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Parking discussed

Privilege and lights out bills passed at Friday's SGA meeting

Three bills concerning freshman social regulations were passed at Friday's SGA meeting. A resolution urging the administration to enforce parking regulations was also passed.

The bills introduced by Junior Betsy Rowlett proposed abolition of the restrictions on freshmen evening privileges, overnights and lights out.

The present regulations as stated in the handbook permit first semester freshmen four evening privileges per week and six overnights for the first six weeks of classes. For the first two weeks of classes, first semester freshmen are required to have their lights out at official bedtime 12:15 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights. Freshmen are allowed to keep their lights on one hour later one of these nights per week if all the roommates sign with the hall proctor for the privilege.

Ms. Rowlett in presenting the joint rationale for the three bills noted "Frustration on the part of the (freshman) to exhibit any type of independence, responsibility or self-discipline."

Opponents of the bill to eliminate overnight restrictions proposed that "homesick" students matured because they were required to stay on campus on many of the weekends during which they would prefer to be home. The weekends, too, the opponents said were necessary for making friends, becoming involved and getting to know the hall."

Students advocating the present evening privilege

limitations voted on additional argument that many students needed the restriction so that their academics would not suffer.

The bill to eliminate overnights passed in a vote of 208-75. Division was called on the evening privilege bill, 72 students opposed the bill and it passed. The lights out bill passed with a voice vote.

After SGA passage the bills were sent to the Student Life Committee for its consideration. If passed by Student Life the bills will be placed before Vice President of Student Development, Dr. Thomas.

In further business a resolution introduced by

Senior Betsy Horton urging the administration to enforce parking regulations was passed by SGA. The regulations as stated in the handbook and in a July 25th letter from Business Manager Joe Baker restrict dormitory student parking permits to

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Act affects directory

Each year Meredith's Registrar's Office prepares and releases directory information for publication and distribution. This information consists of the students' names, home and campus addresses, classes and telephone numbers, the Registrar reports. Under the Buckley Amendment to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, it is each student's right not to have this information included in a directory. Any student who does not wish to be included must come by the Registrar's Office in Johnson Hall and sign the appropriate request. This must be done Registrar John Hiott says by September 12.

Meredith receives Kresge grant for fine arts construction

MIS--Meredith College has received a \$75,000 grant from The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Michigan, toward construction of a fine arts building and renovation of its current music and drama building, Meredith President John E. Weems has announced.

The construction and renovation of Jones Hall to provide facilities for music, drama, and art is expected to cost \$900,000. Equipment is expected to cost \$150,000. Most of the music department will be housed in the new 21,000 square-foot, two-story building to be constructed adjacent to Jones Hall. Drama and art will be housed in the renovated facilities in Jones Hall.

Designed to overlook the college's amphitheater and lake, the new facility will contain a 200 seat recital hall, music offices, classrooms, studios and practice rooms. F.

Carter Williams Architects of Raleigh are architects for the project.

Weems said in announcing the grant, "we are complimented by the confidence The Kresge Foundation trustees have expressed in Meredith through the \$75,000 challenge grant that will help provide needed facilities in these three expanding academic areas."

John T. Kanipe, Jr., Vice President for Institutional Advancement said: "Meredith has commitments of over \$600,000 toward the new facility and renovation of Jones Hall, and the Kresge grant in addition to being of significant help in the funding of the project, hopefully will inspire the support of other friends of the college to help provide the urgently needed facilities." Board of Trustees Chairman Shearon Harris indicated that the Board of Trustees members had

personally committed themselves for \$100,000 for the project in addition to a \$100,000 pledge by one alumna trustee.

This semester "the college will conduct a fund raising drive to acquire the additional financial resources to complete the new construction, renovation and furnishing requirements," Kanipe said.

This is the second grant Meredith has received from The Kresge Foundation. In 1971, Meredith received a \$50,000 Kresge grant for the Kresge Auditorium for Continuing Education in the Cate Center.

Kresge grants are principally made to well-established, accredited institutions in the fields of four-year college or university education, health care, religion, conservation, the arts, and care of the young and old.



"Mark Twain on stage"

Thomas to portray Twain

CCA--"Mark Twain on Stage," featuring Jack Thomas, will be presented in Jones Auditorium Thursday evening, September 11, at 8:00 p.m.

Thomas's show, a presentation of Mark Twain's literary works and social criticism, will include excerpts from "Life on the Mississippi", "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn", as well as several short stories. The final portion of the program features Twain's comments on religion, art, journalism, and government.

Jack Thomas, who has researched Twain for two years, has carefully studied photographs to learn Twain's mannerisms. The result is a

convincing portrayal of the aging Mark Twain.

Thomas completes his impersonation with a carefully tailored, authenticated white suit and makeup which takes three hours to put on.

Thomas, 31, has studied voice both as a singer and as a speaker. His acting experience is varied, his performance including the Detective in "Mouse Trap," Pickering in "My Fair Lady," Ruff in "The Sound of Music," Nanki Poo in "The Mikado," and Lucentio in "The Taming of the Shrew."

George Raynor, who reviewed Thomas's performance before students of Catawba College, said, "His

simulation of an aging man -- as Twain was during his later lecture tours -- is perfect . . . Thomas's timing of his lines is excellent."

Sidney Blackmer, president of Theatre Authority, Inc., of New York, has said of Thomas, "His talent is rare and unique and his performance is spellbinding."

In addition to his evening performance, Thomas will also hold a class at 11:00 a.m. and a makeup workshop 4:30-7:00 p.m. Thursday for interested students. Place will be announced later this week.

"Mark Twain on Stage" is sponsored by the College Center Association Concerts and Lectures Committee. It is free and open to the public.

Grant application procedure set

The North Carolina General Assembly authorized a tuition grant of up to \$200 per year to North Carolina residents who are attending a private college or university

in North Carolina. The procedures for establishing eligibility and receiving the grant have just been released by the state, Mr. Hiott, the college registrar, announces. Students must apply for the grant, the college must certify their eligibility and then the college makes requests for the funds. Mr. Hiott says that the procedures state that the funds will be distributed after all requests have been processed.

The application forms for the grant will be distributed to non-resident students from the day-student lounge in the student center or from the

office of the Registrar. Resident students will receive their application at hall meetings on Monday, September 15. All completed applications must be returned to the office of the Registrar no later than Friday, September 19th.

The General Assembly determined that to qualify for a North Carolina Legislation Tuition Grant award, a student must be a resident of North Carolina (lived here for 12 months immediately prior to October 1, 1975) and be enrolled in a private college or university for no less than 12 semester hours of credit.

Non-resident news

A coffee hour Friday, August 29, for the non-resident students was one of a series of events designed to get them actively involved in college activities.

Mrs. Virginia Norton, 60-year-old president of non-resident students, said, "We want the non-resident students and the dormitory students working together. We have a lot to offer each other."

Non-resident students plan to have programs on alternate Fridays in Cate Center. Resident students are invited to attend when the programs are of interest to them.

The first program, scheduled for Friday, Sep-

tember 12, will be a plant show and sale conducted by a representative from Green Gables of Raleigh.

Mrs. Norton encourages day students to check this column and the bulletin board and mail box in the day student alcove for news and activities pertinent to them.

Orientation for non-resident students included handbook training, campus tours, and a library tour. This is the first year that non-resident students have had any formal introduction to the college.

Non-resident students include degree candidates, special students, and continuing education students.