

Networking: — Solid and Practical Advice

by Joanne Carswell

On March 2, Dr. Sandra Thomas of Meredith College addressed the Business Policy Class. Her topic was "Networking and Mentoring."

Pointing out the importance of women helping other women in the business world, Dr. Thomas advocated a "buddy system" in which women give, as well as receive, help from their fellow female workers. Since sixty percent of jobs are obtained through personal contacts, Dr. Thomas stressed making contacts and using them. This strategy is called "networking." After all, "where

you are tomorrow may well depend on who you meet tonight." (Dr. Thomas borrowed this quotation from Sarah Weddington, an assistant to the last president.) Further explaining networking, Dr. Thomas defined it as "the interrelationships of people, places, and organizations."

Valuable networks available in the Raleigh area include N. C. Women's Forum, League of Women Voters, and National Organization of Women. Dr. Thomas also pointed out the possibility of using the Meredith Alumnae Catalogue and Magazine as leads to

contacts.

In her discussion on "Mentoring," Dr. Thomas defined mentoring as a situation in which a role model is found. Through such a mentor, a worker can find new networks, as well as receive extremely helpful advice on the job.

Most of all, however, Dr. Thomas urged Meredith students to "Dream Big" and plan accordingly. She stressed the fact that women should not narrow down their possibilities because opportunities for women today are greater than ever before.

In all, Dr. Thomas gave some good, solid, practical advice to the Meredith students who attended. She illustrated her points nicely with happenings from her own life and lives of Meredith students. Her obvious enthusiasm concerning her topic further added to its audience appeal.

The Business Policy Class has several other speakers scheduled in the near future, who promise to be equally informative and interesting. On April 6, David Rendal,

employed with Northern Telecom, will speak on "International Marketing" at 11:00 a.m. in 103 Joyner. On Thursday, April 8, Dr. G. David Hughes, the author of the current marketing text used on campus, will speak; this lecture will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the library. Other guest lecturers include Jean

Obarr, Continuing Education Director at Duke, on April 15, and Jane Patterson, Administrative Secretary to Jim Hunt, on April 22. Details on these lectures may be obtained from Dr. Bledsoe of the Meredith Business Department. Interested students are strongly encouraged to attend.

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As the Washington Post reviewer noted, her book reminds one by raging and subtle reflections that a church is not a democracy, and Christians are seldom like Christ.

Johnson has taken her struggle against the anti-ERA forces ruling her church to the political arena and even into the streets.

At the 1980 Democratic National Convention, she spoke in favor of a minority plank to withhold party assistance from candidates who did not support ERA. Her confrontations with the Republican Party have included chaining herself

along with twelve other religious women leaders to the porch of the Republican National Committee Headquarters in Washington.

Concerning such efforts to block traffic and climb White House gates, Johnson says, "If women don't soon begin to think we're worthy of the many and immense personal sacrifices it's going to take to get our civil rights, we are simply not going to get justice in our lifetime."

Currently Johnson heads the national network of Mormons for ERA and combines public appearances to publicize equal rights with a single-parent family life in suburban Virginia. She has sold the option to her story and autobiography to Norman Lear, who plans to make a feature film in conjunction with Twentieth Century Fox.

As Johnson sees her role: "I am a warrior in the time of women warriors; the longing for justice is the sword I carry, the love of womankind my shield."

Coffeehouse

The College Center Association's Coffeehouse Committee sponsored its second Coffeehouse Thursday, March 25th, at Cafe Center Fireside Lounge. Entertainment was provided by Debbie Cooper, a professional singer from the Raleigh area, and Meredith's own Adelaide Brooks. Adelaide performed the first set singing some of her own music and Debbie, who is a singer for the group Unicorn,

formerly known as The Embers, performed the second set. The Coffeehouse was an informal drop-in affair. Refreshments were provided.

The first Coffeehouse on November 24th featured singer-guitarist Rocky Powell.

The Coffeehouse Committee was designed by the College Center Association to provide Meredith students with on-campus free entertainment. The committee sponsors one Coffeehouse per semester.



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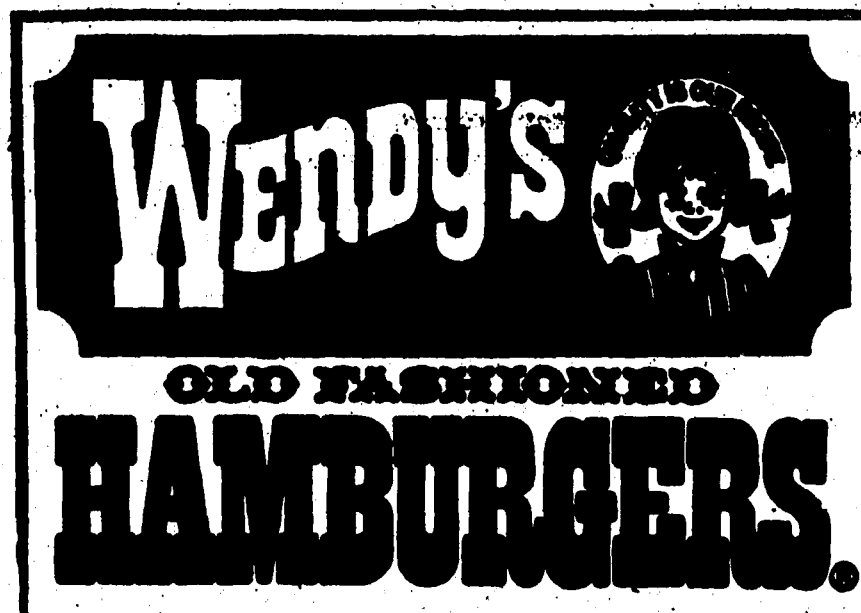
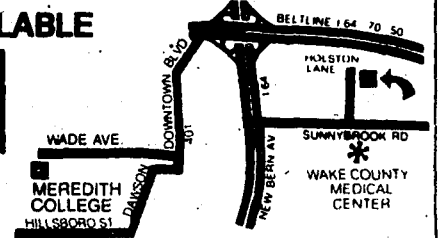
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