

# Meredith's twelve sisters live in Poteat dorm basement

Billie, Laverne, Waldo, Maggie, Bo, Delve, Niki, Josephine, Tammi, Hermann, Chew and their sister - twelve sisters who share a special suite in Poteat. The suite features air-conditioning, piped-in music, breakfast in bed, and maid service. Beginning to wonder is this is the same old Poteat you're familiar with?

It's not exactly, for the twelve sisters are the twelve rats used by Dr. Aubrecht's Experimental Psychology class, and their "suite" is the psychology lab in the basement of Poteat.

Now don't stop reading in disgust. The truth of the matter is as follows:

**Everything You've Always Wanted To Know About Rats, But Were Afraid To Ask!**

They're clean! They continually groom and clean themselves, and sometimes have an annoying habit of spending an hour cleaning their feet instead of pressing a bar 100 times for food pellets.

They're good-natured. Granted they may become a bit grouchy when you take their food away, but after all, wouldn't you be grouchy after going without food for 22 hours?

They do not consume the leftovers of Belk Dining Hall. (That would probably be as bad for their digestive systems as it is for ours.) Instead, they eat little food pellets called "Rat Chow".

They also eat lettuce, apples, carrots, and sweaters. Sweaters? A former experimental psychology student once made the mistake of leaving an

## Accreditation

(Continued from Page 1) students social work career oriented classroom and seminar experience as well as a supervised field placement.

Meredith applied for accreditation in January, according to Ms. Turlington. On September 22 and 23, two representatives of the CSWE visited the Meredith campus and interviewed faculty, students, administration, and field supervisors.

Meredith is the only private college in North Carolina, she said, to be granted accreditation. Other accredited programs in the state are at East Carolina, West Carolina, UNC-G, A&T, and North Carolina State.

The CSWE, organized in 1952, was concerned with social work education at the graduate level. Until the 1960's, very few undergraduate programs existed. Then most social workers with Bachelor of Arts degrees entered the field with majors in the social sciences with perhaps a few courses in social work. In the 60's social welfare programs at the baccalaureate level were developed at several colleges and universities. In 1969 the CSWE furnished guidelines and approved programs.

Meredith, which has a long history of course offerings in social work oriented social studies, received initial approval in 1969. Later, the CSWE established new and more clearly defined standards, and in 1975, the first programs were granted accredited status under these new standards.

unguarded sweater in reach of her rat. He spent a grand and glorious afternoon unraveling an entire sleeve of the sweater.

They do not spend every waking moment plotting how to bite your finger.

They like to play. Agile acrobats, they cling and sniff and explore. They especially love squeezing in dark corners - such as under your armpit!

It is not a wise idea to swing them by their tails. That scares them - and when they're scared you could get wet! The best method for holding a rat is a "whole hand over the shoulder grip". That keeps you away from the mouth and the rear end!

Each rat is kept in its own private abode, better known as a cage. The cages have to be fastened securely, for next to munching food, rats love best of all unfastening the latch of their cage.

They don't smell bad. If their master (mistress in this case) does not change the litter, their cage may smell, but they don't. And if you are really fastidious, you could sprinkle baby powder on them!

Rats just love to hoard things (especially that old staple FOOD). I finally found Josephine's hiding place and discovered twelve food pellets. And I had been worrying that she wasn't getting enough food...

As far as their "smarts", they're kind of like people. Some are bright, and some are - not so bright. At the present time, the experimental psychology students are conducting an experiment on operant learning. The trick is to put your rat in a Skinner box and see if she can learn that when she presses the bar, she receives a food pellet. Some rats immediately realize what a nice gadget this bar is and press away. Others are "bored" with the whole procedure and decide to take a little snooze.

As far as their sexual life - after all, this is "everything you've always wanted to know" - these twelve females haven't been bred yet. But if they were to be bred - well, let's just say that the stud rat of the psychology lab has been nicknamed "Masher".

Sharon Ellis



The Astro Fashion Show was held before Thanksgiving break to collect funds for Astro and Phi projects.

