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Wilma Scott Heide

NOW President to speak on sexism and feminism

Wilma Scott Heide, national president of NOW (National Organization for Women) will be the SGA-sponsored convocation speaker on February 4. Ms. Heide, a leader in the feminist movement, will talk on "Sexism is a Disease and Feminism is the Cure".

Ms. Heide has been involved in all facets of the liberation movement whose aim is, she believes, to get "at root causes" of social problems. She and NOW have been digging into the problems of equal rights, marriage, divorce, race, religion and war; they see feminism as "the cure".

Ms. Heide has long been involved in human rights. A behavior scientist by

profession, she has recently been a member of the National Policy Council of the National Women's Political Caucus, the National Equality Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Committee, the delegation to the White House Conference on Children 1970 and the White House Conference on Youth, and the Board of Directors of the National Coalition on Human Needs and Budget Priorities. She has for two years been the president of the seven-year old NOW. With these groups, she explores all facets of sexism - politics, mental health, child care, poverty education, family, and human rights in general.

Ms. Heide finds that sex stereotyping is as detrimental to men as it is to women. "We must emancipate men, from the James Bond - crewcut-jock strap - always the leader-tough-cool - insensitive - instrumentalized masculine mystique. The model is unattainable for many men, and worse - it is undesirable in the extreme," she states.

Ms. Heide proposes that such institutions as war and politics have been detrimentally permeated by sexism. With the advent of human rights she has noted, "We will no longer be led only by that half of the population whose socialization sanctions violence as the final assertion of manhood; feminism is the "sine qua non for a just society". She finds manhood too often "synonymous with nationhood", and wars "prove a nation's manhood".

She advocates normalcy; it is necessary "to liberate the so-called feminine in men and the so-called masculine in women. If it's there, it's natural for us." She notes "All of us are bisexual to some extent." She wants people to be "fully human" not fully masculine or fully feminine. "Women's liberation" according to Heide "means putting sex in its place".

Ms. Heide has presented her arguments against sex stereotyping to Committees of the U. S. Senate; the House of Representatives; the Swedish Government, and to conferences of businesses, professions and organizations.

SGA sponsors letter-writing campaign

On Monday, February 4, Meredith's SGA will sponsor a letter-writing campaign in behalf of a piece of legislation pending in the N. C. legislature which would abolish the age discrimination which exists in North Carolina's automobile liability insurance system. Drivers under 25 years of age in this state pay higher liability rates, regardless of

driving record. In fact, it is possible in some instances for a driver over 25 years with an unsafe driving record to pay lower liability rates than a driver who has a safe driving record, but is 25 years old or younger. Bill No. 659, introduced by Sen. John Henley (D - 10th District), would abolish this discriminatory practice. NCSU Student Governor Albert Daniel, who

is supporting the legislation, is also hopeful that once out of committee, the bill can be expanded to include abolition of sex and marital status discrimination in liability rates. Daniel points out that greatest discrimination exists against the "younger, male, unmarried driver." He has emphasized, in a statement at the N. C. Insurance Hearing, that this categorical

discrimination is especially hard on the safe driver, who may happen to fit into the categories of under-25, male and unmarried. In view of this, Daniel is urging adoption of a new system of automobile liability rates which would be established on an individual's driving record.

The SGA will sponsor the letter-writing campaign at the 11:00 p.m. hall meetings on Monday, February 4. Envelopes, paper, stamps, names and addresses of legislators will be provided. Students are urged to ask their parents to write their representatives concerning the legislation.

TWIG newsbriefs

NEW COURSES

The Psychology Department has added two new courses which have been approved by the Academic Council. These additions are a part of the efforts of the department to provide a better, more sound background in psychology for its majors and other interested students, so that they will be better prepared for careers and further study.

One course, "Developmental Psychology: Life Span," will be a study of the effects of physical and social factors on human development from conception to death. Areas of development included are: physical, perceptual, motor, language, cognitive, emotional, moral, and social.

