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Students remember Lillian Wallace Parker

by Belinda Bulla

On September 18, 1978 the first lecture of the Lillian Wallace Parker Endowment Fund will be held in the McIver Amphitheatre at 8:30 p.m. Sir Harold Wilson, the former Prime Minister of Great Britain, will speak on the "Transatlantic Connections from Sir Winston Churchill until Today." The lecture will be open to the public and all interested guests are invited. Before the

lecture Sir Harold Wilson will lead a question and answer session for members of the Meredith Community at 5:00 in Carswell Auditorium.

Not only because of the presence of Sir Harold Wilson, but also because it represents the culmination of the first student-initiated endowment at Meredith College, this lecture is a very important and exciting event for Meredith College. Lillian Wallace Parker came to

Meredith in 1921 as a history instructor. She remained so for 41 years, the last 13 being spent as head of the History Department. Yet Dr. Wallace's contributions to Meredith were only a part of her contributions to the Raleigh community. Known to Meredith students as an outstanding swimmer and tennis player, Dr. Wallace was also a professional musician, holding offices in such organizations as the

Civic Music Association, the Chamber Musicians Guild of Raleigh, and serving as president of the Musicians Union local for many years. In her own field of study, Dr. Wallace held memberships in the Southern and American Historical Society, the Archeological Institute of America, and the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences. One copy of her book, *The Papacy and European Diplomacy: 1869-*

1878, belongs to the library in the Vatican.

Even after her retirement in 1962, Dr. Wallace remained a vital part of the Meredith community. It is for these reasons the class of '71 chose for their class project the raising of money in order to establish an endowment chair in honor of Lillian Wallace Parker. Now in 1978, the Meredith community has again the chance to honor this remarkable woman.

And a cow?

"Gypsy" is cast

by Marlene Barnett

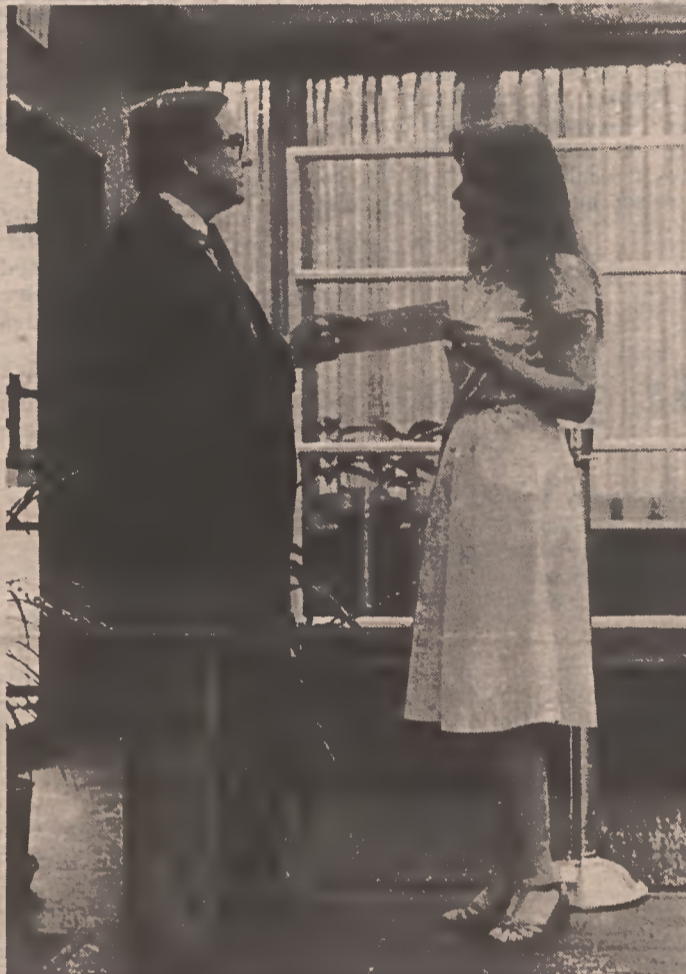
The cast for the musical *Gypsy* (to be presented October 5, 6, and 7) has been chosen. Auditions were held August 23 and 24. *Gypsy* has an extremely large cast of thirty-three people. Among the characters in the play are twelve women, twelve men, nine children, one dog, one bird, and one cow!

Carol Roser will portray Rose, the domineering stage mother who intends to make stars out of her daughters. Lynn Dyson will play Louise, who becomes the burlesque star Gypsy Rose Lee. June, the star of the children's vaudeville act, will be played by Jan Brinson. Molly Hall, Rita Jennings, and Joy Johnson will appear as three burlesque performers. Members of the musical act, *The Hollywood Blondes* will be Jean Nance, Kristi Morrow, Cathy Clapp, and Dana Warren. Jenny Jenkins will portray Miss Cratchitt, secretary to the theatre manager. Carla Parker will play Renee, a maid.

