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Fourteen Win Harris Scholarships

by Nancy Newton

The recipients of the 1976-77 Julia Hamlet Harris Scholarship have been announced. They are Lydia Sue Barefoot, Raleigh; Kristy Rae Beattie, Jacksonville; Penny Denise Brooks, Shelby; Amy Lee Davis, High Point; Marlene Debo Barnette, Rome, Ga.; and Lisa Edwards, Winston-Salem.

Also designated Harris Scholars are Pamarah Jane Gerace, Sidney, NY; Anne Robinson, Fayetteville; Linda Kay Smith, Richmond;

Geraldine Annie Stott, Niantic, Connecticut; Mary Tucker, Raleigh; and Silda Alice Wall, Concord.

The 2 junior Scholars are Gretchen Annette Barnes,

Lucama, and Kathleen Tyndall, Washington. Gretchen and Kathleen are transfers from Peace College and St. Mary's College, respectfully.

The Julia Hamlet Harris Scholarships are named in memory of a long-time professor and chairman of the Department of English at

Meredith College. A dedicated teacher and scholar, Dr. Harris inspired excellence in scholarship throughout her thirty years of teaching here (1922-1952).

Upon her death in 1965, Dr. Harris bequeathed the college her estate of \$135,000 with the request that the gift be used for scholarships for promising and deserving students.

In May, 1972, the college renamed for Dr. Harris scholarships already established to honor academic excellence (1968-69); and the income was designated to help fund this competitive program.

In February, the office of Admissions selects through preliminary screening 35 finalists out of the 75-100 applicants for the scholarship. The finalists come to the campus one or two days in March for interviews with a faculty selection committee.

These finalists are chosen on the basis of scholarship achievement, intellectual promise, and leadership ability as reflected in their high school records, test scores, and other credentials. The faculty committee, composed of Dr. Norma Rose, Dr. Roger Crook, Dean Allen Burris, and Dr. Mary Yarborough make their final decisions on the same basis,

plus the information gained through the interviews.

The information from the financial aid application of students applying for the Harris Scholarship is used in no way in the selection process. After the Scholars are named, the Financial Aid Office determines the amount of the stipend for each Scholar's Harris Scholarship on the basis of individual financial need.

According to Mrs. Sue Kearney, associate director of admissions, "A Harris Scholarship may range from \$100 to \$1,200 per year, depending on the record of financial need. A student having little or no need would receive the minimum \$100 award while a recipient having great financial need might well receive the maximum \$1,200 Harris Scholarship, as well as other types of assistance, thus making the scholarship a combination of honor and aid."

In order to retain a Harris Scholarship, a recipient must maintain a minimum grade point ratio of 3.00 (B average) on all work at Meredith. The award of an eligible student will be automatically renewed for the following year if she files the required student aid forms.

Carol Sloane Sings Sept. 15

Rosie Bowers

Carol Sloane, American jazz-pop singer will appear with her trio in Jones Auditorium September 15, 1976 at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Meredith College Concerts and Lectures Committee, Miss Sloane's concert will be open to the public free of

charge.

Carol Sloane has performed for New York audiences at nightclubs such as The Blue Angel and The Village Vineyard. She has also appeared in Chicago and San Francisco. Television appearances include the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson and

the Steve Allen Show with Dave Garroway.

Besides appearing regularly on Arthur Godfrey's Radio Show, she has recorded three albums: "Out of the Blue" (Columbia Records), "Live at 30th Street" (Columbia Records), and her most recent, "Subway Tokens" (Moonbeam Productions).

After her debut in 1960, she received reviews in several major newspapers. Critic Ralph Gleason of The San Francisco Herald wrote: "She has poise, articulation, a full-throated warm voice. She swings and she projects and her taste in tunes is impeccable."

Local critic Bill Morrison of The News and Observer writes that Miss Sloane "delights her audience," and "her sense of humor keeps life in perspective."

Although Carol Sloane performs jazz-oriented material, John Wilson of The New York Times writes, "she does not consider herself a jazz singer".

Miss Sloane says, "I'd rather just do good material the best way I can. If the jazz audience wants to accept it, fine—but I hope others will like it too."

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, Miss Sloane grew up in a large musical family. She began her singing career with local dance bands in Providence at age 14.

Now living in Raleigh, Miss Sloane continues to perform at The Frog and Nightgown and Cafe Deja Vu.



Jazz singer Carol Sloane will perform in Jones Auditorium on Sept. 15 at 8:00 p.m.

Students Find Dorms Crowded

by Debbie Doss

Housing on Meredith campus is currently filled to capacity and several students find themselves in very close quarters, according to Joyce White, dean of students.

Resident enrollment figures indicate that this year's freshman class is slightly smaller than those of previous years with 323 new students living in Vann, Stringfield and Carroll.

The shrinking living space at Meredith is not due, then, to an increase in the number of new students, but caused by the growing numbers of returning students, Dean White said.

In the past few years, according to Dean White, the number of transfers from Meredith has steadily

decreased, with only 70 students leaving for other universities in 1975.

In the spring housing drawing, returning students took all available spaces in upperclass housing, leaving a limited number of rooms for new students.

Figures show that 778 upperclassmen returned to Meredith for the current term, joined by 44 transfers. With a current resident enrollment of 1145, Meredith's dorms are completely filled.

Housing Director, Frances Thorne notes however, that several measures have been taken to alleviate the crowded conditions on campus. The parlor on fourth Faircloth has been converted into rooms with students sharing a hall bath.

In addition, four more spaces were made available in Carroll by moving the nurses' quarters down to first floor.

Mrs. Thorne suggests that there is no real problem with housing currently, and that even though a few students are living closely, most are situated happily. "I don't think it's a bad situation," she said.

Nevertheless, efforts are being continued by the Dean of Students' Office to move students into rooms vacated by withdrawals.

Housing should be less of a problem at Meredith in coming terms, said Mrs. Thorne. "Because of the declining birth rate, statistics suggest that college enrollments will drop in the future."

NCSL Begins Work

by Kristy Beattie

Work has started early this year for Meredith's representation in the North Carolina Student Legislature (NCSL). The Legislature will give interested Meredith students a chance to become involved in government.

Cindy Allen, chairman of the group at Meredith, explained that the NCSL is a replica of the state legislature. Convening each year, NCSL allows all colleges in North Carolina, both public and private, to participate.

The Legislature is divided into a senate, with each participating school having two representatives, and a House, where representation is based on the population of the school.

At the end of each year's session a governor and other officials are elected for the following year's session.

Each school spends the months before the Legislature preparing one or two bills or resolutions which are not on the N.C. Statute book but which they would like to see passed.

Issues covered by such bills may include the right to die, tax reform, socialized medicine, and others. These bills are voted on by the Student House, sent to different committees for revision, then finally either

passed or defeated.

The Student Legislature, which lasts about five days, is usually held at a hotel in Raleigh. This year it will probably take place in March.

Meredith will send two senators and four representatives, as well as alternates for each position and several interested observers.

Benefits of the Student Legislature are numerous, Cindy Allen pointed out. She said that laws passed in the Student Legislature are taken to the N.C. General Assembly, where 40 percent of the bills are consequently accepted in their original or a revised form.

The Legislature also carries many personal benefits for the participants, Cindy said, noting that the sessions give participants a chance to meet different people and to come into contact with new ideas.

Presenting and supporting their bill emphasizes to the delegates the importance of teamwork and gives them practice in public speaking and the powers of persuasion, Cindy continued.

Perhaps the most important benefit, she said, is that it gives young people a chance to express their ideas on the solutions to certain issues.