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Meredith honors six faculty members

Four Meredith College faculty members became the second recipients of awards from the Faculty Applied Meredith Endowment (FAME), and two other faculty members were honored for 25 years of service by the College Thursday evening, April 2, during Meredith's annual Dinner With Our Friends.

Meredith President John E. Weems presented James L. Clyburn, assistant professor of music, and Dr. R. John Huber, chairman of the psychology department, with Pauline Davis Perry Awards; and Dr. Allen F. Page, associate professor of religion, and Dr. Susan Gilbert, assistant professor of English, with Laura Weatherspoon Harrill Awards.

Miss Isabelle Haeseler, assistant professor of music, and Dr. Ione Kemp Knight, professor of English, were presented 25-year service awards by Dr. Allen Burris, vice president and dean of the college. Each received a silver bowl.

Following the presentations, Dr. Frank Grubbs, chairman of the history department presented the Distinguished Faculty

Lecture in Jones Auditorium. The title of his lecture was "The United States in the World Today: Problems of Survival."

Faculty recipients of the four cash awards were not notified about winning the awards before the dinner. The awards were established in 1980 as part of the FAME program, an independent fund for supplemental faculty benefits.

Pauline Davis Perry Awards were established in honor of Mrs. Perry by her husband, Clifford W. Perry, former treasurer of Hanes Corporation in Winston-Salem, and their three children, Clifford W. Perry, Jr., Mrs. Kenneth Sommerkamp, and Ms. Judy C. Perry.

One of the Perry Awards is given for excellence in teaching and the other is given for outstanding research, publication, or artistic achievement during the past three years. Recipients are selected by the president from nominations by faculty, staff, and students.

Laura Weatherspoon Harrill Awards were established by the Meredith College Board of Associates in honor of Mrs. Harrill of



Bernard Cochran

Raleigh. She served as chairman of the board of associates in 1977 and was instrumental in having the board establish the FAME program.

Harrill Awards, considered presidential merit and recognition awards, are presented by the president. Some criteria used in selecting faculty recipients include involvement in campus activities, dedication to their academic area, and commitment to Meredith.

James Clyburn, a member of the music faculty since 1958, received a Perry Award for excellence in teaching; and Dr. Huber, chairman of the psychology



Susan Gilbert



Ione Knight

department since 1974, received a Perry Award for research.

Harrill Award recipients Dr. Page has been on the faculty since 1973, and Dr. Gilbert has been on the faculty



Belle Haeseler



Allen Page

since 1966.

Approximately 280 people, including faculty and staff, trustees, associates, and special guests, attended the dinner held in Belk Dining Hall on the Meredith campus.

Mary Vance Trent addresses students at Convocation

by Nan Davis

On Monday, March 23 Mary Vance Trent, executive and foreign affairs specialist with thirty years of experience in international affairs, led the convocation entitled "The Middle Kingdom Emerges: Mainland China Today". Miss Trent discussed U.S. relations with China as she has seen them in her recent visits to China. She spoke of our two hundred year love-hate relationship with China, the oldest and most populous nation on earth. Miss Trent said that today Americans find Chinese hospitably open and friendly. She said, "There are new and growing ties between China and the United States."

Miss Trent gave a brief history of China. She spoke of Chinese leaders from Mao Tse-tung to Deng Tsaio-ping. She talked about the cultural revolution of the 1960's in China and said it made ours appear gentle.

China is known for introspection. Confucius gave them this type of philosophy. Miss Trent said, "China is now voluntarily looking outward for the first time in her history."

Miss Trent said the university system in China has grown. Between 1966 and 1971, Nanking University was closed because of the cultural revolution. Today there are

5600 students enrolled there. She said that during her visits to China the college students were inquisitive about American college students, single career women, and automobiles.



Mary Vance Trent

(Photo by Jackie Duong)

Miss Trent said that China is taking giant steps toward modernization. Its goal is to improve the areas of agriculture, industry, defense, social development, and education. She predicted the four great powers of the world -- China, United States, Japan, and the Soviet Union -- "will largely shape the world of our next century."



MEREDITH CHAPEL--Bids will be let in July for the Christina Brown and Seby B. Jones Chapel on the Meredith College campus in Raleigh, North Carolina. The 13,000 square foot structure will seat 307. Also contained in the structure will be a mediation chapel, a meeting room, a reading room-library, and a suite of offices for the campus minister. The building, which will be located in the grove in front of the alumnae house, is expected to cost \$1.1 million and should be completed in the fall of 1982.