

FEATURES

Why Liberal Arts?

by Vanessa Goodman

When asked for a definition of a liberal arts study, Dean Burris, the Dean of the College, called it "a study oriented toward creating an educated person."

This concentration consists of programs included in the general requirements such as: the arts, sciences, humanities, with attention given to vocational concerns.

According to Dean Burris, "Meredith was established to give women the same education as a man, and a liberal arts study is essential to understanding the whole culture, in addition to being an educated person."

Majors are only a part of an education. A liberal arts study includes life direction and training for work.

Dean Burris feels that many students at Meredith accept this broad-based study, but many are not aware of its benefits.

It challenges students to think analytically, to make decisions, and how to analyze. Also, the multi-educated student will be able to be productive and will contribute to the work of the world.

Many students from Meredith have been able to find success and have many doors opened to them by having a background in liberal arts.

According to Dean Burris, "a couple

of years ago, every student from this college that applied to law school and medical school were accepted." Of course, Meredith cannot take full credit for their students success, but a study of the liberal arts does play a part.

Even those students who are interested in studying business and other subjects not directly related to the humanities can find benefits in a liberal arts study, because it teaches a use of the language which enables the student to deal with many.

Those that attend college just to study one specific area will find that there is a difference between intelligence and education. According to information from Dr. Carolyn Grubbs, "intelligence will make you a good living," because the liberally educated have a vast number of skills, in addition to their knowledge of their job.

"They have a sense of perspective, an appreciation of creativity, the ability to envision new things, a respect for quality and excellence, and an effective use of communication," cites a brochure by Roger Smith, Chairman of the Board for the General Motor Corporation.

"A liberal arts study is an education that is valuable to all people," says Dean Burris. It is a growing concept that must continue to exist and to grow so that it can be universal.

Amy Foundation Still Searching for Writers

Nearly five months remain in which to participate or encourage others to participate in the Amy Foundation Writing Awards program.

\$20,000 in prizes including a \$10,000 first prize will be given to the winning writers.

Inquiries and entries are being received from every area of the United

States.

We at the Amy Foundation appreciate any effort on your part to make this opportunity known to those who may be interested.

Those interested may write to 3798 Capital City Blvd., P.O. Box 16091, Lansing, Michigan 48901 or telephone 517-323-3181.

Younger Scholar Program

Guidelines and application forms for the Younger Scholars Program of the National Endowment for the Humanities are now available for photocopying in the Placement Office. The Program will award up to 100 grants nationally to college and high school students to conduct their own research and writing projects in such fields as history, philosophy, and the study of literature. Applicants must be 21 years of age or under throughout the calendar year in which the application is submitted; or, if they are over 21, they must be full-time college students pursuing an undergraduate degree at the time of application. Individuals who will have received or expect to receive a bachelor's degree by October 1, 1986, are not

eligible to apply. The application deadline is November 1, 1985.

Recipients of these awards will receive a stipend of \$1,800 and be expected to work full-time for nine weeks during the summer of 1986, researching and writing a humanities paper under the close supervision of a humanities scholar. Please note that this is not a financial aid program and that no academic credit should be sought for these projects.

If guidelines are not available at the Placement Office, please write to: Younger Scholars Guidelines CN, Division of General Programs, Room 420, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506.

Harry S. Truman Scholarship Available

Meredith sophomores interested in a career in government service at the federal, state, or local level are invited to apply for a 1986 Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

Established by Congress in 1975, the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation operates on ongoing educational scholarship program designed to provide opportunities for outstanding U.S. students with potential leadership ability to prepare for careers in government service.

In April 1986, the Foundation will award 105 Scholarships nationally. The DEADLINE for all 1986 applications is December 1, 1985.

Meredith can nominate two students for the 1986 competition. The scholarship award covers eligible expenses up to \$5,000 per year for the junior year, the senior year, and two years of graduate study.

To be eligible, students must be full-time sophomores working toward or planning to pursue a baccalaureate degree, have a "B" average or equivalent, stand in the upper fourth of the class, and be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national heading toward a career in government.

Interested students contact Clyde Frazier, Truman Scholarship Faculty Representative, Joyner 112, Ext. 8540, by Nov. 1.

Casey's Corner

Alcohol and Women's Health

by Casey Bass

Here we are once again; Freshman Seminar and about to go crazy. For those of you who are keeping track, the meeting this Monday was number five. So, if you're not going on a regular basis, it's time to do so!

Cindy Mays opened the Sept. 16 session with her usual excited mood. What could be better on a Monday morning than a happy voice when you'd rather be sleeping?

Cindy then became a little more serious. Since Dr. Thomas wasn't here, Cindy talked about Alcohol, Sex and Women's Health.

