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Accreditation Team Evaluates College

by: Jayne Potter

The accreditation team from the Southern Association of Colleges-Schools evaluated Meredith from Nov. 6-9. The team, which consisted of 11 members from 10 colleges, comes once every 10 years to compare and evaluate Meredith to other colleges throughout the United States. The association was impressed with the friend-liness at Meredith — from students, faculty, and staff — and the team, said Dr. Susan Gilbert, was "glowing with praise" for Meredith.

In the accreditation process, a team

looks at every aspect of a school. They examine the library holdings and student body records, check faculty credentials, visit classes, look at class syllabi, check safety precautions, evaluate dorm life, and even eat in the dining hall. Dr. Susan Gilbert, who arranged for the visit and helped coordinate the meetings, said, "In preparing for the visit, we looked at everything!"

The team included college presidents, vice-presidents for student development, and undergraduate and graduate profes-

sors. Coming from all over the country, the representatives were from science/math schools, as well as liberal arts schools, from big and small schools, and some from church-related schools.

Gilbert points out that because American education is so independent, in that it is not government-controlled, the education system needs a standard. The accreditation process serves as that standard by encompassing the educational institutions which have equally high requirements for academics and overall campus life.

Alpha Lambda Delta Installed at Meredith

by: Charlotte Carroll

A chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, a national honor society for freshmen, was installed at Meredith College last Wednesday, Nov. 29. Founded as an honorary for freshman women at the University of Illinois in 1924, Alpha Lambda Delta is now a national society for both men and women with 210 chapters throughout the nation. To be eligible for membership, a student must earn a cumulative freshman GPA of 3.5 or better, as well as be in the top 20% of her class. 27 Meredith students were initi-

ated as charter members of the first Meredith Chapter of this prestigious organization with Barbara Quilling, executive director of Alpha Lambda Delta, presiding. Congratulations to the following new members:

Teresa M. Baldwin, Charlotte A. Carroll, Karen M. Cecil, Lauren E. Cress, Kipley L. Crowder, Rhonwyn L. Curtis, Margaret A. Deal, Carmen L. Elliott, Kimberly C. Hines, Kay R. Jernigan, Amy M. Keistler, Penny E. Lewis, Veronica V. Mathis, Beth R. Meadows, Stephanie L.

Mickey, Karen L. Moore, Kelly E. Morris, Lillian Alexis Newsome, Donna G. Newton, L. Suzanne Perry, Amy L. Rice, Michele R. Roberts, F. Katheryn Singletary, Suzanne B. Smith, Shelley T. Turlington, Maria L. Williams and Elizabeth A. Williams.

Dr. Olive D. Taylor was initiated as Faculty Advisor and Mrs. Cynthia Allen Edwards was initiated as Liaison Administrator. Thanks to all those persons whose efforts brought such a positive academic influence to Meredith's campus.

Happy Holidays! from the staff of the Meredith Herald