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The famed Bathub Ring (with replacement) belts out an old favorite during Cooperation Night. Freshmen and transfers spent a week choosing the society, with decisions made last Friday - (more pictures on Page 4).

SGA change passed

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At the last SGA meeting, the Meredith Student body passed a change in the Handbook that signifies a complete reversal in the college's stated position and granted students the freedom to help share policies and regulations concerning student life. The revision also made the SGA responsible to the President of the College as authorized by the Board of Trustees. Although this is a major change, it is not as drastic a measure as it sounds. The motion merely updates the constitution to concur with the student participation that has taken place at Meredith for some time. In 1925, the Board of Trustees reserved the right for the faculty and college officials to control:

- all academic matters
- all matters affecting the health of the students
- chapel programs
- organization of the clubs and societies
- control of college property

An extensive four-year self study compiled by the college in 1969 pointed out the outdated policy and recommended its revision in light of Meredith's changing attitude. The grant of powers proposal originated in the Student Life Committee and was referred to the Executive Committee for rewriting and appraisal. After passing Leg Board, the change was accepted by the student body on January 19 and is now awaiting Dr. Weem's signature to be adopted.

At the same SGA meeting, a motion was passed creating a new student government office, Secretary of Executive Committee. This position, previously filled by a representative elected from and by the Student Activities Board, will be open to members of the rising sophomore class at the spring elections. Carolyn Carter has appointed Suzanne Martin to take care of the duties in the interim.

MIRACLE WORKER to be cast in February

William Gibson's THE MIRACLE WORKER will be presented here April 3 and 4, it is announced today by Mrs. Linda Bamford, speech and drama instructor. Tryouts for the seven female roles will be held on Tuesday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m. in Jones Auditorium and no preparation is required. THE MIRACLE WORKER calls for a large range of individuals, "all types, shapes, and sizes," according to Mrs. Bamford.

Gibson's play is the dramatization of the real-life story of Helen Keller, and has been acclaimed as one of the most successful and admired productions of the modern stage.

Blind, deaf, and mute, the young Helen providentially comes under the care and tutelage of Annie Sullivan, an Irish girl whom Helen's parents have hired in desperation. Born blind herself, the lonely teacher understands the secret world of Helen, a world which has made the child bitter, violent, and spoiled. Only Annie realizes that a mind is waiting to be rescued from that dark, tortured silence.

The seven female roles include three leads -- Helen, Annie, and Mrs. Keller -- and four supporting characters. Mrs. Bamford is particularly interested in girls 5'4" or under for the role of Helen. She

stresses that absolutely no previous acting experience is needed to try out. "It is almost a tradition at Meredith that leads are played by girls who have never been on a stage in their lives," Mrs. Bamford noted, "so all that is needed is a desire to perform on stage and a willingness to try." She further stated that less rehearsal time is spent on the spring production, on the whole, an advantage over the fall musicals when rehearsals begin two weeks into the first semester. Anyone who wishes to try out for the play and find the February 6 date inconvenient should contact Mrs. Bamford.

IRC makes spring plans

The International Relations Club announced its plans for the spring semester this week. Activities already scheduled include:

February 2,3 -- "World Order Workshop": Held at Guilford College. The purpose of the workshop, led by the World Law Fund, is to encourage the development of a curriculum for world order which is viable both in the academic and real world context.

February 11 -- Chinese International Night: A dinner and program sponsored by the Chinese students at N.C. S. C. held at the State Student Center.

February 12 -- Miss Virginia R. Allan, Deputy Assistant of State Public Affairs, will be on campus and possibly will meet with the club.

February 15-18 -- Model United Nations Conference at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

The gift of peace is a valuable one. Realizing this, the nations of the world joined together to form the U.N., which has created law, established law enforcement, and administered justice to try to provide peace. In a like manner, the various universities throughout the United States have come together annually for the past five years to study and scrutinize the methodology of international diplomacy which has developed as a result of this association of nations. The Meredith delegation has been awarded the country of Bulgaria this year. In order to participate in the sessions, the delegation will have to be totally familiar with this nation's political, economic, and social convictions at the level of international diplomacy. The delegates must also be well versed in Bulgaria's domestic conditions. Although there is much work

involved in preparation for the conference and at the sessions, there are also social activities planned for the delegates including a dance, a dinner, and a continental breakfast.

The Meredith History Department feels that the Model U. N. can be an educational experience worthy of academic credit. Therefore, those students attending the conference can receive credit for their participation.