The other course is listed as "Psychology of Exceptional Children and Adolescents." Intellectual, emotional, and physical exceptionalities included are the gifted, retarded, and emotionally disturbed; the visually, hearing, and speech impaired; orthopedically and neurologically handicapped; and the chronically disabled. The effects of physical and social factors on the

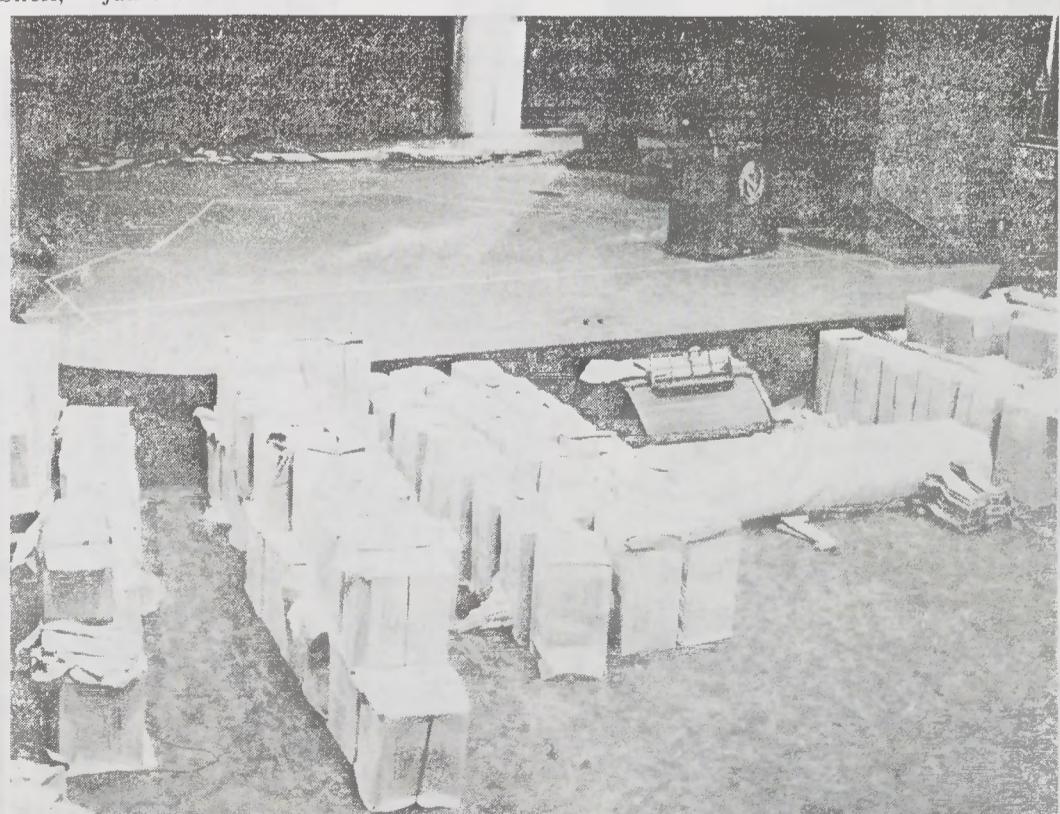
psychological characteristics of exceptional persons will also be studied.

Also proposed, but not approved, were two other courses often requested by students: "Developmental Psychology: Childhood" and "Psychological Testing and Evaluation."

SOCIAL WORK CLUB

The possibility of formation of a Social Work Club was the impetus behind a January 30 meeting called by members of an advisory committee involved in Meredith's Social Work Sequence. The meeting afforded students an opportunity to discuss the social work profession in general and the program at Meredith that leads toward certification in particular. A brief program was also presented during the meeting which included a panel of students who were placed in local agencies during the fall semester for their practicum. These students shared with the group some of their experiences and discussed their own understanding of social work. Students who served on the advisory committee were Jane Lewis and Emily

Bingham, seniors, and Jennifer Comas and Dora Shell, juniors.



Jones is the scene of busy confusion as workmen unpack and install the new red-cushioned chairs in the deep brown-carpeted auditorium.