

Fuller's Lectures to Highlight Directions '67

R. Buckminster Fuller's 2-Day Whirlwind Visit Will Center on Life in Today's Cybernated Age

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"Directions '67 is a year-long, extra-curricular exploration by students and faculty focusing on questions related to the control of life. It is an attempt to help us understand man's new capabilities and problems in the shaping of his personal destiny." Mr. Bud Walker explained in this way the concept of the Directions '67 program.

The main event of Directions '67 will be a two-day activity-packed visit to the campus by Mr. R. Buckminster Fuller, who has been called "one of the world's most distinguished scientists, architects, authors, philosophers, and lecturers."

General topic for "Bucky" Fuller's lectures will be "Directions '67: Questions Related to the Control of Life." Although he announces no specific topics, the emphasis in his talks will be on the "impact and implications of cybernetics." He will be stressing the effect of automation on life in sociological, economic, theological, scientific, and political aspects. Among other topics, he will discuss "his concept of

man in the 21st century, the politics of cybernation, and how to make the world work in the cybernated age."

On Thursday, March 2, Mr. Fuller will hold a special preliminary session at 2:30 in 103 Joyner. His first public address will be at 7:30 that evening in Jones Auditorium. The lecture will be continued informally until 10:45 p.m.

Mr. Fuller's second public lecture will be at 9:30 a.m., Friday, March 3. At 11:15 there will be a reactors' panel in Jones Auditorium. Reactors will include Dr. Don Shriver, and Dr. Fred Brooks, head of informational sciences at the University of North Carolina, who developed the 360 computer being used in the Research Triangle.

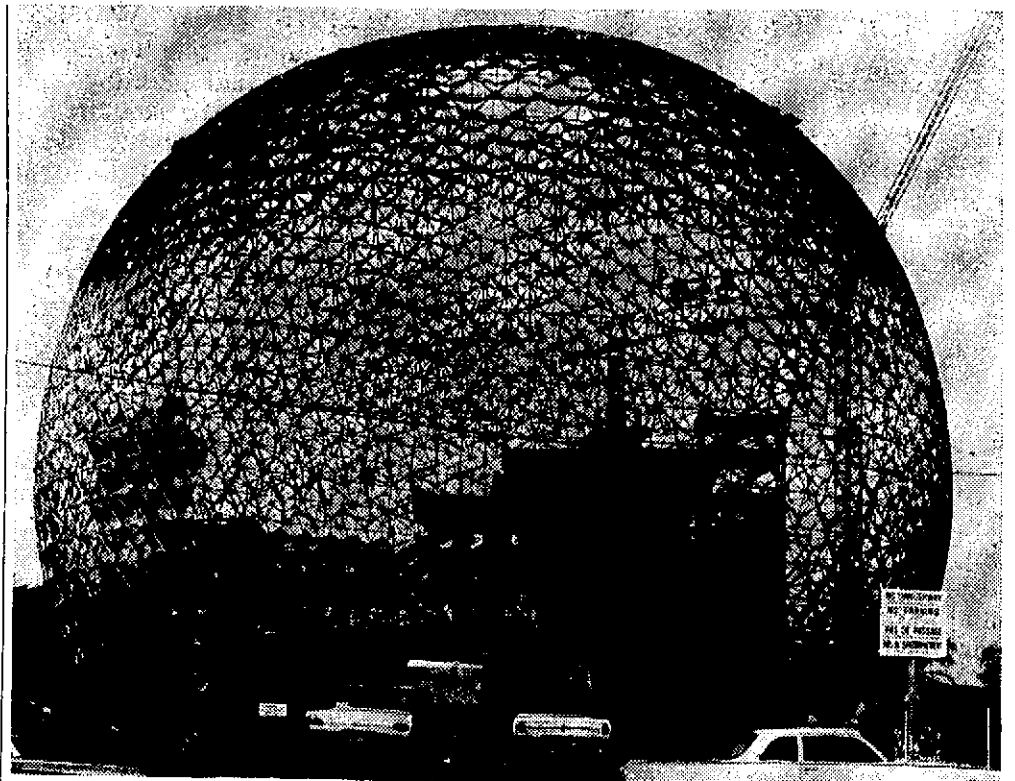
A concluding session will be held on Friday at 2:00 in Jones Auditorium.

Students and faculty are invited to attend all sessions, and 1,500 special invitations have been extended to key figures in the Research Triangle area, including government officials and administrators and faculty members of area colleges.

Prior to Fuller's appearance, the way will have been prepared for him by lectures on related topics. Mr. J. Henry Coffey spoke Monday on "The Challenge of Automation." On Wednesday Dr. Harold G. Cassidy, professor of chemistry at Yale University, spoke on "The Intellectual Structure of the College: Relationships between Sciences and Humanities."