There are several men from the community (and even one faculty member) in the cast. Bob Pearson will play Herbie, the act's manager and Rose's companion. The four boys in the vaudeville act will be played by Phil Chapa (Tulsa), Mark Fox (Angie), Gordy Sisk (Yonkers), and George Huette (L.A.). Other men in the show include Marty Palmer, Monty Busby, Stan Carpenter, Ray Maret, Bernard Cochran, Erik Benrud and John Bono.

The six girls in the play are Michelle Benzing, Susan Pearson, Jennifer Maret, Elizabeth Freeman, Meredith Henderson, and Emily Douthit. The boys' roles will be played by Todd Pierce, Derek Pearson, and Russell Pearson.

Rehearsals are under way, the set is being constructed, and a lot of people are working to build a success by October. Be sure to make plans to attend the show and see if you can decide who plays the cow!



Wanda Henderson presents check to Dr. Lindsey. (Photo by Rymer Shaw)

Club helps

by Cathy White

The Meredith community will benefit from a contribution made last spring to the Carlyle Campbell Library. The donation was in the amount of \$100.00 and was given by the Psi Chi Honorary Society, the national Psychology honor society.

Members of Psi Chi raised the money through bake sales. The donation was one of their major service projects of the '77-'78 school year. The members feel that as one of Meredith's honor societies, it is important for them to support the school library, and they requested that the money be used to strengthen the Psychology department of the library.

As a result of the donation, all members of Psi Chi received lifetime memberships in Friends of the Library, an association supportive of the library. Two other campus organizations, the Student Government Association and the Colton English Club, are also members of this association. The Psi Chi members hope to encourage other campus organizations to support the library and become members of Friends of the Library.

Meredith Self-Study: A chance to grow

by B.D. Hall

Meredith College began a two-year, in-depth study of itself last spring in preparation for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. College accreditation is renewed

every ten years. Faculty, administration, students, and trustees here are jointly compiling a report on Meredith's progress and goals since 1970.

"The Self-Study really becomes a planning document

for Meredith College for the next ten years," President

Weems explained. For the report not only shows Meredith's current strengths and weaknesses but also recommendations to improve the educational opportunities.

The 1970 report listed 301 recommendations; 277 have been put into effect. Student membership on college committees, the printing of a Faculty Handbook, the placement services at Cate Center, and the Student Life Committee, all resulted from the 1970 Self-Study.

development, for example, covers extracurricular activities, health services, athletics, and student behavior as well as records, financial aid, housing, counseling, administration, and student participation in government. No stone will be left unturned.

Computer course considered

by Ginny Porter

Thanks to the strong efforts of members of the business and mathematic departments, Meredith will possibly be initiating an introductory computer programming course. Mrs. Evelyn Simmons, chairman of last year's curriculum committee, proposed the course through a Computer Committee, with Dr. Dorothy Preston acting as the committee's chairman. Other members of the computer committee were: Dr. Charles Stewart, Dr. Charles Tucker, and Dr. Alden Peterson. The course will offer 3 hours credit to students taking the course.

According to Mrs. Simmons the course is for any interested student regardless of her major.

The course has been approved by the Curriculum Committee and in turn was recommended to the Academic Council for final decision. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1978 is the date set for the voting.

Recommendation of the course is a result of a survey taken last year to decide needed academic additions to Meredith's curriculum. Senior status computer science majors at NCSU will also be allowed to use the computer needs at Meredith.

At present the course is as follows: A study of the capability and limitations of the computer including its impact on society. A simple hypothetical computer will be studied to give students insight into computer design. Flow charting will follow a thorough study of designing algorithms to solve problems. Several simple computer programs will be written from the flow charts and run in a batch process. The students will also get "hands on" experience in the use of canned programs. The academic committee is able to alter the above description in any way.

This comprehensive study is an evaluation of the standards Meredith operates under. Nine committees examine the prescribed areas: the college's purpose, organization and administration, educational programs, financial resources, faculty, library, and student development.

Students, faculty, administrators, and trustees serve on each committee, and a small steering committee coordinates the total work on the report.

The report will be thorough. The area of student

This lengthy report is due in the fall of 1979. The following spring an accreditation committee of twelve or so faculty and staff members from other colleges will descend upon the campus.

They will talk to students, administrators, professors and staff and decide whether the college is meeting its goals. If the decision is yes, Meredith's accreditation will be renewed. President Weems foresees no problems. He views the study as a means of growth. And as Dr. Frazier, Chairman of the steering

committee, said, "There is no progress without change."