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Junior Christine Glascock, Stringfield Dorm president, shows off the 1976 Play Day trophy. Stringfield placed first in the competition, followed by Vann in second place and Poteat in third. Play Day activities included hula-hoop and jump rope contests, relays, softball games, and a book auction. Highlights of the day included Mr. Phil DeBerry's hula-hooping exhibition, Dr. Ione Knight's stint as a book auctioneer, and Dr. Donald Samson's fancy baseball catches.

## Rose, Aubrecht receive awards

(MIS)--Two Meredith College faculty members were honored during the college's observance of Parents' Weekend by being named Outstanding Christian Teachers at Meredith. The award, made possible by support of the college's parents' association, was presented during the parents' banquet Saturday evening. Dr. Norma Rose, professor and chairman of the English department, and Dr. Lyn G. Aubrecht, assistant professor of psychology, were selected as teachers who convey a Christian perspective in education and who challenge students in their academic area.

### Contest is announced

Students who do creative writing of any kind are invited to turn in samples of their work for consideration in this spring's Hubbell award. To participate, a student may submit five poems or three samples of prose to Mrs. Helen Jones, 120 Joyner, by Friday, April 23. A cash award of \$25, announced on Awards Day, May 3, is made possible through the generosity of alumna Ruth Anne Hubbell, who wished to make possible the annual recognition of creative writing ability among Meredith students.

Two Outstanding Christian Teachers are selected annually by the academic dean and the president of the college from campus nominations.

Selection is based on the teacher's ability to challenge and excite the student within his or her discipline, the ability to convey the realization that his or her teaching field is a part of a Christian perspective on education, and the ability to make the student aware of fundamental religious questions and help to provide a context within which answers may be produced.

Dr. Rose, who joined the Meredith faculty in 1937, received her A.B. degree from Meredith, her M.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and her Ph.D. from Yale University.

A native of Wadesboro, Dr. Rose was the first faculty

member to be honored at the college as a Distinguished Faculty Lecturer. She was editor of the Meredith Alumnae Magazine from its beginning in 1946 until 1971, and in 1974 received the Meredith Alumna Award given in recognition and appreciation of outstanding achievements and significant service to the community and to Meredith.

Dr. Aubrecht joined the Meredith faculty in 1974. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Illinois State University and his Ph.D. from Ohio State University. At Ohio State University he was the recipient of the Graduate Associate Teaching Award and was nominated for an Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching.

A native of Illinois, Dr. Aubrecht is married to the former Pam Bauer of Collinsville, Ill. They have two children.

## Matthews is installed; Norton is honored

Non-resident students gathered in the cafeteria for the last event of the year, a luncheon and installation of the new non-resident president, Deborah Matthews, and the new non-resident board. Dr. Weems presided at the installation ceremony.

The luncheon was attended by about 75 non-

resident students. "The luncheon marked the end of a successful organizational year in which all had worked to accomplish a great deal," said Mrs. Virginia Norton, past president of the organization.

Mrs. Norton was also the recipient of a director's chair

bearing the seal of Meredith College. This gift was presented to her by the members of the Meredith College Non-Resident Student Organization.

In accepting this gift, the active Mrs. Norton said, "I promise to sit quietly in the chair from now on."

Mrs. Norton was awarded

## SGA installs officers

by Nancy Newton

The installation of the '76-'77 Student Government Association officers was held Friday, April 9 in Jones Auditorium. The new officers included Phyllis Smith, SGA President, Beth Veasey, College Center Association President, and Menda Sue Godfrey, President of Meredith Christian Association.

Rebecca Askew, '75-'76 SGA President, made a few remarks concerning the past year's achievements. She said that while the SGA had seemed "trapped in a

legislation of petty rules," it had taken responsibility for improving the life of the students.

She notes that the changes, such as that made in the Honor Code, were not guaranteed to be flawless, but that they were evidence of student growth and responsibility to reach the goals before them.

Rebecca stated in closing that Meredith's SGA could be seen as a "circle spiraling up and out, building on the foundations laid by others," forming a system "of birth and rebirth."

Newly installed president Phyllis Smith stated as her

goal for the upcoming year the "reaching out beyond Meredith" to the community at large. She hoped that the government would not become "bogged down in change" but rather "build stronger roads" for the future.

A final challenge was presented by President John Weems "to involve as many students as possible to insure a strong leadership." He hoped that the new government would be judged "not by style but rather by results", and he pledged his cooperation, energy and support to achieve the best for Meredith.

## Parramore gives lecture

by Debbie Doss

Dr. Thomas C. Parramore, assistant professor of history at Meredith, presented the Distinguished Faculty Lecture of 1976 on Monday night, April 5, in Jones Auditorium.

Dr. Parramore's topic, "Red Tie Bill and the Wingless Bird: Tarheel Baptists and the Evolution

Controversy," proved to be an informative and entertaining study of the reaction of North Carolina Baptists during the 1920's to the "Cult of Modernism" that espoused evolution.

According to Parramore, evolution advocates like Wake Forest College President, William Poteat (nicknamed "Red Tie Bill" by his students) were able to strike a blow for academic freedom, not only with the help of liberal newspapers in the state, but with the aid and tolerance of "enlightened Fundamentalists."

Among the "enlightened Fundamentalists" were Richard Tilman Vann (sometimes called the Wingless Bird" since he had lost both arms in a sawmill accident), Livingston Johnson, Delia Dixon Carroll, and other N.C. Baptists associated with Meredith.

Although these Baptist Fundamentalists did not embrace the evolutionist point of view, they did uphold Poteat's right to believe what he wanted, and to state his views, even to the students in his biology class. Richard T. Vann was a source of private encouragement to Poteat, Parramore said, supporting "Red Tie Bill" during his years when many Baptists wanted to see the pro-evolutionist Poteat fired from his Wake Forest position.

According to Parramore, the combination of Christian educators like William Poteat

and "enlightened Fundamentalists" like Vann helped to bring about "free thought in a free classroom" and perhaps saved North Carolina from the destructive division that the evolution controversy caused in neighboring Tennessee.

Parramore concluded his lecture by questioning the strength of academic freedom in North Carolina, noting that the struggle for freedom of thought and speech had to be made all over again during the Speaker Ban Controversy of the 1960's, when Communist speakers were banned from N.C. university campuses.

Dr. Parramore, a native of Winton, N.C., joined the Meredith Faculty in 1962. He received his A.B., A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, concentrating in European history.

He has since given more of his energy to local and regional research, publishing many articles in the *North Carolina Historical Review*, *State Magazine*, *North Carolina Folklore Journal*, and other publications.

Recently, Dr. Parramore has completed two books. *Carolina Quest*, to be published soon, is a textbook of North Carolina history intended for high school use. *Launching the Craft*, a history of the beginnings of Masonry in North Carolina was published in December, 1975.