Mr. James W. Fitzgibbon, president of Synergetics, Inc., a friend and business associate of Mr. Fuller, will speak tomorrow in chapel on "How to Listen to Bucky Fuller." Mr. Coffey will present the final preparation address, "The Challenge of Automation" on March 1 in chapel.

Mr. Bud Walker, Mr. Leonard White, and Mr. Faye Humphries planned the printed brochure of the visit and plans of Mr. Fuller.



The United States Pavilion at Exposition 67 in Montreal, Canada, is a \$9.3 million geodesic dome designed by R. Buckminster Fuller. It has a plastic skin and windows geared to the sun's progress; solar operated cells open certain windows at certain times of the day, maintaining a comfortable temperature at all times of the day. At night the dome glows like a fluorescent igloo.

Faculty, Students Cooperate In Planning Directions '67

Meredith faculty members and students have joined forces in mapping out the program for Directions '67. Working with this year's theme, "The Impact and Implications of Cybernation," the campus committee for concerts and lectures planned discussions, book lists, motion pictures, and lectures.

A tremendous amount of work by this joint committee has gone into planning the highlight and climax of the program, the visit of R. Buckminster Fuller March 2-3.

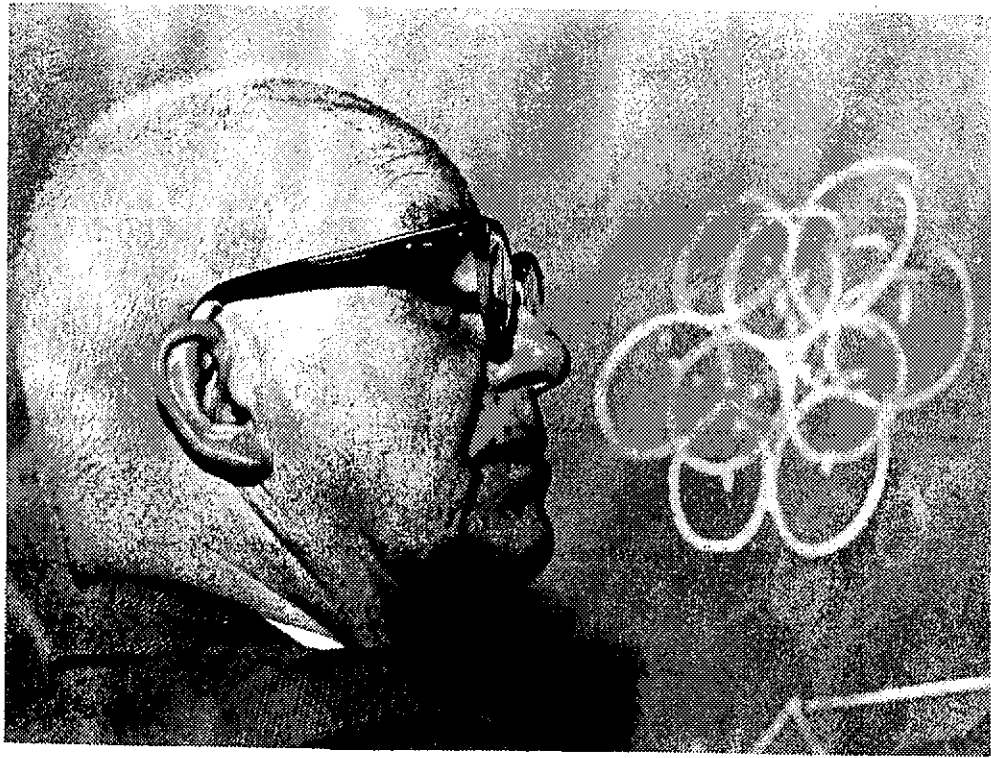
Co-chairmen of the committee for Directions '67 are Judy Ramsey, chairman of the Student Activities Board, and Dr. Leslie Syron, chairman of the department of sociology.

Student members of the committee are Elizabeth Maynard, Beth Peacock, Mary Arakas, Rosalyn Graham, Betty Hartley, Ginger Hughey, Diane Jones, Judy Kornegay, Lynn Mitchell, Mary Watson Nooe, Sylvia Stoudemire, Becky Walker, Ellen Warren, and Claire Young.

Faculty and staff members on the committee are Mr. Henry Coffey, Mr. Bud Walker, Mr. Grover Andrews, Mr. Robert Fracker, Dr. Frank Grubbs, Dr. Ralph McLain,

Mr. Leonard White, and Mr. Stephen Young.

THE TWIG wishes to recognize and salute the people who have made this program possible, giving Meredith, as Mr. Bud Walker stated, "a new direction."



R. BUCKMINSTER FULLER—GUEST LECTURER FOR DIRECTIONS '67.

Many-Faceted Fuller Is "Citizen of the World"

R. Buckminster Fuller, who will lecture here on March 2-3, is a many-faceted person, a man who thinks of himself as a citizen of the world — and merely one of the first of this "new breed of man."

