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Former Prime Minister to visit campus Sept. 18

by Miriam Victorian

The Meredith community will have a special honor Monday, September 18, 1978 when the Right Honorable Sir Harold Wilson, former Prime Minister of Great Britain, will be on campus. His campus appearance is sponsored by the Development Office, Alumnae of 1971 and 1973 as well as the Concert and Lectures Committee. Sir Wilson will be brought to the college as the first Lillian Parker Wallace lecturer.

This final honoring of Dr. Wallace, a long-standing former chairman of the History Department, was started by the class of 1971 and supported two years later by the Class of 1973.

Sir Wilson has had a most distinguished career in British politics beginning in the World War II era after his graduation from Jesus College, Oxford, and post-graduate work at New College, Oxford University.

Working in the various ministries during the war, he resigned his civil service post in 1945 to accept the Labour Party's nomination as a candidate for Parliament.

His activities in the Ministry of Works, Food and Agricultural Organization delegation, and Board of Trade (Secretary of Overseas Trade) led to his appointment as a Privy Councillor in 1947. The former Prime Minister continued to be active in politics in the fifties forming a part of the "Shadow Cabinet" when the Labour Party was no longer in power.

In 1964 Sir Wilson was elected Prime Minister of Great Britain. He held the office until 1970. During his administration the negotiations for Britain's entry into the Common Market went forward, a reappraisal was made of foreign armed services obligations, questions regarding balance of payments, and the Rhodesian

crisis were all faced. The years brought in domestic affairs constant efforts to solve the problems of Northern Ireland and strengthen the economy. Sir Wilson was created a Knight of the Garter after retiring from office in April 1976 having been leader of the Opposition twice and Prime Minister four times.

The former Prime Minister will participate in a question and answer seminar in Jones Auditorium at 5 p.m. on the 18th. At 6:30 p.m. a private dinner will be held in his honor in the President's Dining Room followed by a lecture on "The Trans-Atlantic Connection from Sir Winston Churchill to Today" in McIver Amphitheatre at 8:30. A reception in the Bryan Rotunda of Johnson Hall will conclude the evening's activities.

Sir Wilson's visit to Meredith is a highlight of his 12-day tour of the United States.



Sir Harold Wilson

Non-Resident students plan activities

by Barbara Browde

This year the non-resident students have a full calendar of monthly events planned for them. The fall semester will highlight several interesting meetings which include the annual honor code service and buddy system. A reception for all non-resident students given by the alumnae house and a guest speaker who will present the topic "Self Protection for Females" have been scheduled for September.

In October the meetings include a speaker for the E.R.A. movement as well as a speaker for women's legal

rights. During the month of November, plans are under way for a Christmas Crafts show to provide a little help in avoiding the holiday rush. To end the fall semester and to celebrate the holidays, the non-resident students will have a Christmas party at the last meeting. During the party gifts will be exchanged and homemade treats prepared by individual members of the non-resident organization will be served. When the spring semester arrives, the search for possible summer work begins. There is a meeting conveniently arranged in January to help develop confidence in the search for employment. Also within the month of January, another

speaker will be on campus to discuss the topic "Women in Religion - Do They Have a Future?" February will be devoted to the topic of women's health care. A seminar on that topic is being arranged.

The day-students would like very much to become involved this year in Meredith's traditional and special events. Hopefully the Meredith community will see a better turnout of non-resident students at Cornhusking in October and Stunt Week in March.

In April an exciting Spring fashion show

sponsored by Burton's of Raleigh will take place. Finally, at the end of the school year, non-resident students will be honored at a reception given by students and faculty members, and a Spring banquet will be held.

Besides monthly events, a special service project such as a visit to Hillhaven Convalescent Center during the holidays is being discussed. This year appears

to offer many opportunities for the non-resident organization to work together and feel more a part of the Meredith community.

Beginning this semester the organization will have two support groups. Hopefully, these groups can expand the organization's ability to meet the needs of all members of the non-resident organization as they look forward to another year at Meredith.

Absentee voting

by Carol Lancaster

The 26th Amendment to the United States Constitution lowered the voting age to 18. The impact of this legislation is reflected in the efforts of candidates to channel a portion of these new voters into their campaigns as staff members, volunteers, and most importantly, as voters. The seven and a half million collegians represent a group of voters that any party or candidate ignores at its own peril.

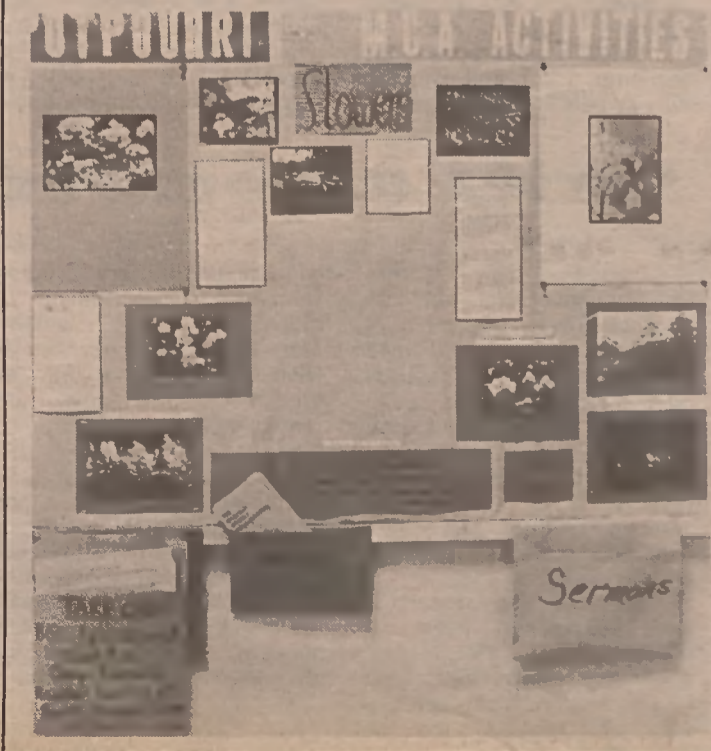
Collegians, however, are generally not able to register as voters in the county in which they are in school. Orange county is the only county in North Carolina that permits college students to register there instead of their home county. Recently, this law has been challenged by residents of Orange county.

Until new state election laws evolve regarding student registration, the procedure

governing students will remain the same as the procedure for all voters in North Carolina. A student must follow these steps in order to vote absentee in their home county. First, she must write her home Board of Elections chairman and request an application for an absentee ballot. It is sufficient to state that one is a registered voter in that county and will not be present for the entire period in which the polls are open. Second, upon receipt of the application, she must fill it out and return it to the county board. Third, she will receive her ballot which she completes and returns.

A voter may apply for an absentee ballot 60 days prior to the election in which she desires to vote. She may not secure an absentee ballot later than 5:00 on the Wednesday before the election, which falls on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

"Cardinal Flower" plucked



Certainly we've all heard of the elusive shrinking violet, but something more mysterious baffles Marge Rodberg, secretary to the campus minister. It seems that the photograph entitled "Cardinal Flower," the center attraction of the minister's bulletin board in Johnson Hall, has wilted completely from sight. The picture, part of the art display owned by Miss Short of the foreign language department, was last seen by Mrs. Rodberg on Friday, Sept. 1. As Miss Short was kind enough to loan the work from her collection, it is only right that the piece be returned. While some plants may be transplanted successfully, this particular "Cardinal Flower" thrives only in the soil of its original environment. Information concerning the missing flower photograph should be directed to the minister's office.