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Miss Ellen Brewer, former head of the Home Economics Department, died last week at the age of 82.

"Miss Ellen" remembered

Miss Ellen Dozier Brewer, professor emerita and chairman of the home economics department from 1922 until her retirement in 1966, died on Wednesday, September 19 at her home. She was 82.

"Miss Ellen Brewer's life was an inspiration to all who knew her," said President Weems. "Her exemplary christian witness embodied the highest ideals of Meredith, which her father championed as third president of the college. Her influence is ongoing in our department of home economics."

Born in 1897 in Wake Forest, Miss Brewer was the daughter of Charles Edward and Love Bell Brewer.

Her father became president while she was a Meredith undergraduate. She graduated in 1918 and joined the Meredith faculty as an English instructor in 1919.

The following year, Miss Brewer went to Columbia University where she received bachelor's and master's degrees in home economics.

She returned to Meredith in 1922 to become chairman of the home economics department.

In "A History of Meredith

College," Mary Lynch Johnson, professor emerita and college historian, wrote about Miss Brewer: "One of the trustees presented her name and the board unanimously overruled President Brewer's objection to the election of his daughter to such a position (department head) on the faculty."

"Miss Brewer's firm foundation in the humanities which came with her undergraduate major in Latin and Greek, gave her students a breadth of view not narrowed to their specialty; her knowledge in her chosen field assured their professional training; and her rare qualities of character and personality kept before them a pattern of gracious living."

In an interview after her retirement, Miss Brewer chuckled that she was remembered fondly by her students as having a penchant for parsley.

"I always insisted you should dress up the plate with something, if only a sprig of parsley," she said. "One of my truisms is 'A sprig of parsley turns vittals into food.'"

Miss Brewer studied during summer sessions at Cornell University, the University of Wisconsin, Iowa State University and Oregon State University.

She also traveled extensively in the U.S. and Europe.

In 1960, the modern Ellen D. Brewer Management Home was opened. The two-story brick house provides a place for home economics majors to live for a month

before graduation. Here they learn home management and budgeting.

After her retirement, the North Carolina Home Economics Association named its scholarship fund in honor of Miss Brewer, who was one of the early members of the association and served as president in 1932.

She was a member of numerous other professional associations including the American Home Economics Association, the International Federation of Home Economics; The American Association of University Women, and the N.C. Public Health Association. She also was a member of Kappa Nu Sigma.

(Information for this article was taken from page 16-B of the Wednesday, Sept. 19 issue of "The Raleigh Times.")

KNE inducts

by Anne Earp

Seven seniors were inducted into the Kappa Nu Sigma Scholastic Honor Society. Three sophomores and one junior were presented scholarships in a service on Monday at 6:30 in the Alumnae House.

New members include Anita Bristow, Susan Dowdy, Debbie Holt, Leslie Morrison, Melody Owensby, Julia Poston, and Angela Stafford. Membership in Kappa Nu Sigma is determined by quality point ratio. The ideals of the society are beauty, soundmindedness, and intelligence.

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Financial aid made available

by Katie E. Lucas

"We have money, and if a student is eligible, we can give it to her. She has to take the initiative." So said LaRose Spooner, Meredith's Director of the Office of Financial Aid in a recent interview.

According to Mrs. Spooner, there are three categories of aid available to students: financial assistance not to be repaid, such as scholarships and grants; financial assistance that must be repaid, such as loans; and financial assistance earned as wages.

The first category includes five different state and federally funded grants. The Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG) is a federally sponsored program that offers a student up to \$1800. Grants are based on need, and the award is determined by the government. The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) is a federally funded program administered by the College. Students with exceptional need may be

awarded between \$200 and \$1000.

Three grants are available only to North Carolina residents. The North Carolina Legislative Tuition Grant (NCLTG) awards \$475 to North Carolina residents attending Meredith full-time, regardless of need. Two other grants requiring a North Carolina residency are the North Carolina Student Incentive Grant, which awards 0 - \$1300, and the North Carolina Scholarships, which award 0 - \$2000. Both require a financial need.

Other types of assistance that do not have to be repaid include Meredith General Scholarships, awarded on the basis of need, Meredith endowed scholarships, established through gifts of friends of the college, and competitive scholarships, which are not based on need.

The assistance that must be repaid is in the form of federally funded loans. Interest rates are 3 percent for the National Direct Student Loan Program (\$100 - \$1000) and 7 percent for the

Guaranteed Student Loan Program (\$2500 maximum).

Financial assistance is also available through campus jobs.

"The jobs are in demand, and there is presently a waiting list. Students on financial aid get first choice, and then it's a first-come-first-served basis after that," Mrs. Spooner noted. But she also pointed out that occasionally an opening will arise, as some students quit working due to heavy classloads, etc. Also, some jobs require special skills, such as laboratory assistants.

Some campus jobs are federally funded by the College Work Study Program. There is also an off-campus summer job program called PACE which allows a student to earn money for college in her home community.

To apply for financial aid, incoming freshmen must note the need for financial assistance on their applications, and complete and return the forms sent by the college. Students who are now enrolled and desire aid can find applications on pages 34 and 35 of the Summer, 1979 Catalog.

Mrs. Spooner pointed out that Meredith's Financial Aid Office has been able to meet 100 percent of the analyzed need of each dependent student eligible for aid. She also noted that "due to the liberalization of federal laws relating to financial aid, more students are eligible than ever before."

For more information, contact Mrs. Audrey Gardner, Meredith's Financial Aid Officer. She can be found in 111 Johnson between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Spooner's office is located at 112 Johnson, and her hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

News and Announcements

Study Skills Workshops

The October schedule for the Study Skills Workshop sessions is as follows: October 2, October 9, October 23, and October 30.

All sessions are to be held at 4:00 in the Faculty Lounge, Cate Center. Students who need help in note taking, time management, and test taking are encouraged to attend. These workshops will be team taught by Patrice Strifert, Joy Jones, and Elizabeth Wilson.

Upcoming Recitals at Meredith

Monday, October 1, Mary Lynn Warren, Jr. Piano Recital, 8:00 p.m. Carswell Recital Hall.

Monday, October 8, Richard Reed, guest pianist, 8:00 p.m. Carswell Recital Hall.

WANTED!!!

People who do not have 9:00 classes on Wednesdays are needed to help distribute orders of workshops for Wednesday Worship Services. Contact Janice Patty through the Campus Minister's Office.

OOPS!!!

Ticket prices for Tom Chapin Concert on October 3rd will be \$2.00 for students and \$3.00 for non-students rather than the \$1.00 and \$2.00 prices we previously announced.