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Friedan delivers keynote address

IWY Celebration begins

According to one of its early leaders, the women's movement has after ten years crested in a new stage. Betty Friedan, a psychologist and nationally known founder of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and the National Political Caucus, addressed Meredith students and Raleigh area visitors at

the 10:00 a.m., October 6 convocation. With her speech, "The Women's Movement: Where are We Now and Where are We Going" Ms. Friedan opened Meredith's International Women's Year (IWY) 1975 Celebration.

She defined the women's movement in America as a "massive revolution." It was first characterized by a "revolution in consciousness" then developed programs of action to "transform the political power base" and to change institutions.

Now she said, women "have to move out to their isolation." They need, she said, to strive to "restructure jobs" and to "restructure the family" on "human terms." A transformation to a "human politics" and the complimentary goal of the liberating the femaleness of men and the maleness of women are major aims, she said, of the women's movement today.

Any with the Women's

movement, she said, did women in the 60's begin to define themselves in human terms; they had to "confront their own sleeves." The women in the early women's movement was Ibsen's Nora coming out of the doll house saying "I am first a person," and then saying "I am entitled to (American democratic) rights."

The goals of the women's movement could not be achieved "rhetorically or in the abstract, every institution had to be confronted," she said. Ms. Friedan at a question and answer meeting in the Cate Center, responded to questions after her speech.

Her visit was sponsored by the Convocation Committee with the cooperation of the IWY Committee and the Raising the Sights of Women Committee.

The IWY Celebration will continue through October 10. Dr. Lisa Sergio and Maryjane Snyder will speak in IWY convocations.



Betty Friedan entertains questions after delivering address on first day of Meredith IWY Celebration.

Student input encouraged for SGA activities

Student involvement in Student Government Association (SGA) activities is a major goal of this year's Student Government Association Executive Committee.

For students to be involved in student government, SGA president Rebecca Askew notes, the SGA must deal with issues which are of "current interest" to the students.

The Executive Committee has chosen this year to focus its activities upon three basic objectives; those of studying the effectiveness of the honor code, assessing the strengths and weaknesses of academics, and promoting an awareness among students about the importance of health care.

These three issues are matters, Ms. Askew says, which concern every student at Meredith.

Sub-committees of the SGA Executive Committee have been formed to consider each of the three objectives chosen for emphasis this year. In an effort to "get people other than SGA officers involved" in student government activities, members of these subcommittees are drawn from the faculty, the Executive Committee and the student body at large.

Through these and other committees SGA, Ms. Askew notes, tries to seek answers to questions which students raise but don't know where to go to ask. The Student Rights Committee of the Legislative Board has for example been studying campus parking problems. The Executive Committee sub-committees have, Ms. Askew said, "already gotten off to a great start." The health care sub-committee arranged a program on childbirth at the Friday October 3 SGA meeting. This sub-committee has also coordinated the selling of women's health care book *Our Bodies, Ourselves*. Ms. Askew and Phyllis Smith, subcommittee chairwoman anticipate more health care programs at SGA meetings.

Ms. Smith says that the sub-committee is planning a papsmear clinic in the spring, and health care programs in the dorms led by LaVerne Reed of the Wake County Health Department.

The subcommittee hopes also, according to Ms. Askew, to sponsor a forum or panel discussion on abortion. The

group is planning in addition to buy and distribute pamphlets on health care for women.

This subcommittee has also scheduled meetings with the infirmary staff to plan ways in which that staff and the SGA can work together to make the delivery of campus health care service better.

A second subcommittee, chaired by Executive Committee member Cindy Truelove, will serve as a liaison between the students and the standing college instruction and curriculum committees. This group will, according to Ms. Askew, "channel (student) discussion on new additions to the curriculum" to these committees. The subcommittee will also, she said, study the conclusions of and be a resource to the college President's Task Force on Curriculum Reform. The subcommittee is also working on a study of the instructor and course evaluations done last spring. On the basis of this study, the subcommittee will make recommendations on the future use of such evaluations at Meredith.

