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Students 'Take Back the Night' from sexual assaulters



Meredith students gather in front of Belk before going to participate in the 'Take Back the Night' march at State Wednesday.

Robin Dole addresses students

By Robin Hollingsworth

Robin Dole encouraged Meredith students at a campaign rally Wednesday afternoon to exercise their right and privilege to vote in the coming election. She stated she felt the stakes in this election were especially high as this is an opportunity "to restore public trust, honor and integrity to the White House."

Dole expressed pride in her father's commitment to his country, beginning with his service during World War II, and continuing through his 35 years of service to the House of Representative and the United States Senate.

She showed pride not only in his accomplishments, but also in the obstacles he has overcome. Dole pointed to his war injury as an example of an adversity even his doctors did not believe he would overcome.

"Because of his courage and determination he picked himself up by his bootstraps and took the first step in many more to follow in a long and painful road to recovery," she said.

Dole attributed the traditional values of "honor, duty, personal responsibility, love of God, love of family and patriotism" her father learned in his hometown of Russell, Kansas as the source of his strength.

While Dole emphasized her step-mother, Elizabeth Dole, as a wonderful role-model for the nation's women, she also related the importance her grandmother played in teaching their family the rewards of hard work.

She shared how her grandmother sold sewing machines and offered sewing lessons to help her husband make ends meet in tough times. From his mother's experiences Dole taught his daughter that women "could do anything a man could do."

"I learned in my own career to put my best foot forward but to also be courageous and ask for a higher position, ask for promotions, ask to be rewarded for hard work, but more importantly to ask for a higher salary too, because we work hard, deserve and earn it," Dole said.

Dole said President Clinton's "liberal tax and spend vision" has "given middle-class Americans the biggest tax increase in the history of the United States".

She recalled his 1992 promises of middle-class "pattern" tax cuts and a balanced budget and wondered if this year's election promises will again be broken.

Dole recommended her father's "mainstream conservative" values as a better vision for our nation. She said her father trusts the people, as opposed to Clinton's blind trust of the federal government. He hopes to make the central government smaller and less powerful over individual freedom, she said.

"He wants," she said, "to make government smaller and give more freedom, more power and more money back to the people"

Dole said her father is known as "a man of his word." When he resigned from the Senate in See **DOLE**, page 8

By Elizabeth Pegram

Over 700,000 women report being sexually assaulted each year. This figure breaks down to almost 2,000 each day, and thousands more cases go unreported. This is a serious concern which is becoming more and more of a problem on college campuses. Students, however, are doing something about it.

The ninth annual "Take Back the Night" March was held Wednesday, October 30, on the N.C. State campus. For the second year in a row, Meredith students participated in this rally to increase support for victims of sexual assault and to help put an end to the violence.

Students from area schools met at Harris Field and the Berry/Becton/Bagwell Quad to begin their march through the campus with students from Meredith taking part in the march. Students carried signs and chanted, "People unite, take back the night," as they marched towards

the brickyard.

The speakers began when the group reached the brickyard. Steve Garrett and Stephanie Gillis, co-organizers of the event and members of the group R.E.A.L. Men H.E.A.R. Women, were introduced and Robert Zimmer, student body president, welcomed the crowd. He stressed the importance of supporting victims of sexual assault and said that no one should have to face it alone.

"We cannot stop until everyone understands that 'No means no!'" Zimmer said. He also commented on the increased numbers of sexual assaults occurring on college campuses and asked for everyone's help to put an end to it.

Amy Bandolik, a member of SpeakOut, the National Coalition of Students Against Sexual Violence, spoke next. Bandolik offered students suggestions as to what they could do to See **NIGHT**, page 6

MIA week celebrates campus ethnic diversity

By Beth Hall

Korea, Kuwait, India, Cuba, Great Britain, Taiwan, Morocco, Venezuela, Kazakhstan, Canada, Belgium, Myanmar, Japan, Mexico, Sweden, Haiti, France, England, Brazil, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Guyana, and China are not just far off lands you have to study for geography class anymore. These countries are represented everyday on the Meredith College campus by forty-six of the college's own students. The Meredith community was especially aware of these international students and their countries during the fourth annual International Week held October 28-31.

On Monday, October 28, the International Association of Students held a street fair on the first floor of the Park Center from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Members of the association baked foreign foods to sell at the bake sale earlier that morning. Their bake sale table was full of representative foods. France was represented by croissants, Japan by sushi, Israel by a humus-like dip, and India by murruku (fried noodles). Zin Mar Htun, the president of the International Association, said she felt the bake sale was a success.

On Tuesday the association held a faculty and staff luncheon in the Oak Room, downstairs from the Belk Dining Hall. International Association members prepared all of the food for the

luncheon. Many faculty and staff were present to indulge in the exotic fare.

Wednesday was the last day of planned activities by the association. A buffet dinner, foreign dancing, and a foreign exhibition was planned to take place in the Belk Dining Hall from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The buffet included Oriental stir-fry, fruit, broccoli casserole, and for dessert, French eclairs. After eating, students were encouraged to visit the international students had filled with items representative of their native country. This table held maracas, Japanese origami, a miniature Eiffel tower and many other representatives of foreign countries. These activities helped American Meredith students appreciate the cultures of international students.

International Week is not the only event for which the International Association is responsible. In the spring, probably in February, the association plans a fashion show where members can flaunt the dress of their country. In April, they will sponsor a religion awareness day. This will be held outside, and international students will teach other students about different religions corresponding to their country.

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