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Jimmy Carter to deliver Lillian Parker Wallace lecture



Former President Jimmy Carter

by Betsy Short, Editor

Former President Jimmy Carter will deliver the Lillian Parker Wallace lecture on September 11, 1986, in the Meredith amphitheatre, according to Renee Kever, assistant director of college relations.

On the afternoon of the lecture, Carter will also hold a press conference around 4 p.m. Meredith students and others in the Meredith community will be allowed time to ask Carter questions after members of the press interview him.

The topic for Carter's lecture is "America: A Champion of Peace?"

Carter was elected President on November 2, 1976. A few noted accomplishments of the Carter administration include the Panama Canal treaties, the Camp David Accords, the treaty of peace between Egypt and Israel and the SALT II treaty with the Soviet Union.

Prior to being elected President, Carter served as a lieutenant in the navy working in the nuclear submarine program. He was elected governor of Georgia in 1971 and became the Democratic Party's National Chairman in 1973 for the congressional elections in 1973.

In preparation for Carter's visit, Dr. Clyde Frazier, political science professor, intends to prepare 25 pages of background materials including a general survey of the Carter administration and

where Carter has been since the end of his presidential term. This material will be available to professors and students.

In addition to this information, Frazier said the library reference staff will develop a more specialized bibliography on Carter to tie into particular courses.

Frazier noted the information should be helpful to most students since they were either in elementary or junior high school while Carter was in office.

Students will be encouraged to develop questions prior to Carter's visit. Frazier said he anticipates holding a contest for the "best question." Since there will be limited time for questions, Frazier said he wanted those who took the time to formulate good questions in advance to have the opportunity to ask them.

The Lillian Parker Wallace Fund was established by the Meredith College Class of 1971 in honor of Dr. Wallace, a professor of history at Meredith from 1921 until her retirement in 1962. She was head of the department from 1947 until 1962. The Class of 1973 pledged its sanction and support two years after the fund's inception.

Income from the endowment is used for support of a Visiting Scholar to academic departments of the College for terms of one or two semesters. The departments rotate so that one department does not participate more than once in five years.

'Senior Picnic' marks year end

The culmination of a senior's year is the Senior Picnic. This year's picnic on Thursday, April 24, carried on the traditions of years past.

As the picnic began, the Crook Hunt ended. A large group of students followed the senior class officers to where the crook was hidden. It was attached to the hinges of a third floor window in Heilman dormitory.

Since the juniors failed to find the crook before the deadline, the seniors will carry the crook on Class Day with a green and white bow, the class colors, attached.

While students stood in line fixing their plates, the Bath Tub Ring performed Meredith's favorites and a few new songs. Students clapped and sang along during the Bath Tub Ring's second to last performance. They will perform for the last time at Class Day, after which they will pass down their names and positions in the band to a new group of rising seniors.

Presentations followed the Bath Tub Ring. Laura Cochrane presented the Sen-

ior Class Mascot, Flossie Mae Wooten, to junior Becky Smith. She will be the "legal guardian" of Flossie for the following academic year. A new tradition, the "elephant in the jungle," continued as Bridgette Parker, Sherry Davis, Dalinda Dunn and Kelli Milstead passed it down to the suite of Chrissy Trevino, Laura Foust, Beth Cunningham and Pam Barnhart. Parker said the jungle represents the crazy, busy life of being a student at Meredith and the elephant is symbolic of the student tromping along through it all.

The majority of the picnic was devoted to the reading of seniors' last wills and testaments. They were read by the Senior Class officers and former Class Historians.

After the reading, students moved to first Heilman parlor for the Senior Slide Show and Class Prophecies. All seniors were asked to write predictions of what their roommate would be doing 10 years from now. The prophecies concluded the three-hour picnic events.



Three faculty members to join Meredith community this fall

by Stephana West, News Reporter

Meredith has three new full-time faculty members for the 1986-87 academic year. They are: James Buchanan, Visiting Professor of Chemistry; Shearle Furnish, Assistant Professor of English; and Elizabeth Lang, Instructor of Computer Science.

How are new faculty members found? According to Academic Dean Allen Burris, the individual departments must take the initiative when there is a vacancy due to resignations or retirements.

Once the department chairman and Dean Burris agree that a new faculty member is needed, the search begins.

There are several methods for locating prospective faculty members, such as advertisements in publications and inquiries at graduate schools.

Candidates for faculty positions make appointments for interviews with the department chairman and consulting department members. Together they reduce the number of candidates. The department chairman recommends at least two candidates to the academic Dean for further interviews.

Before meeting with the Academic Dean, the interviewee breakfasts with students from the department. During the meeting the Dean explains the nature of the college, including its Baptist ties, to

the interviewee. Dean Burris said that Meredith's ties to the Baptist church as "an important facet of the college."

Next, the candidate meets with the President and spends the day in the department meeting people. Usually each candidate conducts a class lecture. When there is time, the candidate meets with students before having an exit interview with the Academic Dean.

The final decision on the prospective faculty member must be approved by the President, but technically, the candidate is not a faculty member until the appointment is approved by the Executive Board of Trustees. Dean Burris said that the Board has never turned anyone down.

Once hired, faculty members seek tenure, a status granted after a trial period to a teacher protecting him from dismissal. To be considered for tenure, the faculty member must have recommendations from the department chairman, the Academic Dean, and the tenure committee (a six-member committee elected from the pool of faculty members). The recommendations then go to President Weems.

The criteria for tenure include teaching performance, research, and publications. The faculty member's general compatibility with the purpose of the college and his general contributions to Meredith are also examined before tenure is granted.