

Trustees authorize graduate degrees

The Meredith College Board of Trustees has authorized the college to grant the master's degree. Authorization was granted during the board's recent meeting at Meredith.

Under the proposal passed by the Meredith trustees, a faculty graduate studies committee will review specific requests from academic departments desiring to offer programs. The committee will make recommendations for specific degree offerings to the

college academic council for approval.

"Three academic departments, Business and Economics, Education, and Music and Performing Arts are preparing for graduate programs," Meredith President John E. Weems said. "Approval of master's degrees in these three areas is anticipated in the near future.

Master of Arts degrees were first offered at Meredith in 1902 when it was known as Baptist Female University and located

on Blount Street in Raleigh. The master's program was discontinued in 1911 and has not been offered at the Hillsborough Street location where Meredith moved in 1926.

"The offering of graduate degrees is consistent with the early mission and purpose of Meredith and is consistent with the needs of our students and area residents," Dr. Weems said.

Scheduling of classes for the graduate program will be

done for the convenience of working adults, using evenings, weekend, and summer schedules. Faculty for graduate studies will come from the regular faculty of the college with some additional outside faculty with special expertise appointed.

"The three areas of Business and Economics, Education, and Music are being encouraged to offer master's degrees, because there exists a strong interest for such programs in the Raleigh

area," Dr. Weems said.

He pointed out that Meredith has offered a postbaccalaureate legal assistant's program since 1979 and several certificate programs for women with baccalaureate degrees through its continuing education program. Adult enrollment currently represents more than 10 percent of Meredith's 1,600 students.

In other action by the Board of Trustees, tuition was in-

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Lemmon and Poteat honored as Meredith founders

Dr. Sarah M. Lemmon, the first dean of continuing education at Meredith College was honored during the 92nd Founders' Day celebration for distinguished service as a contemporary founder while three members of the Poteat family were honored as early founders.

Meredith President John E. Weems presented the tribute to Dr. Lemmon during the 10 a.m. Founders' Day exercises held Friday, February 25.

Mrs. Memory Farmer Mitchell, president of the Meredith Alumnae Association, presented the early founder tribute to William Louis Poteat, former Wake Forest College president and Meredith trustee; E. McNeill Poteat, former pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church and a Meredith trustee; and Ida Isabella Poteat, the first chairman of the art department at Meredith.

While honoring Dr. Lemmon, Dr. Weems paid tribute to

her as "a leader in the life of the college at a time when Meredith stood at a symbolic crossroad in history." When women's roles were changing rapidly, Dr. Lemmon "was instrumental in providing the leadership that made it possible for Meredith to move rapidly and boldly into the educational of today's woman for tomorrow's world," Weems said.

Dr. Lemmon joined the Meredith faculty in 1947 as assistant professor of history

and was named history department chairman in 1962. In 1977 she became the first dean of continuing education and special programs. For three years while history chairman and dean of continuing education she directed a program funded by the Mellon and Rockefeller Foundations titled "Raising the Sights of Women."

She retired as dean of continuing education at Meredith in 1982 but continues to work on special projects assigned by President Weems.

In honoring the early founder Mrs. Mitchell said William Louis Poteat served as a Meredith trustee from 1891 until 1938. He was on the committee that planned a course of study for the college before a faculty was employed and was charged with the responsibility of preparing a catalogue for the college.

Dr. Poteat's nephew, E. McNeill Poteat, was appointed to the Meredith board in 1953 and at the time of his death in

1955 was a member of the board's executive committee. He served twice as pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh and was a missionary to China.

The sister of William Louis Poteat and aunt of E. McNeill Poteat, Ida Isabella Poteat, began work at Meredith in 1899 as professor of art. She designed the college seal and taught art and served as art department chairman until her death in 1940.

"The intellect, the dedication, the loyalty, and the love shared with Meredith by William Louis, E. McNeill, and Ida Isabella Poteat are gifts the college can never repay. But Meredith can and does...honor and pay tribute for all that they meant to this institution," Mrs. Mitchell said.

Warren Bryan Martin, scholar in residence with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, delivered the Founders' Address titled, "A College of Character."

Dr. Ellen Ironside, Meredith's Director of Continuing Education, has been elected to receive an alumnae award from her alma mater, Wells College.



Dr. Ironside enjoys new role

By Melody West

Among the new faces on our campus this year is Dr. Ellen Ironside, Director of Continuing Education. Dr. Ironside, a recent graduate herself, is well-acquainted with re-entry students, having worked with the Laboratory for Higher Education, where she assisted in teacher training.

Because of her extensive contact with adult students, Dr. Ironside feels comfortable in her position as Director of Continuing Education. She describes the role of Continuing

Education as "shepherding" adult students at Meredith until they choose a major. Continuing Education provides counseling for adult students, as well as offering enrichment courses (short courses-skills courses) and certificate programs, such as the Legal Assistants Program. Realizing the potential for growth, Dr. Ironside is anxious to expand the offerings of Continuing Education.

Dr. Ironside's first impressions of Meredith are very favorable. She is impressed by the warmth of the students and

by the good working atmosphere. She believes that a college such as Meredith promotes special relationships between the women on campus, who often form lifetime friendships. In addition, Dr. Ironside believes that the campus is in a good location - not crowded into the middle of the city, but close enough to the city not to be totally isolated.

Originally from New York City, Dr. Ironside ended up in the south through a series of moves with her family. She has lived in Michigan, New Jersey, *[Continued on Page 3]*

YOUR ROOMMATE DID WHAT?

Roommate game a learning experience

By Kristen True

In February, students on campus had the opportunity to find out how well they know their roommate by participating in the 1983 Roommate Game sponsored by Residence Hall Board.

On February 8, girls gathered in their hall parlors for the first game. The following were winners: Sara Jones and Margaret Matthews, first Vann; Toni Beasley and Susan Skinner, second Vann; Nan Flowers and Zena Truelove, third Vann; Lizzie Mills and Susan Duck, fourth Vann; Stephanie Bush and Jennifer Bruffey, first Stringfield; Susan Dry and Didi Groftke, second Stringfield; Kelly Tilley and Teresa Burbon, third Stringfield; Lori Lippard and

Amy Godson, second Carroll; Anne Johnson and LeAnna Carter, first Brewer; Christy Lovesy and Lisa Matthews, second Brewer; Robin Crutchfield and Kim Saieed, third Brewer; Dina Durham and Dawn Leggett, fourth Brewer; Liza Little and Christie Boehling, first Faircloth; Ashley Stone and Carla Gray, second Faircloth; Jan Joyner and Mary Harris, third Faircloth; Bonnie Warren and Polly Ann Hamrick, fourth Faircloth; Elizabeth Dove and Elizabeth McCormick, first Poteat; Becky Boggan and Mary Kay McIver, second Poteat; Paula Tilghman and Sandra Westwood, third Poteat; Stephanie Prevette and Catherine McLeod, first Heilman; Allison Kincaid and Laurel Lindquist, third *[Continued on Page 3]*