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by Renee Keever Davis Eleven seniors have been

selected as Outstanding Seniors for the class of 1979,

the class executive committee announced this week.



selection except those named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges earlier this fall.

Selection as Outstanding Senior is based on "con-tribution to the Meredith community and to the class" and is determined by nominations and secret ballot voting of the senior class, according to the class executive committee.

Top: (L to R) Laura Brakebill, Carrie Jo Compton, Connie Floyd, Lois Hayes. Bottom: (L to R) Katy Knobeloch, Jana Leonard, Ruth Pardue, Cammy Reirson, Dee Sloan, Kip Tayloe, Beth Wheless.

# New appointments for Thomas benefit students

# **Inter-American Commission of**

#### Women

by Mary Pickett

Several Meredith students had the opportunity to participate in a sampling of interamerican politics on Thur-sday, Oct. 26. The group, which included Belinda Bulla, Mary Pickett, Susan Felts, Ginny Vaca, Sheila Saunders, and a 1977 Meredith graduate, Bridget McMinn attended a biennial meeting of the Inter-American Commission of Women (IACW), at the Pan American Building in Washington, D.C.

The trip was arranged by Dr. Sandra Thomas, Vice-President for Student Development who served as a U.S. delegate to this par-ticular convention of the IACW by request of the Department of State. She was the only non-governmental delegate present. Dr. Thomas attended the IACW sessions beginning on Oct. 27 and continuing throughout the following week wherein policies and programs for the twenty-six member nations of the OAS were determined. The Commission functions as an integral part of the Organization of American

States. This trip was made possible as a result of the Commission's celebration of their fiftieth anniversary at Meredith on October 6. At that time, women such as Carmen Votaw, U.S. delegate to the IACW, Maria Oyarzun, permanent representative to the OAS from Chile, and Gabriela Touchard, former president of the IACW, attended the Meredith symposium.

During the Washington meeting Carmen Votaw, principal U.S. delegate and was speaker, elected president of the IACW.

During one of the sessions Dr. Thomas was called upon to discuss the Inter-American Symposium hosted by Meredith College. Meredith received an ovation from the member countries for the support the school has demonstrated towards the Inter-American Commission of Women. The college was also presented with a citation of appreciation which was entered into the permanent records of the IACW

made for the plenary session of the IACW. After a hurried visit to the Senate and Capitol buildings, they returned to the Pan American Building where they attended the opening session of the IACW.

The meeting was con-ducted in Spanish although it was possible to listen to simultaneous translation in Portuguese, English and French. Speeches were made by Gabriela Touchard and Jorge Zelaya, President of the OAS. The names of the Meredith students in attendance were listed in the records of the Commission as representatives of Meredith College

Following the plenary session, the group visited a museum of Latin American art and saw such landmarks as the White House, Washington Monument, the Watergate Hotel, and the Smithsonian Institute.

The final activity of the trip was a visit to the Inter-American Bank of Development where the were met by a students man from Panama who described in Spanish the functions of the bank an his responsibilities there.

### **Girl Scouts**

Those elected as Out-

standing Seniors include Laura Brakebill, Raleigh;

Carrie Jo Compton, Graham;

by Belinda Bulla

Without a doubt, a great many girls here at Meredith were Girl Scouts at one time, but how many of them are aware of the changes being made in the organization today?

The Girl Scout National Conference, held every three years, was held this year in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Sandra Thomas, Vice-President of Student Development, at-tended the conference assa member of the Board of Directors, to which she was recently appointed. She reports that significant changes are being made within the organization. They are reaching deeper into the identification of the woman's role in world society, and

searching for ways that will enable young women to see their role as participants more clearly according to Dr. Thomas.

The Girl Scout organization is still going strong, and if a recognition of other countries and their similar programs is any in-dication, our Girl Scout program is growing. Just recently, the Girl Scouts of America changed their logo from the traditional emblem to a more international one, representing a new in-ternational outlook; and Halston has designed a new uniform.

This new direction of the Girl Scout program is a future oriented one, and as a part of this year's program the Girl Scout Council has adopted the United Stations International Year of the Child.

#### The group first visited the Pan American Building on Thursday morning where they

observed preparations being

## **Dance Concert will be held**

by Suzanne Barr The Meredith College Dance Repertoire Ensemble will be performing their first concert on Thursday,

#### **ATTENTION:**

All students who want to see a BATTLE OF THE STARS: The Phi Omicron Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta will be holding another faculty feud in February. We are now taking suggestions for questions and panel members. Please stop by 205 Heilman or 103 Barefoot with ideas.

December 7, at 8:00 p.m. in the Jones Rehearsal Hall. The concert will feature modern dance pieces choreographed by Cynthia Scraf-Fletcher, Deborah Bresett Whelen and Meredith students.

The members of the ensemble, instructed by Ms. Whelan, are a group of talented and totally committed students. Although the modern dance class is a one hour course, scheduled to meet only two days a week, these dedicated girls meet nearly every day for rehearsal.

Ms. Whelan is in the process of transforming the formerly low-key and amateur dance performing group into a more professional dance ensemble of much higher quality.

Auditions for new members will be held in January and a second concert is planned to be held for three days in April. Eventually, Ms. Whelan says that her goal is to educate the whole Meredith community in what modern dance actually is, and to gain

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Dance Repertoire Ensemble in remarkal for their performance Thursday night. (Photo by Rymer Shaw.)