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## CSS revises scale; more students will get financial aid

According to the financial aid office, significant changes in the needs analysis system of the College Scholarship Service (CSS) will make more students eligible for financial aid next year than have been in the past.

As a result of a continuing inflationary economy and the rapid increases in the Consumer Price Index, CSS has revised its tables for the expected parental contribution. These changes recognize the decreasing ability of parents to pay college costs.

Beginning with the processing for 1975-76, the CSS needs analysis reports will show less expected parental contribution than heretofore. As a result, students from some upper-middle income families will for the first time likely be found eligible for financial assistance at Meredith.

Since students who in the past did not qualify for aid might qualify for 1975-76, the deadline for enrolled students to apply for financial aid is being extended from the usual

January 15 to February 17.

The financial aid office encourages any student who wishes to see if she would qualify for aid for next year to come by that office and obtain the proper application forms.

These forms should be obtained promptly as they require completion by the students' parents, and they must be returned to the financial aid office by February 17.

## SGA approves Appeals Advisory Committee

The Student Government Association met on Fri., Jan. 24th, and approved two items of legislation, one of which would create a major change in the judicial system at Meredith.

The bill provides for the creation of an Appeals Advisory Committee to assist the President in the hearing of an Interdormitory or Judicial Board appeal, but the Committee will function only at the student's request. Otherwise the President alone will hear the appeal.

The Committee will consist of one student from

each class, with members appointed by the SGA President. None of these should have been involved in any way in the case during previous proceedings.

The Appeals Advisory Committee will have no power of judicial review; it can only recommend action to the President. Recommendations will be made after hearing in session with the president a report from the Judicial Board Chairman and another from the student involved.

A second bill was passed concerning major publications on campus. It will now be required that editors of the TWIG, OAK LEAVES, and ACORN must have served on the staff of that particular publication at least one year prior to their election.

In a further action a resolution was approved that students at Meredith actively support the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment by the North Carolina General Assembly.

the political, social, economic and cultural life of their countries and is an obstacle to the full development of the potentialities of women in the service of their countries and of humanity."

Meredith kicked-off the International Women's Year 1975 last weekend with a six film series, "You've Come a Long Way Baby". Meredith has taken the IWY theme as the topic for one of this semester's convocations and a worship service. The Spanish club at its Tuesday February 11 meeting will discuss the roles of women in the Americas. A Meredith committee is being established to plan other activities.

At the 1st faculty meeting of the semester, a motion was passed to request President Weems to send a note of Meredith's appreciation of IWY to the U.N.'s National Office for IWY in Washington D.C.

The U.N. officially launched the International Women's Year on January 11, the anniversary of Amelia Earhart's California-Hawaii flight. The U.N.'s program was motivated in part by its "determination to help women to participate on every level in the solution of the world's problems." In outlining its program and position for IWY, the U.N. has devised a three-fold objective, that of pursuing "Equality, Development and Peace."

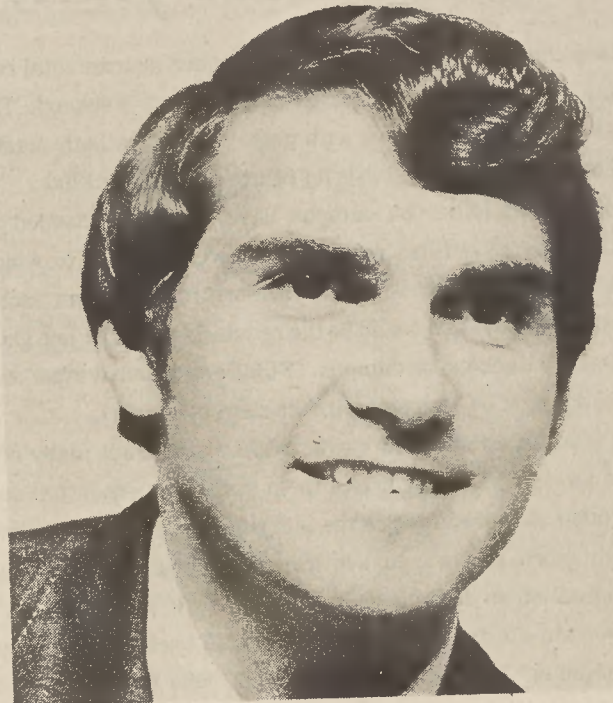
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## International Women's Year well underway

