

## Political Caucus Meets at Duke

By Coleen Erdman

More than 500 women from across the state converged at Duke Saturday, January 29 for the formation of the North Carolina Women's Political Caucus (NCWPC).

Temporary chairwoman, Martha McKay of Chapel Hill, was chief organizer of the event. She opened the meeting with a challenge for women to become a political force through the objectives of the NCWPC. These objectives were passed by the group following her address:

**ORGANIZE** at the state and local levels to see that women are equitably represented in elective and appointive political offices; encourage able women leaders to run for public office.

**RAISE WOMEN'S ISSUES IN EVERY ELECTION** and see that candidates' stands are publicized

**PRESS TO SEE THAT WOMEN HOLD VIABLE POLICY MAKING POSITIONS IN POLITICAL PARTIES** and share equally in delegate strength in all conventions assembled.

**WORK AGGRESSIVELY FOR LEGISLATION** which will end discrimination against women on the basis of sex race or age; for other measures and programs which will affect women positively and for the elimination of or amendment to existing legislation that is, in effect, discriminatory.

The Keynote speaker was the Hon. Midge Miller, member of the Wisconsin General Assembly and the National Women's Political Caucus. Ms. Miller said that although women have had the franchise for years, they have not used it. Although women constitute 53 per cent of the electorate, there are presently only 12 women in Congress and 4 in the Senate. What we need, she said, "is a new awakening and new awareness for women." Quoting Bella Abzug, Representative from New York she said, "What's good for women, will be good for the country."

The highlight of the day was a panel of gubernatorial candidates answering prepared questions concerning women in government. Examples of the ten questions are:

If elected, will you name at least one salaried woman to your immediate staff, this woman to serve in a professional capacity, i.e. a position other than that of clerk, typist, secretary, receptionist, "executive secretary," or other similar job?

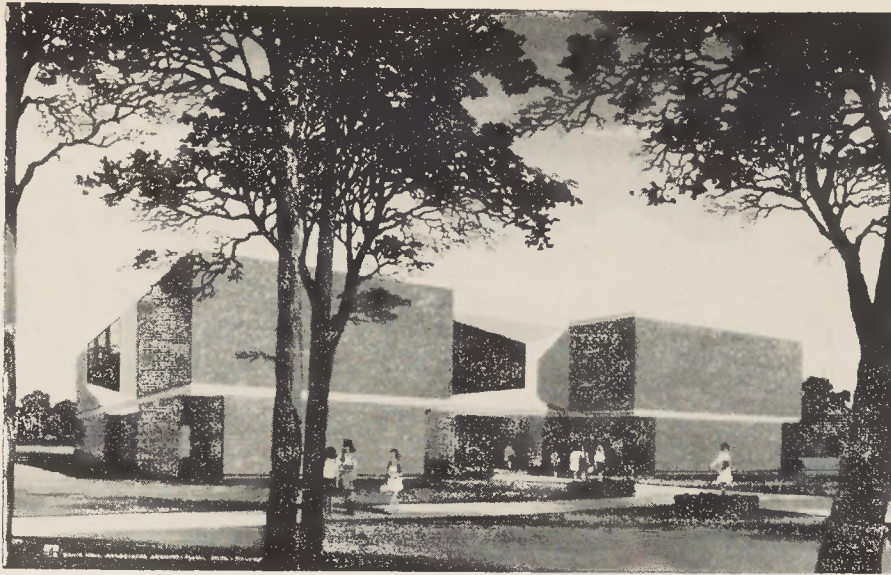
What immediate steps will you take to see that the state as an employer adheres to the principle of equal pay for equal work?

The seven candidates appearing on the panel, Dickson, Hawkings, Holshauer, Morton, Taylor, and Willard, were required to answer most of the questions with a 'yes' or 'no' answer, qualified by a 60 second remark.

Box lunches were distributed to the women before the meeting of the workshops. A variety of subjects were covered in the afternoon workshops:

Hat in the Ring (candidates school), The Smoke Filled Room how to get in), A Women's Unit as part of the state Gov't., Equal Employment — A State Enforcement Arm, Legislative Priorities for 1973 (discussion & ballot; lobbying), Equal Rights Amendment, Education, Training, Continuing Education (discrimination, career choice, options, etc.), Reproduction and its Control, and Convention Delegate Selection Strategy.

The remaining agenda included a presentation on convention delegate selection procedures and workshops summaries. The Caucus closed with the election of a Policy Council.



Meredith students will soon enjoy the privileges of a new college center which is to be completed this July. Architects of the building were Valand, Benzing, and Associates.

## New Student Center Rising Slowly; Ready for Occupancy in July

By Glenda Currin

"Need anything from the Bee Hive?" For years Meredith students have repeated this question. And for years this four-time enlarged, former music department building has furnished Meredith students with a place for making necessary purchases. But within a few short months the site of the Bee Hive will be a historical landmark and a new student center will be in full time use.

