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Student Chairman for Directions '67 Judy Ramsey greets R. Buckminster Fuller on his arrival at Meredith.

Buckminster Fuller's Visit Highlights Year's Program

Directions '67 Adds New Dimension to Meredith

More than a year of planning and two weeks of special introductory programs were culminated March 2 and 3 in the visit of R. Buckminster Fuller to the Meredith campus. Mr. Fuller, world-famous designer and scientist best known for his geodesic dome structure, literally "thought out loud" in four lectures during his stay here. He touched on topics related to "making the world work in the cybernated age," the general theme of Meredith's year long emphasis in "Directions '67."

Trustees Discuss Expansion, Approve Development Plans

The February 27-28 meetings of the twenty-eight member Board of Trustees of Meredith College was seemingly marked by a chorus of "yeas". Accepted by the board were the following programs:

1. A drive by the trustees themselves to raise \$500,000 to help finance a three-year development program. This pledge by the trustees will involve ten per cent of the total \$5 million development campaign.

2. As accepted, this development program includes the erection of

five new buildings — the Carlyle Campbell Library, student center, physical education building, and two new dormitories, which will each accommodate 125 students. Also included is an annual support program of \$1 million above revenue from student fees and contributions from the Baptist State Convention.

3. A proposal to borrow \$2.5 million for the purpose of completing payment on the needed buildings. Such a loan will permit construction of the buildings as soon as architectural plans are completed and accepted.

4. A record budget for the college of \$2,052,678. This sum includes the \$300 increase in student fees. Provided for will be a twenty per cent boost in student aid and amounts of salary increases up to ten per cent for the faculty, plus allocations for air-conditioning and remodeling several buildings, new lighting facilities, general repairs, and campus beautification. The

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A preliminary informal session with Mr. Fuller for students, faculty, and invited guests was held on the afternoon of March 2, followed that evening by his first lecture in Jones Auditorium. He again spoke during the March 3 assembly period, which was originally scheduled to be followed by questions and discussion from a "reactor panel." However, the panel was not held, and Mr. Fuller continued with his lecture. That afternoon Mr. Fuller presented his concluding remarks in a 2:00 session in the auditorium.

Prior to the arrival of Buckminster Fuller, the Directions '67 committee presented a series of preparatory programs to the student body, including addresses by Mr. J. Henry Coffey and Yale Professor Harold Cassidy, who spoke on the challenges of automation and cybernetics.

During Mr. Fuller's visit, an exhibit of models from Synergetics, Inc. was set up in Johnson Hall, showing the latest trends in structure design.

Judy Ramsey, head of the Student Activities Board, and Dr. Leslie Syron, chairman of the department of sociology, served as over-all co-ordinators for "Directions '67," a program which is a precedent for Meredith College in bringing persons of high intellectual caliber to the campus.

Alumnae Will Hear Outstanding Sociologists

College to Host Seminar

The twenty-fifth annual alumnae seminar, which is scheduled for Saturday, March 18, will be sponsored by the department of sociology. The emphasis of this seminar is to be, as Dr. Leslie Syron, chairman of the sociology department, said, "on sociology as a science rather than social work or social reform."

Three outstanding sociologists,

In opening the seminar Dr. Tiryakian will speak on the topic "Sociology: Where and Whither?" In this talk he will be dealing with sociology as a science, what it is, and what it is not.

Dr. George L. Maddox, also of Duke, will speak on "Understanding Some Normal Troubles: Teenage Drinking, Obesity, and Growing Old." A professor of sociology and

medical sociology, Dr. Maddox has also served as the chairman of the social science department at Millsaps College. He has received degrees from Millsaps College, Boston University, and Michigan State University. One of his primary fields of interests is drinking behavior.

The third speaker is Dr. R. N. Wilson, professor of sociology at

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Dr. Edward A. Tiryakian



Dr. George L. Maddox



Dr. Robert Neal Wilson

Dr. Edward A. Tiryakian of Duke University, Dr. George L. Maddox of Duke, and Dr. Robert Neal Wilson, of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will deliver addresses at the morning session, which will begin at 10:15.

Dr. Tiryakian came to Duke in 1962 after several years of teaching at Princeton. He received degrees from Princeton and Harvard. For his dissertation he did research in Central Luzon, Philippines. He has also studied the problems of modernization in underdeveloped countries, concentrating on this topic by means of field trips to Sub-Sahara, Africa. Another of his major fields of interest is religion and social change.

Sams, Dodge, Chapman Win First Slate Election

On March 2 and 7 first slate elections and run-offs for student body offices were held. The top three positions were won by Jeannie Sams, Lynn Dodge, and Susan Chapman.

Jeannie Sams, newly-elected president of the Student Government Association, has served as freshman hall proctor, Legislative Board member, and freshman counselor.

New Meredith Recreation Association president, Lynn Dodge, has

served as vice-president of that organization and a member of the MRA Board, her sophomore year.

Susan Chapman, new Meredith Christian Association president, has served as freshman hall proctor, Legislative Board member, freshman counselor, and Worship Chairman of the Baptist Student Union.

Other new officers include Carolyn McGrady, chairman of the Judicial Board; Hope Glover, nomina-

tions chairman and handbook editor; and Cindy Griffith, secretary of the Judicial Board.

Lisa Oates, secretary of the Legislative Board; Carrie Frampton, vice-president of the MRA; and Alice Smith, Religious Emphasis Week chairman.

Publications editors elected were Jane Leonard, Twig editor, and Martha Ellen Walker, Oak Leaves

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Literary Forum to Meet at NCSU

Three North Carolina Writers Will Speak in Raleigh Soon

Three prize-winning North Carolina writers are to speak in Raleigh March 16 at the twelfth annual North Carolina Literary Forum, at 8:00 p.m. in the Erdahl-Cloyd Union at North Carolina State University.

Authors Sylvia Wilkinson, Reynolds Price, and Max Steele will all address the audience on the topic "The Writer's Role" in a panel to be moderated for the twelfth year by Raleigh editor and poet Sam Ragan.

Open to the public without charge, the forum is co-sponsored by the Union and the Raleigh Wom-

an's Club. As usual, the audience will be invited to ask questions of the writers and to have coffee with them following the program.

Miss Wilkinson, of Durham, teaches English at William and Mary College in Virginia. Following publication in 1966 of her widely acclaimed first novel, *Moss on the North Side*, she was named by *Mademoiselle Magazine* as one of the four "most exciting women in America."

Former Raleigh resident, Reynolds Price, a member of the faculty at Duke University, has published three volumes, the latest (1966) being *A Generous Man*. A movie is being made of his first novel, *A Long and Happy Life*, which won the North Carolina Literary and Historical Society's 1962 Sir Walter Raleigh award for fiction. The recipient of a national Arts and Humanities grant, he is currently on leave to work on a second volume of short stories, an earlier collection having been published in 1963 as *The Names and Faces of Heroes*.

Writer-in-residence at the University of North Carolina, Max Steele is also a consulting editor for *Paris Review*. His short stories have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Esquire*, and *Harper's*. His novel, *Debby*, won both the Mayflower Cup for

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