When queried about the effectiveness of SGA recommendations and actions, Ms. Askew responded "I don't think that people realize how strong SGA is." Much of this strength derives, she said, from administrative respect for SGA action: Normally, she said, if SGA "acts responsibly and asks for cooperation" from the administration, "it gets it."

The college administrators work actively as SGA resources, she said, "we

haven't run into any apathy" in the administration or the Board of Trustees about SGA concerns.

Shearon Roberts, SGA executive vice-president, heads a third subcommittee dealing with the honor code. This subcommittee will, Ms. Askew said, consider the effectiveness of the honor code. She notes that the subcommittee was formed in response to a campus wide concern about the usefulness of the existing honor code; a concern that "came to a head over cheating during self-scheduling exams."

SGA, Ms. Askew said, decided to approach the honor code with the determination that it must "make the honor code work or get rid of it." This year's honor code related programs, she said, are founded on the premise that the honor code can work.

Ms. Robert's subcommittee has already presented an honor code service to the freshman class before freshman honor code pledges were signed. SGA officers and college President Dr. Weems presented a program which stressed the importance of personal integrity to making the honor code effective.

In the hope of "generating discussion on the honor code" and on personal integrity, the subcommittee recommended that the convocation committee sponsor a program on the honor code which will feature Dr. Charles Whitebread of the University of Virginia Law School.

In addition to considering programming activities, the

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Targets chosen for RSW programs

At a weekend retreat at Quail Roost Convention Center, September 27-28, the Advisory Council of the Program for Raising the Sights of Women (RSW) reviewed the proposal funded by the Mellon foundation and considered ways of implementing it.

Two objectives — Self-Understanding and Goal Orientation — were selected as the first targets by the twelve faculty administrators and six students present, according to program director, Dr. Sarah Lemmon.

The Council, she said, recommended that both students and faculty members enroll in the Life Directions Seminar this spring, and that a faculty seminar led by outside consultants be planned as soon as possible.

The Council also expressed interest, Dr. Lemmon said, in supporting SGA in plans for a student symposium on human sexuality

and it also invited the Interdormitory Board to develop dormitory discussion groups related to the objectives of the program.

Rebecca Askew, a member of the Council, said that one of the aims of the Council is to "plug" Raising the Sights of Women activities and programs into existing groups.

Three students were named to the Raising the Sights of Women Executive Committee. Sophomore, Cindy Truelove and freshman Lauren Adams were selected. In addition, a vacancy was left open to be filled by the freshman class president upon her election. Since the Raising the Sights of Women retreat, Belinda Smith has been elected freshman class president. She will fill the third student Executive Committee post.

Mollie Hall, a freshman, was appointed reporter.

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Oak Leaves

The shipment of the 1975 edition of THE OAK LEAVES, the Meredith College annual will arrive at Meredith no later than November 1st says annual editor, Linda Green. The books may be picked up by students at a specified place immediately upon arrival.

Freshman Elections

In the freshman class elections held Sept. 29th and Oct. 1, Belinda Smith was

elected class president. In addition to serving as President of the Freshman class, Belinda will be a member of the Student Life Committee and the Raising the Sights of Women Advisory Committee.

Other elected officials are Carol Edmiston — Vice-President, Debbie Peele — Secretary, and Lou Graham — Treasurer.

Freshman members to Judicial Board will be Anne Farley and Nancy Walker. Elected to Legislative Board were Jane Easley Long and Robin Mayberry.

Representatives to Elections Board will be April Dean and Denise E. Byrd.

Cornhuskin' Co-Chairmen for the Freshman class are Beth Wheless and Denise Ingram. Nancy Ables and Kathy Keith were elected Stunt Co-Chairman. Elected to the M.C.A. was Wanda Henderson.

SGA

In SGA Friday, a bill was introduced by Leg. Board to change the titles of hall

proctor to hall advisor and dorm president to residence hall coordinator. The bill was defeated.

Announcement was made that any solicitation at Meredith College now must be approved through the Dean of Students office.

Betty Harris, an instructor of the Lamaze method of childbirth presented a program on prepared childbirth. Her program was sponsored by the SGA subcommittee of health care. (See related story, page 3).