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Meredith gets sophisticated as new video-tape system opens door to possibilities

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Meredith College has expanded far beyond isolationism. We now have the means to observe traveling faculty members, watch delayed television broadcasts, give a visual presentation of Meredith life to high schools, put together television shows, or do just about anything imagination and the new video-tape system allow.

Student teachers, synchronized swimming and gymnastics classes, play casts, as well as our sports teams can anticipate watching and evaluating tapes of their performances. Professors can tape a lecture or a presentation to be shown to their classes as an added explanation or in lieu of a lecture. Television programs can be taped off a television set and then presented to a class anytime after the actual broadcast. Tapes, such as the one Mr. Bill Norton has of President Nixon's speech nominating Gerald Ford for Vice President, could be a boon to any political science or history classes studying current politics. Convocation and Cultural Affairs speakers can be taped for later viewing and off-campus speakers can be recorded for on-campus viewing. All of these possibilities are within the capabilities of the video-tape system Meredith recently acquired.

Last week Bill Norton, Director of Information, unpacked the core of Meredith's video-tape system. These three fundamental components are: a studio camera, a video-cassette recorder-player and a television receiver. These

units were bought as the first purchase of a buying plan that is budgeted to spread over several years. Mr. Norton foresees that the goals of the next years purchases will be to add portability and more cameras to the system. Meredith will have to wait for a portable cassette until after the end of the year because they will not be developed before then. The cassette video-tape systems are new, outmoding the old reel-to-reel systems.

In the future there are plans for adding color cameras and receivers and special effects generators. Some special effects are

possible with the core system. Tapes can be recorded originally with sound, or sound may be dubbed later, or the initial sound track can be erased and a new one then dubbed in. The special effects generator will enable the system to have the special effects capabilities of television cameras; pictures will be able to be inlaid, and overlaid.

The administration anticipates Meredith having an on-campus video-tape studio where high-quality tapes can be made. The studio would be acoustically designed so that it would have the capabilities

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NCSU's Monte Towe appears pleased to "go up for grabs" during the Phi Auction last Thursday night.

Phi auction block attracts money when man-hungry girls bid for game

Despite cold winds, a stringent rule list for the purchasers, and decrease in the buying power of the dollar, the Philaretian Society again enticed Meredith's student body into the court Thursday, November 1, and conducted its annual auction to raise money for the Cerebral Palsy Center. This year's attractions were members of the varsity football and basketball teams of N. C. State. And obviously, the girls liked it; the profits from Thursday night totaled \$477.74.

"Hey, he's cute!"

"We've just GOT to get some more money; we'll never buy anyone good with \$20."

"You got the names mixed up! We want the quarterback, stupid!"

"Who's your hall buying? We're trying for Monte."

These and similar comments filled the air as halls gathered and forces united for the fierce bidding to come. The Bear Facts began the evening with music, and Steve Roddy from WKIX served as auctioneer.

The most expensive "purchase" of the auction was Greg Hawkins, who went for \$63 to the five girls on Third Vann. Monte Towe was the only close contender with Hawkins for that dubious

honor; Second Vann bought him for \$51. The Buckey twins, Dave and Don, by a strange coincidence, each went for \$40, to Second String and Fourth Vann, respectively. Not content to have only one male on the hall, Fourth Vann "purchased" two other players - David Thompson and Willie Burden. Second Poteat and Third Heilmann decided to share Tim Stoddard, while Tommy Burleson went to Fourth Brewer, First Fair-

cloth, and Third Faircloth together. Second String purchased Ken Geary; First String, not to be outdone, bought Mike Burnam. Ron Sewell went to Third Vann, while Bill Lake was "sold" to First Vann.

Several unlucky bidders and purchasers with leftover money made donations to the Cerebral Palsy Center to increase the profits of the Phis.

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SNEA

SNEA -- what is it? It is STUDENT National Education Association. Are you a student? Do you care about education? You must -- you are going to school to get one! The SNEA will meet Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. (November 8) in the Hut. Everyone is welcome, freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors alike. Guest speaker for this meeting will be Mrs. W. Craven, a member of the Raleigh School Board. The meeting will last no longer than one hour.

La Tertulia

LaTertulia (Meredith's Spanish Club) will meet Thursday, November 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge. The program will present a speaker on the political and cultural aspects of Chile. All interested members and non-members alike are welcome.

Bearfacts

Tryouts were held Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. for the Bearfacts, the Philaretian Society's singing group. New members are Cheryl Anderson, Janine Bradsher, Betsy Crosland, Gail Falkner, Joy Hodge, Erna Stromsland, Sue Tripp, Beth Ward, and Mary Lou Wooten. Old members are

Paige Foster, Cookie Guthrie, Sue Purdue, Beth Queen, Cindy Rosser, Catherine Stover, Ann Wagoner, and Lynda Wall. Pianist is Betsy Webb. Leaders Lynda Wall and Sue Purdue are excited about the Bearfacts this year and would like it to be known that they are available to sing for any group or occasion.

REW

During the second semester, the Meredith Christian Association sponsors a Religious Emphasis Week to allow participants of the Meredith community to share in a time of personal reflections and growth.

REW chairman Sue Tripp has been working with a nine-member student steering committee to plan a week of relevant and varied activities. Popular speakers will be invited to contribute their ideas and interpretations of the theme of the 1973 Religious Emphasis Week to be held November 26-20. The theme will be announced next week.

Concerts

The E.C.U. Union Popular Entertainment Committee will be presenting two major concerts this week. On Friday, November 9, the Temptations will be appearing in Minges Coliseum at 8:00 p.m. Ticket prices will be \$3.00 for ECU students and

\$4.00 for the public.

On Sunday, November 11, a concert is scheduled featuring John Paul Hammond, Lynard Skynard, and Wet Willie. Showtime is 2:00 p.m. in Minges Coliseum and ticket prices are \$2.00 for ECU students and \$3.00 for the public.

Tickets go on sale Monday, November 5 and are available at the Central Ticket Office, P.O. Box 2731, Greenville, North Carolina 27834.

Ski Course

The Physical Education Department is offering snow-skiing again this year. The one-credit course will last five days, Dec. 30, 1973 - Jan. 4, 1974.

The course consists of five days of skiing and instruction, nine hours each day. All equipment, lodging, accident insurance, and slope and lift fees are included in the cost. Total cost is \$80.00, plus meals and transportation.

This year the students will have the advantage of using the new polysnow slopes. This will allow them to ski regardless of temperature. The shorter skis they will be using in this course will permit the student to learn to ski the first day on skis.

The course will be held at Appalachian Ski Mountain in Boone, N. C. Students who are interested should sign up Nov. 17 at pre-registration



Cathy Bland, left, and Linda Fusco rehearse for the upcoming production of Winnie-the-Pooh which is set for November 14 and 15 at 8:00 p.m. in the hut.