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## Equal rights amendment supported by Dr. Weems

✓ Dr. John E. Weems, said, "... women deserve total justice, equal protection, equal opportunity and equal responsibility..." in speaking in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution during a joint constitution hearing in the N.C. Legislature (Thursday).

Dr. Weems was the only male out of 15 people speaking before the committee. He voiced the pro statement as the head of the largest women's college in North Carolina and the private women's college in the South.

"Women's sights are being lifted. Meredith College, as an educational institution, is dedicated to this specific purpose.

The woman of today is intent on seeking self-fulfillment and being independent and self-directed, Dr. Weems said.

Because of this contribution, women deserve total justice, equal protection, equal opportunity and equal responsibility. This can only be accomplished by taking this final step that is long overdue and passing the Equal Rights Amendment to our Constitution."

"History will show that granting of rights is progressive. Double and false standards inevitably erode the confidence of the government. In my opinion, we have a distinct moral responsibility to give all of our citizens equal protection under the law," President

Weems said.

"I am totally convinced that all of society, both men and women, will benefit from a social system that offers total justice to all of its constituents," Dr. Weems said.

Weems said his feelings were also shared by Dr. Ralph Scales, president of Wake Forest University, a co-educational institution and the largest Baptist-related institution in North Carolina.

"He (Dr. Scales) feels very strongly that the Equal Rights Amendment should be passed, emphasizing that the amendment is for the liberation of men as well as for the removal of discrimination against women," Weems said.



Dr. Weems explains to some students his views on women's rights.

## Twain piece to be presented Feb. 17



"The Diary of Adam and Eve," by Mark Twain, will be presented Saturday, February 17, by the Alpha Omega Players.

## Carter recommends joining National Student Lobby

Carolyn Carter, SGA President, has recommended that Meredith College seek membership in the National Student Lobby. A permanently registered lobby that is financed and controlled by students, the organization's aim is to represent the interests of its member colleges and to exert an influence on their behalf in Washington. All policies of the NSL are determined by students through a referendum procedure, and the organization emphasizes that they are not interested in endorsing political candidates but rather in taking a stand on specific legislation.

The result of lobbying efforts by a group of California students and formally organized in 1971, the NSL has worked on many issues important to students, such as voter registration by mail, minimum wage for students, the Harris Amendment to the Higher Education Act to require that colleges receiving federal aid include at least one student on their Board of Trustees, ERA, child care legislation, Gravel-Drinan Peace legislation, and the Mansfield Amendment to bring all troops home from Viet Nam.

To become a member, Meredith has to pay the \$30.00 membership fee. In addition to being a part of an organiza-

tion of students vitally interested in the policies of our national government, Meredith, as a member of NSL, will be eligible to send students interested in political science to a year-round internship program with the lobby group. Individuals involved in this field work would participate in researching and lobbying for legislation concerning an issue in which they are interested, possibly receiving credit from Meredith for this activity.

Currently, Meredith is not

associated with any other student government organizations. A past member of the Association of Student Governments, now bankrupt, the SGA is also considering possible membership in the Southern Universities Student Government Association, an organization to provide information service. Also being studied is a movement to form an association of North Carolina Collegiate Women, in order to insure a channel of linkage between women students all over the state.

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center. Student workers are needed for the summer involvement with educators in developing a dynamic approach to health and social awareness for children and adults. Workers would help with a clinical team made up of a physician, a nurse, a dentist, an oral hygienist, a psychologist and a social worker in assessment, treatment and referral of medical, dental, psychological and social needs. The Floating Hospital offers a chance for expression of creative talents in their music, literature, dramatics and arts and crafts program. Anyone interested may call or write The Floating Hospital, One East 42nd Street, New York City, 10017 (MU 2-4270)

or YU 6-5239).

The newly-formed "Art League" is sponsoring an all-day trip to Washington, D.C., for a tour of museums and shows in the area. The chartered bus will leave at 5:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20th, and will return late that night after a dinner meal in Washington. Several instructors from the Meredith art department will go along, and all art students are urged to go, too; however, anyone interested in art may sign up on the bulletin board outside Mr. White's office, 2nd floor Joyner. Costs will be \$13.00 per person plus meals. Dates will also be welcomed for this fun trip!

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including Duke University. They have covered more than 725,000 miles in their travels to 45 states and Canada.

The entire Meredith and Raleigh communities are cordially invited to attend this performance, and admission is FREE.

## Faculty members discuss code

A panel discussion of the honor system--particularly on plagiarism--was the main emphasis of the February meeting of the Meredith Faculty. A project of the Instruction Committee, the panel consisted of Dr. Cochran, Dr. Page, and Claudia Denny, who discussed plagiarism at Meredith and possible ways of combatting the problem. The questions aroused included those involving obligations of both students and faculty, intentional dishonesty as opposed to ignorance, and moral responsibility of students and teachers.

Other business on the agenda included a report from the Academic Council on the decision that students graduating in December can take 12-16 hours credit at another institution in the summer provided they take at least 12 hours at Meredith each semester before graduation. This decision applies only to those students who graduate in December.

The Instruction Committee reported on its approval of a teacher evaluation survey which is being sponsored totally by the SGA and students. Designed as an aid to individual teachers, the survey will be conducted February 19-March 1.

Miss Mary Bland Josey, Director of Admissions, reported the success of a recruitment program for black students which involved not only the Admissions Office but present black students themselves. As a result of this recruitment, 9 black student applications have been received thus far for 1973-74. Miss Josey expects minority enrollment to increase as the recruitment program and student effort continue to inform minority groups of the Meredith open admission policy.