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## Abortion Referral Service —Is It a Rip-off?

This issue of THE TWIG publishes an announcement for the Abortion Referral Service (A.R.S.), as have other college newspapers across the nation since the liberalization of the New York Abortion law. At the same time we received the A.R.S. announcement, a letter also came which claimed to have the "real facts on the Abortion Referral Service."

I think the Meredith community should have the opportunity to hear both sides of this matter in case a student should be interested in the A.R.S., either from our ad or one run in another newspaper.

According to our letter from "A Concerned Sister," the Abortion Referral Service is a total rip-off, ripping-off hip and college communities. They say they want to help the community, but give no birth control information. I did not notice that the A.R.S. claimed to perform any service except through abortion. (The individual reader can decide whether that is a real "service.")

"A Concerned Sister" also reports that the A.R.S. has convinced applicants that it has a fee from non-profit to \$25. However she says that all offices charge a \$75 referral fee but sometimes a woman may pay \$125 in fees plus \$575 for her abortion. The letter says that although the A.R.S. maintains that it provides its own transportation, the woman must actually pay her own taxi fare to the clinic.

Finally, the letter from "A Concerned Sister" states that no professionals were available upon calling several offices even though the A.R.S. claims to have professionals to help women.

I hope this information may encourage a student interested in obtaining help from any referral service to thoroughly investigate claims made by this service before she finds herself in a bind.

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## Keep the Scene Green

"Remember, only you can prevent forest fires!" So are the words of our friend Smokey the Bear. The recent acts of arson in North Carolina are shocking and sad. These occurrences are the result of sick, sadistic individuals who evidently release their energies down destructive channels. An example is the two young men who were held on \$13,000 bond each for repeated arson.

But what about us? (Presuming we are neither sick nor sadistic). Each year unreplaceable acres of forest are charred. With enough emphasis on ecology and our environment, can we not stamp out carelessness and fires at the same time? We protest pollution yet we can do as much damage with a match or cigarette as many polluting factories.

As summer quickly (but not quickly enough) approaches, let's pause and think of the beautiful greenness of the trees and grass. Isn't it worth saving? Perhaps careful and considerate actions on our part can help. "Remember only you—"

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## Teachers Protest Pay Hike; Political Pressure Utilized

by Meg Pruette and Deane Crowell

On April 2, 1971 at their Charlotte Convention, the North Carolina Association of Education voted 900 to 866 to exclude Governor Bob Scott from their customary expressions of thanks to various people who have advanced state education. This action with political overtones was prompted specifically by the teachers' discontent with Governor Scott's new pay hike. But more noteworthy than this one action is the expectation of political awareness and involvement of North Carolina teachers, envisions by NCAE president, Jerry Paschal.

The Meredith Community, at least 50% of which will earn teaching certificates, perhaps would initially sympathize with the state teachers' voiced concern over their meager pay, which on the average is \$1007 less than the national average. But the actual situation of teachers needs more than a sympathetic first glance, since educational problems are a major concern of today. For the average North Carolina teaching salary to reach the national average, the legislature would have to pass a 31% pay hike over the next two years according to the NCAE. But Governor Scott has only proposed a 10% hike over this time. It was this proposal that angered the members of the NCAE and caused their rebuke of the governor.

However, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Craig Phillips, feels that this refusal to recognize and thank Gov. Scott does not represent the opinion of the majority of the NCAE. The April 12, 1971 issue of the *News and Observer* quotes Craig Phillips as saying that this refusal to recognize Scott is the action of "a few teachers . . . who are creating a very undesirable reflection. The majority of our teachers want time to teach, time to plan, time to think, time to prepare. They also need adequate compensation. This can be accomplished through . . . continued improvement in our salary schedules." Furthermore, although the state education budget proposal includes more education programs for children, in the April 4, 1971 *News and Observer* Gov. Scott added that "we are . . . not neglecting salaries by any means, knowing you've got to

have good teachers." Since the budget proposal did have the teachers' salary concerns in mind, the teachers should have voted to petition the House for a compromise between the 10% and 31%, rather than hastily and inefficaciously slamming Gov. Scott. So, it seems that the NCAE's first political action was not supported by an overwhelming majority of the teachers, nor did it show a knowledge of effective politics.