Perhaps you have noticed the changing Meredith skyline or have been distracted from your studying by the sounds of construction as the one time dream is construction a reality. The new \$800,000 student center, designed by Valand, Benzing and Associates of Raleigh, is ex-

pected to reach its completion by July 15, 1972. According to Joe Baker, Meredith business manager, "The new student union will be the most unusual building from an architectural standpoint of any other structure on campus." Its first floor will include a post office, small auditorium, and a book store. The auditorium which will accommodate about 240 persons may be divided into three smaller meeting rooms. A central stairway will lead to the second floor which will contain a snack-bar (with tables and chairs for about fifty), game rooms for pool, ping-pong, television, bridge and whatever one's imagination can invent. Also on the second floor will be a lounge area, petitioned in places and accented with a round fireplace.

## Project H.E.L.P. Judged a "Joy" By Student Who Worked There

By Rachel Richardson

The neglect  
the boredom  
the meaninglessness  
are not always self-inflicted.  
Sometimes corporate unconcern  
visits me in my innocence  
And I am left with no place to go  
nothing to do.  
Except sit.  
Sit in the heat  
at migrant apartment E25,  
a one-room shanty  
in a row of one-roomers,  
a hot-box called home  
for seven or eight or ten.  
The heat beats down the tin roof  
and my shoulders slump.  
The breeze stirs the clothes,  
blows across the open garbage can.  
And worse than no food, no clothes,  
no money is: no hope.

—WALTER L. KNIGHT

It wasn't a summer of fun; it was a summer of fraying nerves, aching muscles, and exasperation. It was not an easy summer, for the days were long and hot and full of unexpected frustrations. It was however, a summer of joy, a time of giving and receiving, a summer whose memories can't be erased by time.

The idea of Project H.E.L.P. a summer day camp for underprivileged children, originated during an R.E.W. dorm discussion last year. The desire to help and commitment to a goal spurred many on our campus to action. Through appeals to various churches, the Baptist State Convention, and personal friends, money was collected to finance the project.

In the week of orientation prior to the first session of camp, we staff members, practiced games, made schedules, recruited campers, and

most importantly, began to learn about each other.

On the first day of camp, we confronted a group of about 50 children and saw in their faces eagerness, laughter, even hostility in some, but in all was reflected the light of anticipation. Swimming lessons, active games, crafts, and a healthy lunch were all included in the days' activities.

Apart from these activities, our time was spent in breaking up fights, drying tears, hugging and being hugged, laughing at shared jokes, and praising work well done.

It is difficult to write of the emotion involved in working at a camp of this sort, for at times when we felt most frustrated, there was still a sense of happiness because we were being useful.

I suppose if it were necessary to sum up the purpose of Project H.E.L.P. in just a few words I would say that through this project we tried to extend our friendship, and through friendship we tried to give hope to those who might have forgotten it. This is by no means to say that we gave without receiving. It is amazing what one can learn from a child.

To live for others  
is in some way to realize myself,  
to know my own need for love.  
I never see myself so clearly  
as when my image is reflected  
in the bright, shiny eyes  
of a laughing child.

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If you are interested in working with Project H.E.L.P. this summer, contact Rachel Richardson at 834-4895 or come to 309H or see Mr. Songer.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Alfred Fontenilles, director of the Institute of European Studies in Paris, spoke in convocation at Meredith on Monday, February 7.

Born in Algeria, Mr. Fontenilles is a graduate of the University of Bordeaux, Cambridge University (B.A., M.A.), and the University of Paris.

Mr. Fontenilles has many publications including "Les Langues Modernes," "Etudes Anglaises," and an essay on "Mass Communications in France" in the Colorado Quarterly.

"The Novel and the New Perception" is the title of Mr. Fontenilles public lecture. The title of his convocation lecture was "Campus and Youth." During informal lectures and class meetings, Mr. Fontenilles spoke on "Reflections on the New Novel" and "The Role of Mass Media in the Transformation of Europe."

The North Carolina Youth Conference NAACP will present a "Conference On The Participation Of Youth In The Political Process" on February 11 and 12. The conference will be held at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The public is invited to attend the meetings at Memorial Hall. Senator Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles, Democratic candidate for Governor will speak on February 11 at 3:00 p.m. on the topic "What Young People Can Do To Change The Face Of North Carolina Politics." On February 11 at 6:00 p.m., Clarence Mitchell, Jr., Director of the Washington Bureau NAACP, will speak and conduct an open discussion on the topic "Youth and The Political Process."

On February 12, at 9:30 a.m., Governor Robert W. Scott will

speaking on the topic "Working Within The System: What It Means."

Those wishing to attend all conference functions must register as delegates. Registration fee is \$5.00, and starts at 12 noon, at the Student union, on Friday, February 11.

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