

Raleigh: Where to go - what to do

By Elizabeth Smelcer

Upon entering Meredith College in 1982, I was unfamiliar with all of the opportunities available in Raleigh. It's taken me two years in the Capital City to become acquainted with shopping centers, eating establishments, and other area attractions. I thought you would be interested in hearing about some of these places, so I pulled my thoughts together and weeded out several of my favorites.

There are several large shopping malls in the Raleigh area which house shops to accommodate every girl's needs and

desires. Crabtree Valley Mall is the largest shopping center in Raleigh, and it contains a wide variety of stores and places to eat. Hudson Belk, Hoopers, and The Limited sell cute clothes designed to suit all types of dressers. Cameron Village, a cluster of stores scattered on six city blocks, has a Thalhimers, Nowells, and Boylan-Pearce. Located a little closer to Meredith's campus is Ridgewood shopping center. This is a great place to pick up little necessities and last minute gifts for friends and big-sisters.

After about a month of cafeteria food at Meredith, you will discover that the desire to eat out starts hitting you at

least once a week. When this happens, you will find that Raleigh is equipped with a wide variety of places to dine. One of the favorite restaurants among college students is Darryl's.

There are three Darryl's in Raleigh, including a newly remodeled one on Hillsborough Street. Closer to Meredith is T. K. Tripps which is located at Ridgewood shopping Center.

This is great for all of you who aren't lucky enough to have a car yet. Char-Grill, a drive up "hamburger palace," is a favorite among college students. Any stomach would welcome one of their hamburgers for lunch, or after a night of having fun. If you love the

American - Italian cuisine, Two Guys quinch your appetite and your budget.

If you enjoy foreign food, Raleigh has just about any kind that you desire. Ranging from Italian spaghetti at Amedeo's, to tacos at Chi-Chi's and eggrolls at 4-5-6; it's all here! Why not try the yellow pages and discover the many restaurants in the Raleigh area?

Several special attractions occur in Raleigh each year, which you might enjoy attending. In the fall, the N.C. State Fair provides lots of fun for all who attend. The Raleigh Civic Center and N.C.S.U.'s Reynold's Coliseum have, in the past two years, been the home of some fantastic concerts. Van

Halen, Thomas Dolby, Kenny Rogers, and the Pretenders have all visited Raleigh during the 1984 Spring Semester. No matter what type of music you enjoy, you'll find that Raleigh will usually hold, at least one, concert to interest you each year.

Although the places that I've written about in this article are my biased opinion of the Area's finest. I'm sure that you might find many others more suitable to your individual tastes. However, if you're ever bored, or hungry, or just want to kill some time, why not pay a visit to one of these places? You might end up liking them as much as I do.

Officers elected for 1984-85

The Twig would like to extend many congratulations to the new officers for the 1984-85 school year. We wish you the best of luck!

FINAL RESULTS FOR SPRING ELECTIONS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

President, Joan Bunting; Vice-President, Bridgette Parker; Secretary, Nan Henry; Treasurer, Michelle Cherry

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President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer offices have yet to be filled.

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Chairperson, Maria Blackon; Secretary, Mary Moorefield; Review Board Members, Shepard Kimbrell, Dana Newsome, Carolina Powell; Solicitor General, Zan Bunn

STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Martha Hamlet; Secretary, Maia McAnulty

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

Chairperson, Lori Lewis; Secretary, to be appointed; Treasurer, to be appointed; Senior Dorm President, Chelly Richardson, to be appointed; Junior Dorm President, Stella

Miller; Sophomore Dorm President, Shonagh McQuade, Connie Compton

CHIEF STUDENT ADVISOR - Laura Hartness; CHIEF COLLEGE MARSHAL - Rebecca Whitaker; CHAIRPERSON OF ELECTIONS BOARD - Kim Tansky; CHAIRPERSON OF CONCERTS AND LECTURES - Luann Brown

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Twig Editor, Cynthia Church; Student Handbook Editor, Chrissey Murphrey; Oak Leaves Editor, to be appointed

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President - Kelli Jo Falk; Vice President - Robin Buzby; Secretary - Karen Davis; Treasurer - Natalie Priest; Historian - Carol Jean Ricks; Judicial Board Reps - Beth Krewson, Kim Jones; Elections Board Reps - Bliss Bright, Pam Ross; Senators - Stevi Poole, Becky Pyles, Autney Reavis; Marshals - Leann Carter,

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doing to academically attract more students."