February 26 -- A convocation speaker from the Russian Embassy will be sponsored by the IRC.

March 25 -- Indian International Night: A dinner and program sponsored by the Indian students at N.C.S.U. held at the State Student Center.

April 8 -- Arab International Night (tentative): A dinner and program sponsored by the Arabian students at N.C. S.U. complete with belly dancing.

Twig newsbriefs

Summer Jobs

The State Department of Natural and Economic Resources has announced it is accepting applications for its summer intern program for college students.

Twenty-one internships at \$360 per month for three months are being offered by the Department.

Students will be asked to prepare reports on subjects ranging from development of interstate short tours to the effluent charge alternative as a means of water quality control.

Other subjects are local planning; analysis of industrial market; public participation in state water plan preparation; water inventory of wet industries; recreation consultant; and field research on the experimental method of evaluating aquatic food plants in salt marsh impoundments.

Applicants need to have completed two years of college or technical training prior to beginning internship.

Application blanks can be obtained from the personnel office of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources in Raleigh. Application deadline is March 1, 1973.

Recruitment

The Federal Service En-

trance Exam will be given on campus February 21 at 7 p.m. There is no charge for this exam but you need to sign up in the Placement Office and pick up an application to complete and bring with you when you take the exam.

Summer camp recruiters are coming soon. Sign up at Placement Office.

February 5 -- Dr. Fred Wagoner from NCSU will be on campus, recruiting for 4-H camps. He will be looking for teachers to serve as camp directors as well as students to help with canoeing, crafts, horsemanship, music and song leadership, sailing, social recreation and land-sports, swimming, wildlife, and nature studies. The camps are located at Reidsville, Ellerbe, Swansboro, Waynesville and Swannanoa.

February 8 -- Mr. Ted Bowman will be recruiting for Laurel Ridge Camp, a conference and retreat center of the Moravian Church. Staff needed for maintenance work, arts, and crafts, office manager responsibilities, nature studies, waterfront programs, music activities and recreation. The camp is located in Ashe, Alleghany and Wilkes Counties.

New instructor

Mrs. Dana Courtney has joined Mr. Charles Grubb in the teaching of Social Work Process this spring. Both are at Meredith through a contractual arrangement with the School of Social Work of The University of North Carolina.

Mrs. Courtney attended Georgetown College and the University of Kentucky. Her professional employment has been in a children's home in Kentucky, in social services in Alabama and Durham, and in pediatric psychiatry in the Duke Medical Center.

Teen center

The RALEIGH TIMES for Tuesday afternoon, January 16, carried a story about the hope for a new teen center -- somewhere near Hillsborough Street -- Fred Olds School--Ridgewood -- Wilmont. A place has not yet been located.

Mrs. Kahn, Tel. 832-6284--called to see whether Meredith Students will help on Friday and Saturday nights when they do get underway.

A student with experience, husband-wife, student-boyfriend would be good choices.

Please leave a note for Leslie Syron, 216 Joyner, if you can participate. There would be a

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Friedan speaks at Women's Caucus

"We are no longer the invisible people," stressed Betty Friedan as the key note speaker at the North Carolina Women's Political Caucus on January 27 at Memorial Auditorium. Speaking to over 1000 women from various districts in North Carolina, Ms. Friedan responded to the upcoming Equal Rights Amendment legislation as the "crucial point" for women in North Carolina as supporters meet more and more organized and financed opposition to the ERA, based mainly on what the FEMININE MYSTIQUE author terms "ignorance and emotionalism."



Betty Friedan

In her explosive comments which evoked considerable response from the audience, Ms. Friedan emphasized the time for action rather than passivity, and told women that they need to re-think the "value of life" as they are being destroyed in cities and homes. As women begin to speak out politically, the founder of NOW (National Organization of Women) explained, they will become a threat to the "forces of evil" in this country and will challenge those institutions which put the "priorities of death ahead of the priorities of human life."

Following Ms. Friedan's address was a panel discussion of the ERA in which Ms. Elizabeth Peterson, a lawyer; Dr. Charlene Dale, a woman school principal; and Representative Marilyn Bissell discussed the Amendment itself, objections to it, educational consequences of it, and current legislative action upon it. After a brief luncheon, various workshops were held for further discussion of the ERA as well as of lobbying, day care and public kindergartens, status of women on welfare, insurance, credit and taxation and job discrimination.