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Meredith College President John E. Weems (L-R) and John T. Kanipe, Jr., look at an artist's rendition of Barefoot Residence Hall with Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Barefoot of Benson. The residence hall was named for Mr. & Mrs. Barefoot following their gift of \$150,000 to the advancement program.

Meredith College Receives Gift of \$150,000 Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barefoot Are Donors

A challenge commitment of \$150,000 from Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barefoot of Benson to the \$5 million Meredith College Advancement Program (MCAP) has been announced by Meredith President John E. Weems.

Meredith Trustee Chairman C. C. Cameron of Charlotte also announced that the executive committee of the Board of Trustees recently met in special session to receive the commitment and voted to accept the challenge and name one of the residence halls built through the MCAP in honor of Culbreth and Kilty Barefoot.

"This gift from Mr. and Mrs. Barefoot is the second largest received from any individual to the Meredith Advancement Program," Dr. Weems said, "and we express our gratitude to them for their faith and belief in Christian higher education at Meredith.

"Since I assumed the presidency of Meredith on January 1, 1972, I have been impressed by the depth of

interest of many of Meredith's constituents and this pace setting challenge will lead us to greater service and financial stability," Dr. Weems said.

The MCAP was begun in February, 1968 with a goal of raising \$5 million over a five year period. Construction of five new buildings and renovations to existing buildings were included in the program.

This wonderful gift from Mr. and Mrs. Barefoot is a challenge to the Trustees and Advancement Program leaders to raise the remaining \$900,000 of our \$5 million objective," John T. Kanipe, Jr., vice-president for institutional advancement, said.

A two year self study and long-range planning completed in the early stages of the MCAP called for increasing enrollment, which Meredith officials consider to be the optimum size for a small liberal arts college.

The Barefoot Residence Hall is the second to be completed through

the MCAP. Two other facilities, a library and gymnasium, have been completed and a college center is under construction.

Barefoot is the president and Mrs. Barefoot is vice-president of C. C. Barefoot and Co. of Benson, one of the world's largest sweet potato packing and shipping firms. He is serving his second term on the Meredith Board of Trustees and has previously served on the Meredith Board of Associates.

Active in business, church and civic leader, Barefoot is chairman of the Board of Trustees of Trinity Baptist Church, Benson, a member of the Benson Lion's Club, a director of the Benson Branch of First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina and a director of the N. C. Yam Commission and secretary-treasurer of the Sweet Potato Council of the United States.

He was among the good will ambassadors from North Carolina who went on a "People to People" journey to Europe in 1965.

Interview With President Weems Reveals Much About His Personality

Dr. John Weems's library contains the entire collection of James Bond novels! Dr. Weems divulged this interesting fact in an interview on January 26. "I just like to read" said Dr. Weems, although his preferences tend toward mystery and spy books.

Born under the sign of Pisces, Dr. Weems also likes multifaceted-plot movies like "Airport" and Peter Sellers' movies. "The Graduate" is probably the funniest movie I've ever seen," Dr. Weems added before the interview moved on to other topics:

MEREDITH: "Meredith is not entirely regionally known. People in the college business know of other colleges anyway. I knew it also from meeting people at professional meetings. I lived in eastern North Carolina at one time and I knew of Meredith then rather well. It has had a fine academic reputation for years and years. Dr. Heilman did a great job on the physical facilities and such, but I appreciate just as much what Dr. Campbell did for this institution. That is what made us the great institution. It was the academic program and reputation."

CHANGE AT MEREDITH: "I'll tell you what I want, I want a climate for change. And I think this is extremely important. I've always been interested in curriculum changes. I've been in higher education since I was 23. . . . One of the real attractions of getting back to Meredith is getting close to the students. I'm very interested in a climate for change. I say that as opposed to doing something for the sake of change. Very often they (new college presidents) come in with the idea that they want to make changes for people to know that they're there. That is not what I want. Meredith is fine. There are lots of things we can do better, but not because I'm here . . . because they're the kind of things you naturally do." (Dr. Weems made reference here to the comprehensive evaluation made a few years ago at Meredith.)