"Our faculty compares favorably with small church colleges and about 70 percent of our faculty has their doctrine. I just wish we were as good as our reputation."

Though some aspects of the Meredith community are thought to be primitive, such as the restrictions enforced upon her students, Meredith is trying to push ahead. Preparing her students, faculty and knowledge for the 21 century so important to her growth.

"I had heard the saying 'riding the crest of the wave' and had never understood it until my son took up surfing," said Weems. "While watching him, I realized you can't ride the crest or you'll get wiped out. You have to ride in front of it. We

(Meredith) will do anything possible to be in the front of the wave."

Meredith is installing a new digital switching phone system over the summer that will permit students to have phones without paying an installation fee and monthly service charges. In the near future, it will be possible for students to plug their personal computers into the phone system and hook-up with any computer on campus.

"We're preparing for the computer age," said Sizemore. "Computers will be in most of the administrative offices and classrooms and there will be a focus on computer courses."

Construction on a research building will begin this summer. Presently, psychology ex-

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If Weems is not in his office, he is either representing the college off-campus, is at a ceremonial or formal event, is entertaining outside guests on campus or is at home with his wife, Frankie.

The Other Side

They met in college and got married at age 22 in 1953 after dating for 3 years.

"After 30 years, there's not much difference between us. He's still the man I fell in love with and he's still the man I'm in love with now," said Frankie, the mother of three.

Being married to the president of a college "is a fine position to find yourself in," said Frankie. "I help him with his job and with what the college is doing. It keeps me informed with Meredith."

Mrs. Weems described her husband as "a family man. He is very active and requires little sleep. He has an active, fertile mind and is very creative. He knows a lot about a lot of things."

"He's a real teacher. He likes to be learning or explaining things to people."

"We spend hours together talking. He's very exciting to be with."

"There's always a 'project' going on. Usually it's scientific. Now it's computers."

Weems enjoys programming computers and software and learning how they work.

"Science is a great advocate of mine," said Weems. "I have a graphics package ... and I design programs."

Weems was the first person in North Carolina to create a halogram - a type of 3-D picture. He has a lab in his basement where he experiments with things that interest him.

"The way I think," said Weems, "I have never found anything I couldn't do. If I can do it, anyone can do it. I have never had an exalted view of myself or the things I've done. Things just come easily for me. There's nothing I won't tackle."

Weems recalled the time his wife bought a bird feeder for \$19.95. He told her he could build one better than that for \$2.25. As it turned out, he was wrong. He found that for \$2.25

he could build 20. And he did.

Building bird feeders was one project Weems picked up. Another that excelled was doodling.

Weems' doodles are not faces or animals but "carefully fitted forms made into geometric shapes." As meetings progress, his doodles become more elaborate. After the meeting, people ask for his masterpieces.

He has been painting for the past 13 years and has had his works displayed in art shows and homes throughout 15 states. Although his artwork has been successful, Weems said, "It's a hobby, that's all it's been."

Weems also designs. During meetings he has designed engines and hydrogen converters. He has recently designed a house for him and his wife in Blowing Rock, N.C.

"It's a good-looking house," said Frankie.

All Aboard

Dr. Weems' father was a railroad engineer. As a child, Weems was able to travel, unlike many. His interests in travel continued as an adult.

"Three years ago we (Mr. Baker, Dr. Weems and their wives) spent three weeks in Europe. We went to Holland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Belgium and England. We played golf while we were there," said Baker.

Weems has also traveled to East Africa, "just to see the animals. I was afraid they would become extinct."

On another trip, this time to Scotland, Weems played on the Scottish golf course. He and Frankie share an interest in golf.

"I play golf regularly now. I'm a 10 handed capper. Golf comes easy for me."

When asked what he would like to change about his life, Weems replied that he is impulsive. "If I want to do something, I do it." He added that he has no regrets and would not do anything differently.

John Weems has been successful with his family, his career and in pursuing his interests. His life has not disap-

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