

Floating Angels develop art form

BY SUSAN STANT

America has Peggy Fleming who literally "floats" on ice; Meredith has her own "Floating Angels," the synchronized swimming club. Its officers are President - Sheree McGeele, Vice-President - Beth Gray, and Secretary-Treasurer - Chris Speight. The original synchronized swimming class began in the fall of 1971 with thirteen freshmen who were closed out of other P.E. classes. In two years it has grown to include 45 girls involved in beginning class and performing club levels.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Fran Vandiver, they meet every Thursday afternoon. The warm-up includes swimming ten laps and skulling four. Mrs. Vandiver describes the activity as "expression through movement in water." Similar to water ballet, the beauty of the formation relies on perfect timing, total group coordination, and gracefulness. The true elegance of the art is the kaleidoscope like patterns the swimmers form. This is where an audience is at a disadvantage, for total perception would necessitate being seated at an elevated height.

The more skilled synchronized swimming students from the beginning class try out for the club each year, filling six to eight spaces. In the spring the club gives a program, with a central theme decided upon by the members. Costumes and makeup serve to further unify and glamorize the theme. Written representation of the figures and steps of the number are done by the choreographer. Tentative future activities for the club include participating in a workshop at Catawba College and Ravenscroft School here in Raleigh.



...Meredith's swimming team, the "Floating Angels" is synchronized by Mrs. Fran Vandiver. They are perfecting their coordination and choreography through workshops and regular

rehearsals. The teams nine members were chosen through auditions of members of the swimming classes.

Government study offered in spring

BY CATHY RODENBERG

Meredith College is offering a semester of study on the workings of state government and politics during the spring semester of 1974. The program is designed to provide an opportunity for discussion, field experience and research in the legislative, administrative, and judicial processes and policies at the state government level. Students will have an opportunity to explore individual areas of interest through this realistic

and intensive experience of state government in action. The program will be conducted in downtown Raleigh, within walking distance of the major executive governmental departments, the legislature and the courts.

Those students of junior standing or above are eligible to participate in the semester, which is open to both men and women. Academically, the semester will consist of a nine-credit-hour cluster which are divided as follows:

(a) a six credit-hour seminar meeting will be held each Tuesday and Thursday. The seminar sessions will be devoted chiefly to discussions with state government officials, judicial personnel, and other assorted political figures. North Carolina state government will also be observed through field trips and individual operations.

(b) a three-credit hour research paper in which a student will explore an area of state government which is of particular interest to him is

also required.

Both of the semesters being offered afford the student the opportunity not only to broaden their knowledge in their perspective fields of study, but also to expose themselves to new experiences and a variety of different life styles, resulting in a more mature personality. I would like to add at this point that it is also a sneak preview of what the "real world" is like, outside of Meredith College.

Anybody courageous enough to look into it? If so, stop by Dr. Lemmon's office in the history department for additional information regarding tuition cost and acceptance.

Peace Corps program an alternative

To many college students in our nation the biggest question is how they can use their college education to benefit others without having a Master's Ph. D. degree. For those freshmen and sophomores interested in math and science, the State University of New York may have the answer.

On the campus of the

State University at Brockport there exists a unique program known as the Peace Corps-College Degree Program. The program, the only one in the U.S.A., was started at Brockport in 1967, for the purpose of training teachers in the math and science areas to be stationed overseas as Peace Corps volunteers for two years. The first five years of the program were aimed at sending teachers to Latin America but the new emphasis is on Francophone Africa, especially Zaire, the former Belgian Congo. In fact the project director has just returned from a two year training tour there.

The program, which lasts for 15 months, is geared towards training volunteers who have finished the equivalent of a two year program, 60 credits, with enough hours in their math or science major to finish in four semesters. The graduates, who minor in French, Zaire's official language, receive a Bachelor's Degree and provisional New York State Teacher Certification.

French courses involve total immersion and are designed to give the students a working vocabulary so that they can teach in French by the second summer of training.

During the spring semester the co-directors, Mr. Noble and academic director, Dr. Elaine K. Miller, hope to take the students to schools in French speaking Canada to give them the experience of teaching in a francophone classroom.

Mr. Noble reports that last year's groups have finished its training and are now at schools throughout the Zaire. The present group of 26

will take up their assignments next August. Both Dr. Miller and Mr. Noble stress that there is a serious need for trained teachers, one that Peace Corps is helping to fill, so if you qualify for this program and are interested in teaching in Africa, write: Peace Corps-College Degree Program, 112 Hartwell Hall, SUC Brockport, Brockport, New York 14420.

crossword puzzle

ACROSS

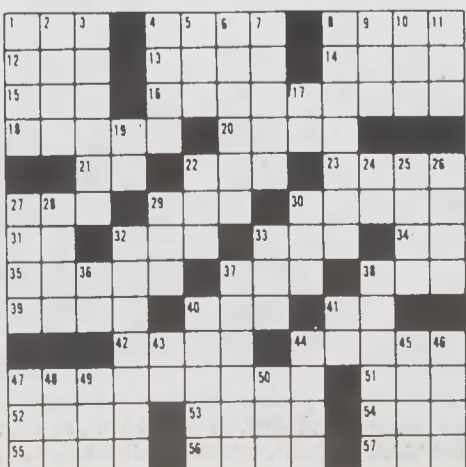
- 1 Bench
- 4 Women's lib tennis champ
- 8 Death rattle
- 12 Use (Lat. infin.)
- 13 Jacob's twin
- 14 Arabian gulf
- 15 Carpet
- 16 Tennis star Evonne
- 18 Male chauvinist tennis pro
- 20 Trading center
- 21 California city (ab.)
- 22 Melody
- 23 Asian country
- 27 Barbary ...
- 29 Your (Fr.)
- 30 Cattle center
- 31 Symbol: selenium
- 32 Duct
- 33 Word with sewing or spelling
- 34 Form of the verb "to be"
- 35 Burt Reynolds, for one
- 37 All ... one!
- 38 The Great Emancipator
- 39 ... the Red
- 40 Wapiti
- 41 American League (ab.)
- 42 Inlet
- 44 Tennis ace Rod ...
- 47 Public declaration
- 51 Suffix used to form feminine nouns
- 52 WW II surrender site
- 53 Certain Greek letters
- 54 Word ending with picker or wit
- 55 Teenage scourge
- 56 Kind
- 57 Dutch city

DOWN

- 1 Feline sound
- 2 Case for small articles
- 3 Move from side to side
- 4 Barrels
- 5 Combining form: equal
- 6 Mother-in-law of Ruth, et al.
- 7 On the throat
- 8 Predecessor of jazz
- 9 "Much ... about Nothing"
- 10 Masculine nickname
- 11 School subject (ab.)
- 17 Symbol: silver
- 19 State (ab.)
- 22 Roman bronze
- 24 Egyptian sun god
- 25 Melville's captain
- 26 Reputation
- 27 Tennis star Arthur
- 28 A noble
- 29 Color

(Answers in next week's TWIG)

- 30 Over (poet.)
- 32 Pasteur's discovery
- 33 American editor and author 1863-1930
- 36 Note of the scale
- 37 Plump
- 38 Pertaining to the abdomen
- 40 Tennis flash Chris
- 41 Hope of inebriates (ab.)
- 43 Preposition
- 44 Mislay
- 45 Wife of Geraint
- 46 Network
- 47 Extinct bird
- 48 Kind of welder
- 49 Feminine nickname
- 50 Toy



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