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Freshmen applicants boast higher SAT scores

(Editor's note: An overview of collegiate enrollment in the South is on page 2 of this issue.)

by Debbie Doss

Applications for admission to Meredith are still running about 30 percent ahead of last year, Admissions Director Mary Bland Josey, announced last week.

As of mid-March, 671 freshman dorm applicants and 37 freshman day applications had been received. Only 330 freshman dorm students will be enrolled.

Miss Josey explained that about 500 dorm applicants

have been accepted, as Meredith's average percentage of enrollment is 66 percent. Therefore, about 500 students will be accepted to insure 330 matriculations in the fall.

In addition to the 500 applications, about 50 students have been placed on an August waiting list.

"This is the first time in recent years that we have had to establish a waiting list this early on the basis of competition," Miss Josey said.

A new aspect of the waiting list is that this year

those 50 students can opt for accepting guaranteed admission to Meredith for the following January.

With the number of dorm vacancies that occur in December each year, the admissions staff feels the possibility of enrolling several freshmen in January instead of August is a good way to use all available dorm space during the spring semester.

Guaranteed January admission, explained Miss Josey, is probably the best way for a student who desires to attend only Meredith to be

admitted if the college is unable to accommodate her in August.

Miss Josey also related that overall SAT scores and predicted grade averages are higher for the incoming freshmen class. As of January 21, 78.7 percent of the total applicants pooled had scored above 800 on the SAT.

"By and large every student who has been admitted had a predicted grade average of 2.0," she said. Last year's minimum average was 1.75 on a 4.0 scale.

"The profile of next year's freshman class is going to be considerably better," she stated.

\$6 million man goes academic

Can you imagine a two-hour credit course that requires you to watch "Happy Days" or "Ryan's Hope"?

An unusual new Life Directions course (LID 941) to be taught this coming fall by Mrs. Helen Jones has as its goal the education of

telev viewers as informed critics. The class will discuss not only such topics as the source of Fonzie's appeal for Meredith students, but the similarities between the Six-Million-Dollar Man and the mythological Hercules, or the writing of soap operas.

In addition to an exploration of the societal values reinforced by the Mary Tyler Moore show, for example, or the reason for the successes of Norman Lear sit-coms, the class will keep in mind more basic questions.

Are Americans coming to prefer the televised (or symbolic) version of something to reality itself? What happens when we WATCH conversation (as in the talk shows) instead of conversing ourselves? While providing us with "a window on the world," does TV also deny us an opportunity to act on that world?

Before coming to Meredith, Mrs. Jones spent six years doing promotion work for one of a large chain of broadcasting stations based in Miami. She will visit the networks in New York this summer in order to make the course as contemporary as possible.

LID 941 will meet Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. probably in Cate Center's Faculty Lounge, and will offer two hours' credit.

Yale SOB's slated to perform Friday

The Society of Orpheus and Bacchus, more commonly known as the S.O.B.'s will perform in the CEA at Meredith College on Friday, March 25, at 8 p.m. There will be no admission charge and the doors will be opened to the public at 7:30 p.m.

According to legend, many years ago a group of Yale undergraduates gathered weekly to sing and drink at Mory's Tavern. One night, an alumnus in the audience remarked, "Hey, those S.O.B.'s are pretty good!" Those initials stuck, and the spirits of Orpheus, the Greek god of song, and Bacchus, the Roman god of wine, the Society of Orpheus and Bacchus was born.

Consisting now of twenty-two members, the S.O.B.'s still sing at Mory's every Tuesday and perform for various Yale events

throughout the year. The group also sings weekend concerts at nearby colleges and clubs and makes three concert tours each year.

The Society sings the well-known Yale and S.O.B. songs which form such an important part of Yale's singing heritage. In order to maintain a balance between the venerable and the modern, a number of selections from the realms of jazz, barbershop, popular songs, spirituals, blues, and traditional college songs have been added to their repertoire.

The S.O.B.'s will arrive on campus Friday afternoon, March 25, in time to eat and sing a couple of songs in Belk Dining Hall. After their performance at 8 p.m., the members will spend the night on the floor of Weatherspoon Gymnasium.

Distinguished Faculty Lecture

Sally Page lectures on Modern literary trend

Dr. Sally R. Page, assistant professor of English at Meredith, will present the Distinguished Faculty Lecture Wednesday, March 30, at 8 p.m. in Jones Auditorium.

Dr. Page, selected as this year's lecture by a committee composed of faculty and students, will speak on "Vision and Transformation: Trends in Modern Literary Consciousness." The topic, said Dr. Page, will analyze various ways authors present different levels of consciousness.

Dr. Page has been on the

Meredith faculty since 1972. Other professional experience has included teaching high school English in New Jersey and New York, and teaching on the college level at Newberry College and Clemson University in South Carolina.

Dr. Page is the author of a book on the women in William Faulkner's novels and has presented papers on women, creativity, and Faulkner.

The lecture will be followed by a reception in the Mae Grimmer Alumnae House.



Major officers elected during first slate elections are, from left to right: top row: Julie Nipper, president, Meredith Christian Association; Emily Widman, president, Meredith Recreation Association; bottom row: Meg Hess, vice-president, Student Government Association; and Cindy Allen, SGA president. Second slate elections are scheduled for next week. An interview with the candidates for the legislative, judicial, and interdorm board is featured on page 4 of this issue.

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NDSL Loan Interview

Any student who has received a National Direct Student Loan is required to have an exit interview with the chief accountant before leaving school. Matters to be discussed at this interview include grace period, repayment schedule, terms of payment, billing procedures, interest, and borrower's privileges for deferment or cancellation.

If any student has received an NDSL at any time while at Meredith and is not returning after this semester for any reason, she is asked to call the chief accountant for an appointment.

A Personal Data Sheet must be completed and brought with the student to the interview. Students may pick up this form at any time from either Mrs. Audrey Gardner, financial aid office, or Mrs. Eunice Williams, business office.

In their Manual of NDSL Policies and Procedures, the federal government stresses

the importance of the interview by stating, "An exit interview must be conducted for each borrower leaving his college or university, whatever the reason.... Students must be required to attend.... before being cleared for withdrawal, graduation, etc. They suggest that records, transcripts, diplomas, and even recommendations be withheld on any borrower failing to attend exit interviews.

Social Work Club

The Meredith Social Work Club will meet Tuesday, March 29, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the President's Dining Room. Featured speakers will be Jennie Lancaster and Nancy Gunn, both social workers in area correctional facilities.

Jennie Lancaster is a social worker and counselor at Umstead Youth Center and a recent winner of the Jaycee annual award made to an outstanding person in the

correctional system. She is a 1969 Meredith graduate.

Nancy Gunn is a social worker at the North Carolina Correctional Center for women.

The meeting will be informal, with the discussion centering on what it is like to be in prison. All interested persons are welcome.

Privileged Seating

In order to relieve the crowded conditions at the Concerts and Lectures functions, time will be reserved for Meredith students and their guests to enter the concerts earlier than the general public. This policy will also ensure that they will get the best seats in the house.

Meredith students will be allowed to claim seats between 7:15 and 7:30, and beginning at 7:30, the doors will be opened to the general public. The Concerts and Lectures Committee hopes that this will aid the students in seat selection.