

# Faculty Spotlight Dr. Clara Bunn heads the biology department

by Julia Toone

For the past 17 years Clara Bunn has been a part of the biology and health sciences department at Meredith. She has taught chemistry, radiobiology, microbiology, biochemistry, and General Biology 101. Not only has she been a teacher but for the past 12 years she has been head of the biology and health sciences department. These two jobs, along with many other activities, have kept Dr. Bunn very busy.

As head of the biology and health sciences department, Dr. Bunn is responsible for working with the dean to employ the department's faculty. She forms the budget, which is a difficult job because of all the supplies needed, and she works to get funds for research projects. She also helps the department faculty in scheduling courses and developing an up-to-date curriculum with programs that provide education and enhance the students' ability to get jobs. She is responsible for recommendations of promotion and tenure. As the Pre-Med, Pre-Vet, Pre-Den advisor, Dr. Bunn accumulates and sends off recommendations for people applying to schools. All of

these jobs necessitate a certain educational background.

Dr. Bunn spent two years at Wake Forest and then two years at Meredith where she graduated with a major in chemistry, a minor in biology, and a second certification in science. She worked for twelve years and then went back to school at N.C.S.U. where she received a Masters of Science in Nutritional Biochemistry and a P.H.D. in Microbiology.

In her spare time, Dr. Bunn enjoys studying wildlife, hunting, and traveling. She has studied wildlife in Europe, Australia, Brazil, and Canada. Dr. Bunn likes to work in her yard and visit her house in Vermont. She also spends time with her husband, son and grandchild.

Dr. Bunn has taught at other schools besides Meredith, but Meredith is her favorite. She says that the students here seem more interested in the subject matter. When asked about her reputation of being one the hardest teachers at Meredith, she responded that she does not mind being referred to as that as long as they say she is fair.



Dr. Clara Bunn takes a break from her hectic schedule to pose for a photograph. (Photo by Kimberly Cook)

# The North Carolina drinking law: One month later

by Christy Porter

On September 1, 1986, 19 and 20-year-olds had to put down their drinks and leave the bars. You now have to be 21 years old to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages. This controversial law sparked riots in Chapel Hill and caused general rebellion among college students.

Now, one month later, college nightlife has made a drastic change. Under-aged drinkers now consume alcohol privately, rather than publicly. This has affected the local bars.

Darryll's on Hillsborough Street reported that they have half the normal crowd. This has made a definite effect on the profits from alcohol sales. Minors are allowed inside for dinner, but there may not be any alcohol on the table.

Shawn Kilkinney, an employee of Mitch's Tavern, said, "Business is a lot slower. We do not get the students who used to come in after their labs and drink a pitcher anymore."

Some businesses have developed plans

to keep college students in the bars without drinking. ACC Tavern limits 19 and 20-year-olds to the game area and dance floor. Cheers admits 19 and 20-year-olds females, but they may not consume alcohol. Hot 'Lanta is offering various incentives to college students. Some of these include free admission and free non-alcoholic beverages. Barry's recently reopened its doors to underaged drinkers due to a drastic decrease in business.

Bars are not the only establishments affected by the law. The fraternities have also felt the results of the law. Many NCSU fraternities reported that the new drinking age has had a positive impact on fraternity life. Robert Smith, a pledge at Phi Kappa Tau, said, "There is more of an emphasis on athletics and academics. These things are what fraternity life is all about."

Don Dudley, a brother a Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said that the age is beneficial in that it separates the people who just want free alcohol and the people who are genuinely interested in the fraternity. Although attendance has dropped, the par-

ties are better because people are more sociable.

In some instances, little sister pledges have increased drastically. Bob Poetzinger, a brother at Sigma Chi initially had 80 little sister pledges. Through the interview process, they narrowed the number down to 28.

Not all fraternities are seeing good results from the law. One fraternity brother at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill confided that Chapel Hill nightlife is more subdued. All consumption of alcohol goes on behind closed doors.

The new law has definitely changed some aspects of college life. The traditional tailgating parties before the football games must be non-alcoholic, no longer can college students order a pitcher of beer at a local bar, and gone are the days when fraternity parties sometimes resemble scenes from "Animal House". This controversial law may definitely signal the end of an era.

## What can we do now?

by Casey Bass

Now that the drinking age has been raised to twenty-one, many Meredith undergrads are faced with the question of what to do. Many girls continue to go to fraternity parties, but even the fraternities are having to crack down on checking IDs. What else is there to do?

Some of the girls that I talked to said that they liked the new age because their boyfriends were no longer spending all of their money and time drinking. The new drinking age has almost brought back the sense of romance to dating, because couples are spending more time doing creative things like picnics, movies and going out to dinner. A date no longer consists of going to a fraternity party.

All in all, the girls at Meredith are creative. They have the ability to turn a bad situation into a good one, and instead of staying in and pouting they are going out and finding something to do.

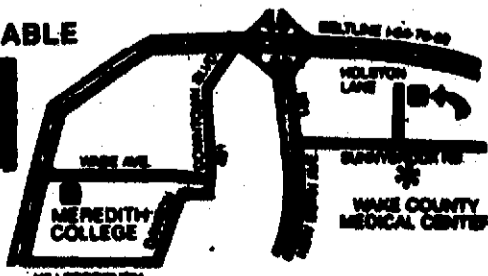
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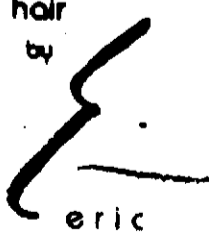
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