An author and lecturer, Fuller has been called "the first poet of technology." An architect, he has been hailed as "the greatest living genius of industrial-technical realization in building." A scientist and philosopher, he has been described

as "a seminal thinker" and "an anticipator of the world to come."

One of Fuller's inventions is the geodesic dome, the lightest, strongest structure yet invented by man. With this structure an entire city of 10,000 people could be placed in a controlled environment in Arctic regions of the world within a single day. The design itself is so basic in the structure of nature that *Time* magazine described it as "almost like having a patent on Archimedes' principle."

Fuller has also advanced a number of proposals for an approach to education that envisages great campuses as places where students and faculty engage in basic research and prepare television programs which can be beamed directly from a central transmitter on request to any individual receiver. Each student will be able to learn at his own pace with his own programs.

Within his philosophical framework, Fuller advocates a "world-centered" approach to city, state, and regional planning. He is a man immensely excited by the present

technical revolution, a man who sees great promise for tomorrow and whose life is dedicated to bringing that bright future into being.

Born in New England seventy-one years ago, Fuller was educated at Milton Academy in Massachusetts. After managing to get himself expelled from Harvard twice, Fuller enlisted in the Navy during World War I and went to the Naval Academy, where he began to form some of his basic premises.

After failing in the house construction business, Fuller took a new turn in 1927. In that year he began the researches which produced his first invention, the "4D-Dymaxion House." (NOTE: "Dymaxion" is Fuller's own word, which is a combination of the words "dynamic" and "maximum.") In 1933 Fuller produced the three-wheeled "Dymaxion Car," and in 1954 the geodesic dome was invented, the structure which has made him famous.

A professor at Southern Illinois University, Fuller now lives in Carbondale, Illinois.

Meredith Home Economics Alumnae and Majors Present Portrait of Miss Ellen Brewer

On Founders' Day the Meredith Home Economics Club and home economics alumnae will honor Miss Ellen Brewer, retired chairman of the home economics department, by presenting a portrait of her to the college. The painting by Isabelle Bowen Henderson will be hung in the home economics parlor in Hunter Hall.

President E. Bruce Heilman will accept the portrait, which will be presented by Mrs. William Friday, wife of the Chancellor of the Consolidated University of North Carolina and former student of Miss Brewer.

Miss Brewer completed her undergraduate work at Meredith and continued graduate study at Cornell

University. She then returned to Meredith to begin a forty-seven-year teaching career.

The father of Miss Brewer, Charles Brewer, was the third president of the college, and he is the person for whom Brewer Dormitory is named. A cousin of Miss Brewer, Talcott Brewer, provided for the construction of the home management house, which has been named in honor of Miss Brewer.

After the Founders' Day ceremony, the home economics department will host a coffee hour in Hunter Hall for home economics alumnae, trustees, and friends of Miss Brewer.

Home economics students will present Miss Brewer with a book of letters from former students. The cover of the book will be embroidered in a crewel design.

History Lectures Scheduled; All Students Invited to Attend

February 27	Romantic Music.....	Dr. Sarah Lemmon
March 6	Marxism	Panel
March 13	Darwinism.....	Dr. Thomas Parramore
March 20	Imperialism	Mrs. Grubbs
April 3	Modern Art.....	Dr. Rosalie Gates
April 10	Treaty of Versailles	
April 17	Totalitarianism.....	Mrs. Frank Grubbs
April 24	To be announced	
May 1	To be announced	
May 8	Modern Russia.....	Mr. Jack Hunter
May 15	The Non-Alligned States	
May 22	Modern India.....	Dr. Rosalie Gates

Inaugural Week-end to Feature Unusual Dramatic Production

On April 14 and 15, the Meredith Playhouse will present a rather unusual production. *John Brown's Body*, by Stephen Vincent Benet, will combine the arts of music, dance, and drama.

The play is actually an epic poem which takes place in the South at the time of the Civil War. There are two heroes, one from the North and one from the South, as well as two heroines whose "lives are eventually

bound up in the lives of the heroes." The main characters include John Brown, Abraham Lincoln, and Robert E. Lee. Sparks of humor brighten the primarily serious poem.

This kind of production is new at Meredith, and already much work is being put into it. Miss Beatrice Donley is in charge of the music, which is mostly folk music; Mrs. Frances Stephens is directing the dancing; and Mrs. Ruth Phillips is directing the production.

BOOK AUCTION SCHEDULED

On Tuesday, February 28, the members of the Colton English Club will hold their annual book auction at 7:00 in the hut.

During the evening books collected by club members from faculty and students will be sold to the highest bidders. Dean L. A. Peacock will serve as auctioneer, a capacity which he has held in past years to the delight of students and faculty members.

After the auction the club members will decide on a project to which the proceeds will go.