

## Meredith Council Of 'Angels' Dreams Of Student Action

To see a blind child smile with joy at hearing, in person, a New Arts concert; to meet in an International Student Coffee House on campus and discuss such topics as *The Ugly American* and *Fact or Fiction* with international students in the Raleigh area; to help underprivileged children enjoy a new experience with arts and crafts; to help tutors grow with their children in seminars; to provide "angels" with the chance to learn about the mentally ill and perhaps bring a new reason for existence into their lives; to watch student grow in applying Christian ethics to world problems as they attend forums of a secular nature; to acquaint girls with their own, as well as with different denominations, in denominational meetings and discussions; to tour areas of social concern in Raleigh and initiate a plan for social actions; to provide both the means of understanding the truths of God in Christ and the opportunities for expressing them by creative service and campus fellowship with an all-inclusive program of religious activities; these are the "dreams" of the Meredith Christian Association.

### MCA Wants Student Involvement

The Meredith Christian Association Council has "dreamed up" new ideas for a campus-wide revolution for Christian service with the hopes of broadening student thought and encouraging student involvement in all phases of human life. ACTION is the key word. ACTION can make these "dreams" come true! And from the actions of the "angels," our chief "dreamer," Kae Freeman, may be able to say, "For all that shall be . . . Yes!"

### 'AREAS OF DIPLOMACY' IS IRC THEME FOR 1967

One hundred per cent cooperation from the student body will assure a successful year next fall for the International Relations Club. This is the goal Ann Berry as president hopes to see fulfilled next year as the club carries out the theme "Aid"—Areas in Diplomacy.

Tentative plans call for five or six different programs featuring representatives from various embassies. Ann hopes that Dr. Magdi El-Kammash, brother of a recent exchange student here, Khadiga El-Kammash, will be able to lecture on Arabia. The last person for the "Aid" program will be Mr. James Lay, father of Emily Lay, who is executive secretary of the Central Intelligence Agency. Mr. Lay will stress the place of the U.S. in the above areas.

Programs will not be all that the IRC involves; plans are already being made to support an orphan or to build a home in Korea through a fund-raising campaign as well as to present an award for the most active member of the IRC.

All of these plans are tentative. To see realities, the student body must lend its whole hearted support and enthusiasm. "AID" is needed!

# Dr. Hafner Meets Foster Daughter in Italy

## European Journey Climaxes Three Years of Correspondence

By Carol Thompson

One of the highlights of a trip to Europe last summer for Dr. Mamie Hafner of the English department at Meredith was a visit to a small town at the tip of the Italian "boot." There she visited for the first time her foster daughter, Grazia Carmela Marino, whom she has been partially supporting since January, 1963. In preparation for her visit, Dr. Hafner learned some Italian phrases so that she could converse with her thirteen-year-old "daughter."

Grazia, whose name means "grace," lives in a one-room house in one of the most severely poverty-stricken areas of Italy. When her father was killed in an accident, Grazia and her two brothers were deserted by their mother. They were living with their grandparents on a baker's income of \$72 a month until support from the Foster Parents' Plan.

### Foster Parents' Plan

The Foster Parents' Plan is a private organization with headquarters in New York City. Through this plan, individuals can help a child in countries throughout Europe

and the East in cases where national governments are unable to provide for all underprivileged children. A contribution of \$180 a year all goes to the child. Grazia and her older brother, who is also sponsored by this plan, receive \$8 a month in cash. The rest of the money is used to supply four packages a year to the children. Grazia gets a new coat and shoes in the fall; a warm blanket and food in the winter; clothing in the spring; and towels and bedding in the summer. She has written Dr. Hafner several times to tell her how much she enjoys the vitamin-enriched candy she also receives.

### Christmas Package

Dr. Hafner sends Grazia and her brothers a package at Christmas time, which they receive about two months later. In addition to a cash gift, the package contains gay surprises that are not only useful, but also fun. A toy train sent to the younger brother one year fascinated the entire neighborhood.

In addition to a progress report, Dr. Hafner receives a letter each month which Grazia is required to write. These letters are translated,



Dr. Hafner's "daughter" Grazia

but Dr. Hafner discovered that they lose special meanings in the translation. Grazia wanted to do more than "pass her subjects," as the translation read. She told Dr. Hafner she had written "I hope to do gloriously in my school work to make my grandparents happy." In her school work, Grazia is aiming toward becoming a bookkeeper.

Dr. Hafner was delighted to see Grazia. She is just becoming a teenager, Dr. Hafner said, and one can see that she and her older brother are taking pride in themselves and in their possessions. They are alert, intelligent and happy children. Their home was spotless and there were flowers on the table.

### Outings With Children

Dr. Hafner spent two days with the Marino children. On the first day they went to a museum and to a cowboy movie that the older brother selected. The next day Dr. Hafner took the children over to Sicily for a day's outing.

This is the third time that Dr. Hafner has participated in a foster parent program. The program was first brought to her attention by an advertisement in a magazine. She was especially pleased with this particular organization because she was given her choice in sex and age of the child; thus she chose a girl with whom she could correspond.

Dr. Hafner plans to continue supporting and corresponding with Grazia until she is eighteen, and then Grazia will be on her own. Dr. Hafner described the Foster Parents' Plan as extremely rewarding both to the "child" and to the "parent."

## Student Volunteers Will Work With YES Summer Program

Youth Educational Services (YES), a statewide confederation of college students, has announced plans to recruit 500 student volunteers to work in its summer program.

### Lawler Directs Program

Director Mike Lawler said the summer program will seek to reach disadvantaged children in low income neighborhoods in seven specified areas.

"College students living or working near one of the summer projects are being recruited to participate in tutorial and recreational activities," Lawler added.

The project areas are located in Boone, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Laurinburg, Raleigh and Bertie County.

"Tutorial services have already been developed in the seven sites," the director reported. "This is an effort to continue the work begun by local students during the academic year."

YES has accepted responsibility for continuing summer community activities carried out by college students during the past two years by the North Carolina Volunteers.

"This summer, volunteers will be expected to contribute a minimum of two hours a week to the program," Lawler explained. "Schedules can be arranged for students who are

only able to work in the evening or on weekends," Lawler added.

"Orientation and training of volunteer tutors will be conducted in the project areas by full time staff personnel," he continued. Tutoring material and training aids will be provided by YES.

### Learning Experience for Volunteers

"Our experience with more than 800 volunteers now tutoring in the state indicates that the volunteer learns about as much as the child," the director said. "It's one thing to read about the problems of public education; but it's something else to be where the problems are and know you are doing something about them."

"By working in the churches, community centers, and homes, volunteers will be able to work with parents and children," he said. Meredith students interested in the summer program may contact Ann Rollins in 112 Faircloth, project coordinator on campus.

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