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Outstanding Seniors announced



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Susan Sherron



Kim Smith



Mary Wallace Tarkington



Ann Williams



Frances Wooten

by Lee Callahan, Senior Class President

On December 12, 1979 the following girls were voted by their class as Outstanding Seniors: Diane Bacon, Sarah Bellamy, Lee Britt, Danette Gordon, Mae Nelson, Ella Plyler, Susan Sherron, Kim Smith, Mary Wallace Tarkington, Ann Williams and Frances Wooten.

These girls were selected by their fellow classmates on the basis of contributions to their class and to the Meredith Community. They possess spirit and leadership abilities, and have unselfishly given of their time to clubs, class projects, SGA, plays, MCA, and numerous other activities.

Mrs. Sullivan lectures

by Kelley Stone

On Monday, January 14 in Jones Auditorium, Jane W. Sullivan, assistant professor of voice, presented the Distinguished Faculty Lecture-Recital of 1980. She was accompanied during her performance by Evelyn H. Culton at the piano. Her lecture-performance, entitled "From the Mountain of Conceit to the Valley of Humility," presented the lives and music of the two innovative composers Richard Wagner and Charles Ives.

Mrs. Sullivan, a Meredith graduate, has done graduate studies at universities throughout the nation. She joined the Meredith faculty in 1966 and has sung professionally for groups such

as the North Carolina Symphony and the Raleigh Oratorio Society. A native and current resident of Durham, she is active in numerous civic, cultural, and church activities as well.

Because she lectured on a subject involving the performing arts, Mrs. Sullivan had at her disposal not only academic facts, but also musical creations through which to communicate with her audience. Her presentation facilitated intellectual, aesthetic, and emotional understanding simultaneously.

As explained to a student after the event, her intention was not to force the audience to appreciate the music of Wagner and Ives. Rather, she attempted to provide insight into the lives and purposes of these two controversial composers.

Mrs. Sullivan began her lecture with Richard Wagner, "the mountain of conceit." Wagner lived from 1813 until 1883 and is best known for his operas, such as "Tristan and Isolde" and the four operas comprising "The Ring of the Nibelung." He was overwhelmingly selfish and convinced of his superiority in the world of music. Indebtedness, revolutionary political involvement, and amorous affairs with women characterized his life. Nonetheless, many today hail him as the greatest composer of opera. Mrs. Sullivan performed the five German songs comprising Wagner's "Wesendonk Cycle," so named because the songs were written by Wagner for the birthday of one of his lovers, Madame Wesendonk.

During the second half of the lecture-recital, Mrs. Sullivan expounded upon Charles Ives, the "valley of humility." Ives was an American composer who lived from 1874 until 1954. He was raised in New England, receiving extensive musical training from his father, who had directed a military band in the Civil War. Although Ives studied composition at Yale, he went into the insurance business upon graduation. He lived in two worlds, the world of business and the world of music. His music was slow to be published and recognized, but when recognition came, Ives did not dwell on his success. His music incorporates traditional American musical idioms such as fragments of marches, folk songs, and hymns. Mrs. Sullivan alerted the audience to many familiar tunes in Ives' music as she sang selections from his collection of 114 songs.

Plans made for Religious Emphasis Week

by Susan Taylor

The week of Jan. 28 - Feb. 1 has been designated as Religious Emphasis Week. Each year, a committee plans activities for this week that will attempt to meet the spiritual needs of the Meredith Community, as well as coordinating with a chosen theme. This year's theme is "Inward and Upward: A Unending Pilgrimage" and will offer an opportunity to honestly examine ourselves as individuals and our relationship to God.

The guest speaker for the week will be the Rev. Judi Smith. She is not new to Meredith, having spoken at worship previously as well as being a Meredith graduate. She recently received her Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School and is currently a Methodist

minister in Currituck, N.C. Rev. Smith's topics for the week will be "Let Me Do It Myself," "I Can't Do It Myself," and "We're All In This Together."

On Thursday evening at 8:00 a concert will be presented in Jones Auditorium by "Chalice," a Christian band from St. Petersburg, Florida.

Check posters and programs for the dates and times of the events. Students and faculty members are encouraged to attend scheduled activities.



The Rev. Judi Smith and "Chalice" will be present at REW.



The group "Chalice" will perform.

Leadership conference opportunity at Caraway

by Darla Stephenson

There will be a leadership workshop at Camp Caraway on February 2nd and 3rd based on the theme of chance and opportunity in leadership. The overall objective of the conference will be "to promote an awareness that each individual is an agent of change and to encourage mastery of the concepts, skills, and values viable for effective communication and leadership."

Dennis Rodger, well known columnist for The News and Observer, will be leading an informal discussion at the conference. Another guest leader will be Nancy Polk, a counselor at N.C. State University, who will speak to the group on decision-making. Dora Shell, a 1975 Meredith graduate and

a member of North Carolina Student Development, will speak on group dynamics -- attitudes, plans, and skills which are vital to leadership in one's group.

Other sessions will focus on motivation led by Martha Hollowell and Margie Snell, human sexuality led by Patrice Strifert, parliamentary procedure headed by Nancy Clendenin, programming and evaluation chaired by Pam Gerace, time management led by Gerry Stott. Another area of focus will be headed by Linda McCaskill and is entitled "Procrastination." Jane Tatum will lead a session concerning the wheel of opportunity.

The chance and opportunity motif will be reinforced by a monopoly board,

for there are certain risks in taking offered opportunities and investments while traveling around the board.

There will also be a Sunday morning worship service, a time for recreation led by Susan Sherron and

Teresa Parker, and an evaluation-wrap-up on Sunday afternoon. Freshmen Resident Advisors Lynn Moss, Joy Jones, and Cindy Mays have planned the conference and are eagerly anticipating the week-end.

Campus SNCAE organized

by Denise Brame

A Meredith chapter of the Student North Carolina Association of Educators has been organized in the Meredith community. SNCAE is affiliated with both the North Carolina Association of Educators and the National Education Association. The purpose of the club is to promote and to keep members informed about issues in education.

The organizational

meeting held November 19 included guest speaker Craig Withrow (State SNCAE president), a student at St. Andrews College. The meeting provided enough student interest to make the group successful.

At a second meeting on November 26, officers were elected: president-Mary Wallace Tarkington, vice-president-Jill Paget, and secretary-treasurer - Denise Brame.