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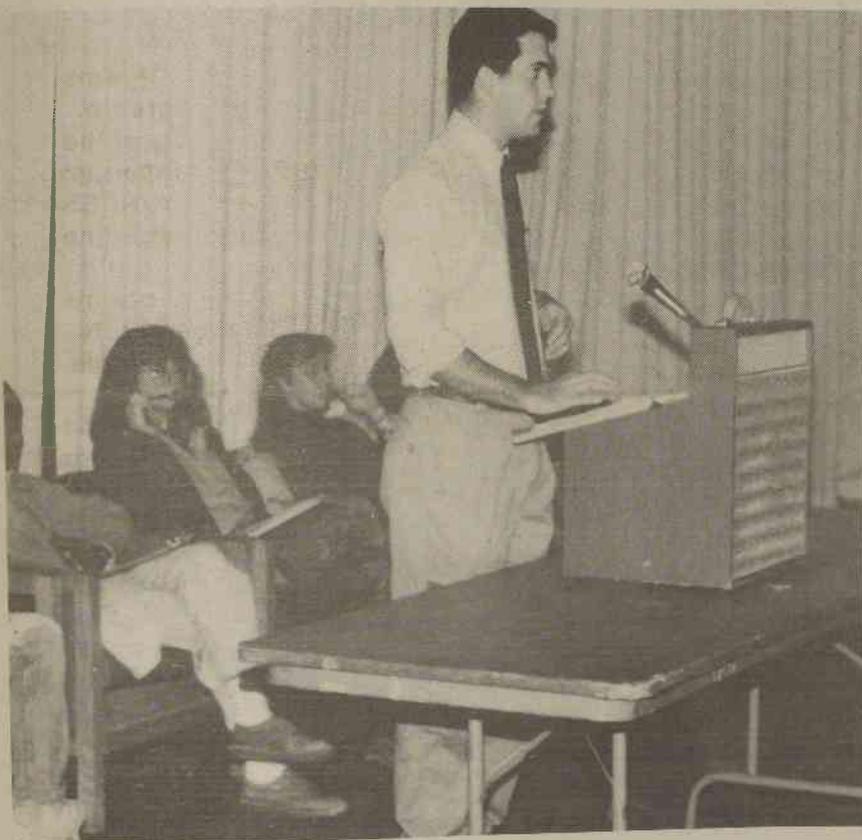
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Forum Addresses Concerns

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Student Government President Howard Hall addresses the student body

"Hot Items of interest" were presented to a large percentage of the student body during the March 1 student forum.

Moderating the two-hour event was SA President Howard Hall. In his opening statement Hall said that the purpose of the forum was to make information available to students and to make them "aware that they have rights, power and responsibility."

Hall introduced speakers who he referred to as "informed students" that were at the "heart of the situation."

Heather Signor, chairperson of the Beautification Day to be held on April 1 opened the first issue to be discussed.

Signor said the reasoning behind the campus cleanup day was primarily to unite students and to lessen the apathy problem on campus.

Hoping that the event becomes biannual, Signor mentioned the possibilities of a mid-morning brunch, pig-picking and campus-wide music to be held that day.

Michelle Taylor addressed the touchy situation of the college chaplain position being turned into a yearly seminary internship. While citing the reasons given by the administration for the change as "strictly financial", Taylor noted that a budget of how much money would be saved is unknown.

Taylor also stressed that current chaplain Shirley Arnold should not be made the issue. She said that cancellation of the dean's trip to Richmond to look for seminary interns was a "positive thing."

A letter to President Reuschling protesting this switch to interns was made available to the public and was signed by over 200 students at the forum. The letter is now posted outside the president's office. At last count, over 300 signatures had been procured.

Pete Rich introduced the concept of resident assistants in the halls. Rich said the requirements to be an RA included living at least two years in the residence hall, training and a leadership seminar. Students and administration would pick the four RAs for

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Dean Responds to Issues

Mary Griggs

Two of the issues that were brought up at the Students Only Forum were the status of the campus chaplain and Scotland Memorial Hospital's informing the Dean whenever a student is treated in the emergency room.

At the forum, Michele Taylor read a petition which opposed the proposed plan to replace the campus chaplain with one year chaplain interns and was available for student signatures.

Dean Cynthia Greer, in an interview after the forum, said that she had not gone to Richmond

Union Theological Seminary because there was only one candidate to interview. At this point, she had no plans of visiting any other seminaries.

"The President is, at this time, reassessing which way to move on this issue," she said.

Another issue that seem to be very close to the hearts of many students is the policy of Scotland Memorial Hospital to inform school officials when students are taken to the emergency room.

Bently Crabtree brought the issue up at the Forum. "I see it as

an invasion of my right to privacy," he said. Other students echoed his concern.

Responding to this, Dean Greer said "We sent Scotland Memorial an emergency list, the same list that the faculty receives, in order that the school is made aware of severely sick student."

"The hospital is limited by law to only give a minimum of information out. We are told only the students name and whether they will stay overnight or be released," Dean Greer said.

"We do not follow up on minor

cases, when the student is seen and released. This policy is for our protection as well. As the welfare of the students is our responsibility we need to be aware when a student has been hospitalized."

The forum was attended by a large number of students. Many took advantage of the opportunity to air their concerns.

"There was a great deal of consensus on many issues, showing that our campus is neither indifferent nor apathetic," said one student after attending the forum.