her experiences with girls having unwanted pregnancies, Mrs. Dorman delineated ten misuses of sex and the loopholes in the usual arguments for premarital intercourse. She also noted two things any girl should take into consideration no matter what her decision about a premarital relationship: (1) that society as a whole does not condone premarital sex for girls and (2) that "the decision to have premarital sex is still up to the individual" and no one else can or should decide for a person. Dr. Ronald Rolett, director of family planning services at the Wake County Health Department, gave the next portion of the program, a more factual presentation about methods of birth

control. To impress the students with the need for the use of contraceptives in intercourse, he included several startling statistics in his talk. For example, if you had 100 nineteen-year-old girls who have intercourse regularly and who use no birth control devices, 90 of those girls will be pregnant within one year! Dr. Rolett did feel that such risk-taking was

unnecessary, because "good birth control methods are available, and, beyond that, people can say, 'no.'" He then listed the known contraceptive devices and birth control techniques in descending order of effectiveness, from the pill to withdrawal. The first session ended with a question-and-comment period for the audience.

On Wednesday October 10 there were two sessions of the Forum, each using the arts to look at some facet of sexuality. Rev. Sheryl Scrimsher, NCSU Methodist chaplain, and Rev. Bill Wells, NCSU Episcopal chaplain, led the first at 10:00 during the chapel hour. With the assistance of Mrs. Laney McDonald, singing a song

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Drew, American Universities offer semester study in government action

by Cathy Rodenburg

For all of you ambitious, career-minded women out there on the Angel-Farm, take off your wings, forget about your date at the local frat this weekend, and zero in on an excellent opportunity which is being offered in the spring of this year. Actually, there are two, and you may choose according to your interests and desires.

American University is sponsoring a "Washington

Semester Program" which is made up of four parts: (1) the Washington Semester, (2) the Washington Urban Semester, (3) the Foreign Policy Semester, (4) the International Development Semester. This is an excellent way to break into the nucleus of government in action - "selected juniors and seniors from over the hundred American college and universities participate with legislators, lobbyists, party officials, administrators,

policy planners, embassy personnel, judges and community leaders." Students live on the American University campus, so not only do you widen your acquaintances, but you are actually observing the processes of government at first hand.

Drew University, which is located in Madison, New Jersey, and is an hour away from New York City, is

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Fall lunacy set for Thursday eve

by Catherine Stover

The hour approacheth and now is when the true enthusiast shall find an outlet for her energies; when the true creator shall make manifest her imagination; when the true procrastinator shall discover many an opportunity to delay her scholarly duties. In other words, it's time once again for our favorite fall lunacy - Cornhuskin'!. For those of you unfamiliar with this annual ritual, a brief history and description is in order, and for this purpose Dr. Johnson's History of Meredith College is relied upon.

Cornhuskin', sponsored by the MRA, made its first appearance in 1945 and was introduced by Miss Peterson, a member of the P.E. department. "Through the years Corn Huskin' has become more elaborate; especially so is the parade with which the program begins, and in which each class has a theme carried out in... costumes" and a script. The latter is a subject of much debate among the members of the script committees of each class, who spend many hours shaping it under the skill of their masterful pens until it makes as much sense as is possible; they then present it to the class as a whole, which greets it with much applause.

And it is never funnier than on the final night when all the class is in costume. The costumes are works of art which seem to be much more effective if conceived and completed within 15 minutes of the parade's incipience. It is easily seen that having the responsibility of representing the Atlantic Ocean or the nation of China could present a slight problem and avoiding the issue until the last moment is a widespread, accepted act. On the other hand, much planning may be seen in many costumes.

Songs and contests follow the parades, the nature of the contests having changed much since 1945, although they still "bring out unexpected talents" among the student body and faculty. At present, the classes and faculty compete in apple bobbing, hog calling, the telling of tall tales, and cornhusking, naturally. But in the past, the contests were a bit different. Dr. Johnson notes in her History that in 1945, "a freshman was the best chicken caller and was given an egg basket filled with candy-coated almonds". Meredith girls seem to put off the hog costumes fairly well each year, but dressing as chickens probably required a bit more ingenuity. It was

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Drs. Syron and Rose ham it up as part of the 1958 Cornhuskin' celebration. The annual event began in 1945 and originally included such competitions as chicken calling and square dancing. The "sing-song contest" of that year based the selection of the winning song upon its "exhibition of pure corn and hill-billy-ishness".