Are women really oppressed? When you go on a date, doesn't the guy "introduce" the action? Why follow through any of these actions that you have no desire to participate in? *You don't have to.* Let him know how you feel. Tell him - "Don't touch me there - I'm going to have a part in the decision making!"

Cindy decided to inform us on birth control. She told us of a book titled - *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, which is a good book to tell us something about the part of our body that men seem to be more informed of than we are. Good places for birth control: Health Department, Clinics, and *abstinence*. Sex should never be used to keep a relationship together, to settle an argument or to replace emotions.

If you are having sex, be aware of your body. (This doesn't mean taking pictures.) If you begin to notice anything strange - get it checked out! There are diseases out there, and not all men will tell you that he has V.D. or Gonorrhea. However, some infections can be caused by antibiotics. Ask your doctor if the medicine he gave you for the flu will cause inflammation or itching, because sometimes it will.

Rape is almost as common in the U.S. as divorce. Rape is not your fault. Even if you get drunk, (which is your fault) rape is not your fault.

Now for the aspects of alcohol. Alcoholism is a disease, but one you can get rid of. 70 percent of adults drink - occasionally. Three decisions about alcohol: don't use it, use it safely, or abuse it. Safe ways of using alcohol - eat while drinking, drink slowly and watch the amount that you drink. Cindy admitted that she has had alcoholic beverages in her lifetime.

Alcohol can go straight from mouth to blood. Stages of intoxication: happy; actions become slow; begin to stumble; pass out. If you're going to drink - know the laws. Be respectful of other drinkers and non-drinkers. Coffee does not help get rid of the "drunk" feeling, coffee gives you a wide-awake drunk person.

Today's Seminar was the best one yet: Cindy spoke informatively, and yet made it interesting. Cindy herself said that sex is fun to talk about - it makes people laugh.

Apple Festival set for Oct. 5

The Brushy Mountain Apple Festival, sponsored by the Brushy Mountain Ruritan Club, is scheduled for Saturday, October 5, in downtown North Wilkesboro. A crowd estimated at 130,000 persons attended the day-long event in 1984, and an even larger crowd is expected this year.

Officials of the sponsoring Brushy Mountain Ruritan Club noted that the festival grounds have been enlarged this year with over 350 exhibitors and concessionaires expected to set up their booths along the city streets. Activity will begin at 10:00 a.m. and

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An invitation for writers to communicate biblical truth to a secular audience

The Amy Foundation announces its First Annual Writing Awards.

We are searching for creative, skillful writing that presents in a sensitive, thought-provoking manner, God's position on issues that affect the world today.

Issues must be of public interest or concern and be relevant, timely and deserving of national attention. To be eligible for the award, submitted articles must be published in the secular media.

The challenge is yours, to express God's position, as quoted and acknowledged from an accepted and popular edition of the Bible, such as the New International Version, The Living Bible, The King James, or the Revised Standard Version.

In addition to the \$10,000 first prize, a \$5,000 second prize will be awarded, a \$2,500 third prize, \$1,500 fourth prize and \$1,000 fifth prize.

Articles and/or inquiries may be submitted to:

The Amy Foundation
Writing Awards
P.O. Box 16091
Lansing, MI 48901

**\$10,000
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RULES	
ELIGIBILITY	
1.	To be eligible the article must have been published in a paid general interest, general circulation publication, as determined by the Awards panel.
2.	The article must have been published during the year defined by the dates given as the Amy Foundation writing awards year: January 1, 1985 through December 31, 1985.
CONTENT	
1.	God's word must be quoted directly from the Bible.
2.	Such quotations must be acknowledged as coming from the Bible.
3.	Biblical quotations must be taken from an accepted and popular edition of the Bible, such as the New International Version, The Living Bible, The King James, or the Revised Standard Version.
4.	The article must present God's position on an issue of public concern or interest as relevant, timely and deserving of thoughtful consideration.
5.	Examples of public interest issues for consideration, but not limited to these, are family life, divorce, value trends, media character, pornography, political morality, U.S. National interests, abortion, religion and addiction to drugs and alcohol.
JUDGING	
1.	Qualified articles will be judged on the following basis of primary and secondary considerations:
a. Primary Considerations	
(1)	Persuasive power of the article
(2)	Author's skill in relating God's word to current public interest issues
b. Secondary Considerations	
(1)	Circulation size of media in which article was published
SUBMISSION	
1.	The entry must be in the form of an actual full page(s) or tear sheet(s) that accurately identify the publication name and date.
2.	All entries must be postmarked on or before January 31, 1986. Winning articles will be announced on May 1, 1986.