by Allyn Vogel

Women have often attempted and sometimes succeeded in making inroads into the "man's world". Women, who comprise more than 50 percent of the world's population, are seen in developing nations laboring side by side with men, manually constructing roads and planting crops, but yet are denied political and economical equality with these same men notes Meredith Vice-President for Student Development, Dr. Sandra Thomas. Women throughout the world have long demanded that the traditional "man's" rights be expanded into human rights. But, in no country is there complete equality between men and women. The U.N., declaring 1975 The International Women's Year, observes that "the full and complete development of a country, the welfare of the world and the cause of peace require the maximum participation of women as well as men in all fields."

The IWY programs for this year are conceptually based in part on the U.N.'s 1967 "Declaration of the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women". This declaration states the U.N.'s position that "discrimination against women is incompatible with human dignity and with the welfare of the family and of society, prevents their participation, on equal terms with men, in



Dr. Charles V. Petty, pictured above, has been the main speaker for Religious Emphasis Week, which is still in progress. Director of the Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, Dr. Petty will deliver his final address tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. on the subject "For God's Sake, Be Human."

## Seminar will create "assertive" leaders

by Benjie Hester

"I think it's great!" "It's rewarding!" "It's profitable!" "It's valuable to my future."

What is "it"?

"It" is the Assertive Behavior Training Program that is taking place on the Meredith campus under the direction of Rosemarie Coppins, Lynn McArthur, Fran Vandiver, and Elizabeth Wilson. According to Ms. Vandiver, assertive training involves learning how

to express what one feels and thinks. Currently the program includes leaders of various campus associations who meet twice a week in an attempt to gain in assertive leadership.

The idea for the training program grew out of the summer retreat that was held for new Meredith organization heads before school started. The success of this retreat showed that there was genuine interest among the various officers for growth in

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## Feminist to sing at UNC

Feminist folksinger Holly Near will perform her second concert at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31, in Memorial Hall.

No admission will be charged for Ms. Near's performance, sponsored by the Association of Women Students (AWS). AWS' Women's Festival brought the California-oriented singer to UNC last February for her first performance "down South."

In addition to her nightclub and concert performances, Ms. Near has gotten outstanding reviews for her film work, especially in "Slaughterhouse Five," "FTA" and "The Magic Garden of Stanley Sweetheart." She has made guest appearances on television shows "All in the Family," "The Senators," "Room 222" and others.

In addition to performing in the New York version of "Hair" and recording the cast album of "First National Nothing," Ms. Near shared

the Obie Award for the "FTA" (Free the Army) show at the New York Philharmonic.

Many of America's colleges, state fairs and churches set the stage for Ms. Near as she sang and spoke for peace alongside antiwar activists Jane Fonda and Tom

Hayden. "Hang in There" is Ms. Near's first album, which she wrote, sang and produced.

In her Jan. 31 appearance at UNC, Ms. Near will be accompanied by pianist Jeff Langley, who has been with the 25-year-old singer since high school. The two are currently on tour in Europe.

## Meredith gets grants

MIS Grants totaling \$2,000 have been presented to Meredith College by two major corporations.

One thousand dollar grant from Gulf Oil Co.-U.S. and the Sears-Roebuck Foundations were received by President John Weems.

The unrestricted grant from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation was presented by W. H. Hesse, Raleigh Sears Manager.

Grants totaling more than \$47,000 will be distributed to 39 privately supported colleges and universities in North

Carolina by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. The funds may be used as deemed necessary by the recipients.

G. Ray Cone, retail sales supervisor of Gulf Oil Co.-U.S., presented the \$1,000 check which will be used to purchase science equipment, according to President John Weems.

The purpose of Gulf's departmental assistance grants is to further special projects proposed by specific departments in colleges and universities.