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Hoyt Taylor explains the unique personality of the Belk Belt in Thursday's conveyor dedication.

## Stringfellow sees decay of legitimate authority

by Allyn Vogel

Meredith's third convocation program of the semester hosted William Stringfellow, an author, lawyer and lay theologian. He was sponsored by the Religion and Philosophy departments of Meredith and NCSU.

Stringfellow addressed himself to the 13th chapter of Saint Paul's letter to the Romans and to Revelations 13 in the program titled "Conscience and Obedience in Church and State". Both of these passages deal with government and the individual conscience.

Stringfellow's concern was with defining the instances in which political authority is not legitimate, "ordained by God".

He noted that even traditional interpretations suggest that Romans 13 and other related passages demand obedience only to political authority which is exercised responsibly.

"Tyrannies", he noted as

an example of illegitimate authority, "are not an ordained government."

In discussing the activities of his friends, Daniel and Phillip Berrigan, Stringfellow noted that for them to have surrendered to "illegitimate authority" would seem to condone it.

In a discussion in the Student Center after his speech, Stringfellow further emphasized that "no victim" of a government can regard that administration's power as legitimate. He cited as examples of victims of the American political system, minorities and draft resisters.

The determination of legitimacy, he said, is a "matter of conscience".

Stringfellow also sees evidence of the problem of "conscience and obedience" in some of the issues confronting today's churches.

He observed that in American politics the decay of "power justly exercised" has

been foreshadowed in the U.S. since World War II. An authority's legitimacy, he stated, is determined by how the power is established and how it is used. The recent disintegration of legitimate authority he observed is reflected in Ford's pardon of Nixon, in the issue of partial amnesty for draft resisters, in the "conversion of the police into a military presence", and the "intimidation of the media".

America, he emphasized, is suffering a "revolution" in the "criminal uses of authority under the aegis of the government." Watergate he believes could be paralleled to a "coup de etat".

For many he noted the state is the "predatory monster" of Revelations 13.

Even the most traditional exegesis he stressed in conclusion acts as a "stunning rebuke" to improperly executed authority and serve as a "fearful and timely warning."

## Who's Who names twenty-two seniors

Twenty-two Meredith seniors have been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges".

They are Laura Ann Bailey, Mary Brown, Virginia Clark, Jackie Cullifer, Thesia Garner, Sue Grant, Susan Hamlin, Mary Beth Hardy, Norma Heath, Jean Jackson, Gwen Fincher Kincaid, Suzanne Martin, Cathy McCaskill, Sherri McGee, Linda McKinnish, Pogo Pollock, Marlee Ray, Genie Rogers, Claudia Denny Vurnakes, Patty Whisnant, Barbara Yates and Tricia Young.

These students will be contacted by the Who's Who organization for biographical information which will be published in the bound copy of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Students are nominated for "Who's Who" on the basis of scholarship ability, participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship, and service to Meredith, and potential for future achievement.

A new nominating procedure was employed by Meredith this year. Last year the senior class and the department heads made nominations which were approved by the Student Life Committee.

This year a list of eligible seniors was sent to each faculty member, and each member indicated 22 nominations. A student was considered eligible if she had completed 90 semester hours and had at least a 2.5 QPR. The 2.5 cutoff was recommended by the senior class.



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