

## Teacher education self-study undertaken

Meredith's education department, under the direction of Mrs. Audrey Allred, is in the process of conducting a self-study of the teacher education program. Since Meredith is an institution with a state-approved program of teacher certification, the college is subject to re-approval every five years by North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. A visiting team from that department will be on campus two days in March

talking to students and faculty, and looking over the records of the past five years. Before an institution is visited for re-approval, the teacher education program is self-studied by students, faculty and administration of the institution itself. This self-study report is completed and submitted to the State Department of Public Instruction before the visiting team is sent onto the campus.

Using the self-study guide furnished by the N.C.

Department of Public Instruction, the Teacher Education Committee, composed of Mrs. Allred, Allen Page, William Turpin, Leslie Syron, David Reveley, all teachers of methods courses, Jane Lee, Beth Kimball, Pam Burgin, Claudia Vernacks, Nancy Neal and John Hiott, has set up a Steering Committee and additional study committees to study the total program of teacher preparation at Meredith. This means that

every aspect of teacher preparation will be studied, not just the education and methods courses. Mrs. Allred noted when asked that "all major departments which in any way contribute to teacher preparation will be involved in the study." "One thing that makes Meredith different," she comments, is that we don't isolate the training of teachers, so we have to evaluate many areas which contribute to the general education of future teachers."

facilities, equipment, and materials available to future teachers here at Meredith.

The last re-approval visiting team five years ago recommended the addition of a separate K-3 certificate and program, which at the time was part of one program with the other primary grades. This recommendation was, of course, carried out by the school. A great improvement in the curriculum center in the library was also a result of the last re-approval recommendations. The self-study, although it involves a great deal of time and effort, is felt to be quite beneficial to Meredith's teacher education program. "It leads to improvement, because we, looking at the overall program and recognize needs, Mrs. Allred summarized

The six study committees and various sub-committees are studying the overall policies of Meredith's teacher preparation, the faculty involved, the curricula, student personnel programs and services, the professional laboratory experiences (such as student teaching), and the



...Meredith girls posed in hayseed attire in October, 1945, when the First Cornhuskin' was instituted. Among the first judges was Miss Mary Yarbrough and one of the students who helped plan that initial occasion was Miss Betty Jean Yeager, now assistant dean of students.

## Series offered on archaeology

The North Carolina Museum of History is now presenting a continuing series of programs on archaeology. Each Sunday through November 11, a different program will be shown in the Archives and History Auditorium of the State Library Building at 109 East Jones Street. The admission is free; the time is 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Distinguished archaeologists working with the Museum are speaking each week on a different phase or archaeological research. The history, the work now in progress, and the materials found in underwater archaeology in

North Carolina will be discussed in the coming weeks, along with a general discussion of prehistoric and historic archaeology in this area. The Division of Archives and History of the Department of Cultural Resources is sponsoring this interesting series.

On Sunday, October 28, the presentation will be "The Preservation of Materials from Underwater Sites" by Leslie S. Bright, Preservationist, Archaeology Section.

On Sunday, November 4, the program "Prehistoric Archaeology in the Eastern United States" by Dr. Stephen

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## TWIG newsbriefs

### FOUNDATION GRANT

Meredith College will share in a \$12,934 grant to the North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges from the United States Steel Foundation's Challenge Grant Program.

The grant program, whose aim is increased corporate support for independent colleges, is administered by the Independent College of America (ICFA) for its 39 state and regional associations.

In all, the ICFA's members raised \$1,025,000 in new and increased gifts which qualified under the program during the last academic year. To this amount, the Steel Foundation added \$250,000 for a net increase in fund-raising of slightly more than 1.25 million dollars. The North Carolina Foundation of Church-related Colleges has 26 member colleges throughout North Carolina.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This is the year of the volunteer. There are many

excellent programs planned for the visually handicapped of Raleigh and Wake County.

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## Freedom of press explored by AAUW

BY CATHY MURPH

The American Association of University Women held its monthly meeting Thursday, October 11, at the K. & W Cafeteria at North Hills Shopping Center. The program, "Freedom of the Press Issues," was presented by three panelists. Each panelist gave a brief talk on his area of experience, followed by a question and answer period. Mr. Wade Hargrove, legal counsel for the North Carolina Broadcasters Association, represented the electronic media, and opened the discussion with a description of the problems that plague newsmen confronted with such controversial issues as liquor - by - the - drink and

cigarette advertising. The spokesman for newspapers was Mr. Claude Sittan, editor of THE NEWS AND OBSERVER. Mr. Sittan's talk centered on the news media's responsibility to accurately and honestly inform the public of pertinent issues. The third panelist was Mr. Phil Kirk, aide to Governor Holshouser, state senator and former newsman from Salisbury. Mr. Kirk stressed the power of the press and the importance of truthful reporting. The Watergate issue and President Nixon's attacks on the press were the primary topics of the discussion, presenting an interesting picture of the problems and responsibilities inherent in reporting the news.



... "Grandmother" (Susan Tew) confides family secrets to the attentive "Young Man" (Doyle Peed) in a scene from Albee's THE AMERICAN DREAM. Directed by Mrs. Linda Bamford, the play will be presented free on October 30 and 31 at 8:00 p.m. in the Hut. Other cast members include Mildred Long as Mommy, Lewis Gurkin as Daddy, and Jennie Jenkins as Mrs. Baker.

... Susan has appeared in Meredith's THE SOUND OF MUSIC and CAROUSEL. Doyle, NCSU junior, has appeared in numerous community productions. Sophomore Mil Long was assistant director for THE MIRACLE WORKERS, last spring; freshman Jennie Jenkins' credentials include a summer at the Governor's School for Drama. Lewis Gurkin has acted in several Miller plays and has worked previously in Theatre of the Absurd.