Even though the NCAE's first group venture into politics failed and brought some public disdain, in the governor's talks to NCAE leaders, Gov. Scott has encouraged the political involvement of North Carolina teachers as a means to achieve their aims. He is reported in the April 4, 1971 *News and Observer* as saying that for the teachers' efforts to successfully persuade governmental policy makers "they need to be active in political campaigns." For example, Gov. Scott suggested that the teachers' association strongly back state legislature with money and campaigning to assure representation. He also pointed out that the teachers' educational concerns need to broaden beyond their selfish priority of pay. Teachers should unite politically to push for programs which benefit pupils as well as themselves.

The 50% of the Meredith community who plan to teach in the future and the remainder who may be involved in public education through their children should realize the potential political influence of a united body of teachers pressing for common educational needs. Since the state legislators determine the important features of public

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### SPRING RECITAL SCHEDULE

April 24, 8:00 p.m. — Judy Ledbetter, Violin Recital  
 April 25, 2:00 p.m. — Andrea Meyer, Violin Recital  
 April 26, 8:00 p.m. — Carolyn Lowder, Piano Recital and Nancy Crews, Voice Recital  
 April 27, 8:00 p.m. — Deborah Ingram, Piano Recital  
 April 28, 8:00 p.m. — Dianne Parker, Voice Recital  
 April 29, 8:00 p.m. — Eileen Northcutt, Violin Recital  
 April 30, 8:00 p.m. — Jane Holt Prevet, Voice Recital  
 May 1, 8:00 p.m. — Angela Taylor, Piano Recital and Jan Shufford, Voice Recital  
 May 2, 8:00 p.m. — Pamela Potter, Voice Recital.

### NOTICE

What's happening in America? Call 828-9067 to find out!!!

## VOICE of the SGA

- Next year the Student Government Association will have offices on the third floor of Johnson Hall; there will be an office for the Executive Committee, a room for Judicial and Legislative Board meetings. This large room will provide space for interested students to participate in Legislative Board meetings. On the first floor of Johnson Hall the SGA will have a bulletin board with announcements from the various boards; a box for suggestions concerning SGA business will be near the bulletin board.
- There are still openings on the College Committees listed in the last issue of the TWIG. Anyone interested is urged to see a member of the Executive Committee. These committees are vital to the academic and social life of Meredith. This is your chance to see that the students have a voice in decisions on campus. Please consider working on a College Committee.

- Three more hall proctors are needed in Faircloth for the 1971-72 school year. Interested students should go by the Dean of Students office or see the Executive Committee.

- A consulting committee with faculty, administration, and student representation is, with the Board of Trustees, to choose the new college president. Gail Knieriem has been chosen to represent the student body. Anyone with suggestions or thoughts concerning the choice is asked to see Gail.

- The Student Activities Board will be selling lemonade on the sundeck for 10c a glass. During the week of April 26-30 the SAB will sponsor a "Car-Smashing" and a picnic. Support the Student Activities Board in their efforts to raise money for more activities on campus.

- The Student Life Committee is currently reviewing the constitution of all organizations on campus. At the next meeting on April 22, the committee will review the chapel system and will form a proposal to be sent to President Heilman with suggestions for changing the present policy. Members of the committee welcome any suggestions concerning the proposal.

The committee consists of the four class presidents, Charlie Parker, Mrs. Jay Massey, Mrs. Janie Archer, Dean Mason, Dr. Roger Crook, Dr. Sally Horner, Mrs. Carolyn Grubbs, Betty Ann Haskins, Gail Knieriem and Margaret Person.

- Your suggestions, opinions, and interest have been asked for by many organizations on campus. This is the opportunity for all students to take part in happenings around them. Don't sit back and complain—take part in the governing of your campus.

### BOX SCORE

All 28 members of the Legislative Board were present at the April 5th meeting.

## Happenings

**Duke University**  
 April 22—David Frye show  
 April 23, 24 — *Anyone Can Whistle*, (a Broadway musical, produced by Hoof 'n Horn).  
 April 23 — (Friday afternoon) Southern Folk Festival with the Fuzzy Mountain Boys.  
 April 24—Outdoor Concert with The Grateful Dead, The Beach Boys, Bread, Uncle Dirty, and Paul Butterfield Blues Band.

**Meredith College**  
 April 24—Kalabash Corporation. 8:00 p.m. in court. Open to Meredith students and invited guests.  
 April 28—Maynard Mack. Lecture. 8:00 p.m. in Jones Auditorium.