"The faculty themselves know of some very definite things that need to be done. The main thing I'd like to do concerns . . . women becoming much more salable in the job market. I think it is very important that you have real definite skills that are

available to the job market if you want to go in that direction. I wish we had more emphasis on management — for example I think that . . . banks and financial institutions are finding women not only very successful employees but handle this kind of thing very well. . . ."

SELF-LIMITING HOURS: "I do not think there is any rule or regulation that I can make or any member of this administrative staff can make that will really have much to do with your character, moral outlook, ethical outlook. Whether you stay out all night or come in at 8:00, I don't think anything we do is going to have much to do with that. I do not want to overlook regulations because I think atmosphere does have something to do with it. I think one of the finest things we can do is provide atmosphere on the campus conducive for the development of your personality, leadership ability, and this sort of thing. Sometimes rules and regulations get mixed in with the atmosphere. If you throw everything open . . . it might destroy the atmosphere. I do not think we should throw the rules out and destroy the atmosphere. It is difficult to determine where to compromise.

"Self-limiting hours is part of the atmosphere. I want to see that there is a time every night when Meredith's campus is secure. I want this campus as secure as possible for your safety and welfare. Whatever we do about self-limiting hours there is going to be a time when we are going to stop every car that comes on this campus and know who they are. This is a strong feeling of mine. Meredith is not going to operate 24 hours a day for the general public.

"I came from a school that had basically self-limiting hours for upperclassmen. It had some problems. First of all, we had to hire four policemen to operate it; we had to put a security force in every dorm to check the girls in and out. I hope we don't have to get to this kind of thing. Leaving a campus open all night does create problems."

PASS-FAIL: "I've done a national study on pass-fail for the evaluation of it. It's a little disappointing. I was trying to find out if the criteria that were set up when

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President John Weems

State and Local Internships Set Deadline

North Carolina college and university students have until February 15 to apply for the 50 State and Local Government Summer Internships which enable them to earn between \$75 and \$100 a week and, perhaps, earn three semester hours of college credit.

Applications and supporting materials must be received by the Institute of Government at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill no later than February 15.

The program offers students a chance to learn while they earn a good summer wage and to supplement their work in the classroom with experience in the real world "where the action is." The various branches of State and Local Government, at the same time are given the opportunity to work with some of North Carolina's brightest, most enthusiastic students.

Residents of North Carolina who are currently undergraduates enrolled in a college or university either within or out of the state and who will have completed at least three years of college by June, 1972, are eligible for both programs. Out-of-state residents are eligible for the local program. Students with any college major may apply.

Because of the need for well-informed citizens in all walks of life, the intern program is not limited to

students definitely headed for public service careers. Students interested in business, engineering, forestry, high school and college teaching, and medicine will be appointed as well as those interested in government administration, politics and law.

Students in the State Government Program work for eleven weeks with top agency personnel learning about the many aspects of State Government while they work. This involves a 40-hour work week and a concentrated seminar series, according to S. Kenneth Howard, Director of the State Government Intern Program.

Several times during the summer, the interns will participate in seminars in Chapel Hill. Local interns regularly attend meetings of the governing body.

Applications may be secured from college placement offices, local offices of the Employment Security Commission, the N. C. State Personnel Department in Raleigh, and the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill.

This summer 25 interns will be selected and placed in local governments across the state, subject to the approval of the local government units. State program applicants will be notified of their acceptance or rejection by April 1.

Dr. Blanton Of Meredith Is Honored

Among the biographies listed in *Two Thousand Women of Achievement-1972*, published in London, England, will be Dr. Gloria H. Blanton, Associate Professor of Psychology and Chairman of the Department of Psychology at Meredith College.

During 1967-71, Dr. Blanton was Special Assistant to the President at Meredith in addition to her teaching responsibilities. She is current president of the North Carolina College Personnel Association and a member of the Executive Board of the North Carolina Personnel and Guidance Association.

Recently she completed a three-year term on the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Adult Education Association.

In November she was a member of the visiting committee which examined Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia, in connection with reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



Dr. Gloria Blanton