## Favorite writers

"Why, that's almost like asking me to find a needle in a haystack," exclaimed Dr. Peacock when asked who his favorite author was. "I suppose that I would have to say that the English novelist John Galsworthy is my favorite." Galsworthy wrote a

series of books entitled Forsythe Saga concerning the family of Forsythes. Galsworthy has also written plays concerning social issues of the early part of the century. "My second favorite is the poet Edwin Robinson who wrote narrative poetry with psychological analysis."

Mrs. Manning simply stated that John Milton whose most famous work is Paradise Lost was her favorite author. James Joyce is the favorite of Mrs. Helen Jones because of his complexity and "devious skills" in writing.

The majority of the instructors of the English Department agreed that the most important author is the one that you are studying at the time. Mrs. Betty Brewer said "my favorite author today is Robert Frost because of the ambiguity of his poetry. Each time I reread a Frost poem - regardless of how often I've read it before - I discover something new. I'm particularly interested in his women characters. He seems in touch with alot about women that strikes me as true."

Dr. Sally Page names William Faulkner as her favorite author. "He has the ability to portray a wide range of human characters with depth and human insight." Dr. Page also admires Faulkner's ability of presenting both the tragedy and comedy of human life. "He has a sense of the complexity of human beings that I think has become possible because of increased understanding of psychological and social realities." Dr. Page said that Emerson, Thoreau, and Whitman ran a close second to Faulkner.

"Chaucer, with his knowledge and enjoyment of people and a sense of humor is my favorite," said Dr. Knight. "Usually the author that you teach becomes your favorite."

Meg Hess

## Reform (Continued from Page 1)

list at the signout desk before closing hours. (Tampering with this list is falsification of college records and is a Judicial Board offense.)

Change 10. C.

After completion of duties the officer may leave campus after closing hours if she in-

forms the guard of said departure.

Under Penalties pg. 40:

Delete 1.

Change 2 to 1

Change 3 to 2

Change 4 to 3

Delete 5

Change 6 to 4

Change 7 to 5

Change 8 to 6

Delete 9

Change 10 to 7

Delete 11

Change 12 to 8

Delete paragraph under Section II beginning "Withdrawal..."

Under Guests pg. 27:

2nd Paragraph--If guest plans to use SDH or a late, she should sign up on the list at the signout desk with her name and designate herself as a guest for the security guard to let her into the Residence hall after closing hours.

Under Closing Hours pg. 13

2nd sentence students and guests may obtain 1 hour lates on week-nights by signing up on the list at the sign-out desk.

Under Resident Advisors pg. 48

Delete "for guests to use a student's SDH".

This bill will be considered at the Friday, January 16 SGA convocation.

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This comical anti-play will be presented February 4 and 5 according to director Cathy Bland. Rebecca Askew will be the assistant director of the show.

No preparation, the director says, is needed for tryouts.

For more information, contact Cathy Bland at 834-9402.

### Dance

A dance concert will be presented by Meredith's modern dance classes and dance performing group at 7:30 p.m., Monday, December 8 in Jones Auditorium.

### "CROP"

Over 425 people participated in Meredith's Voluntary Fast Day on Tuesday, November 25. Meredith gave \$1.00 for each person who fasted to Crop, the hunger appeal of the World Church Service.

Participants ate a lunch of brown rice, cornbread and water or had no lunch at all.

The CROP Walk for the Hungry scheduled for November 23 was cancelled because of snow. This walk has been rescheduled for December 7 and will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

CROP fundraising activities on campus were sponsored by the Meredith Christian Association's Hunger Relief Emphasis.

Area colleges and merchants are participating in CROP's Raleigh fund raising drive.

### Christmas Concert

Meredith's annual Christmas Concert will be held Sunday, December 7.

The Meredith Handbell Choir, Chorus and Renaissance Singers will

perform part of their program at 2:30 p.m. in Jones Auditorium. A reception will follow.

The program will continue in the Rotunda of Johnson Hall at 4:00.

### Christmas Dinner & Caroling

Meredith's traditional Christmas Dinner will be served in the Meredith cafeteria at 6 p.m. December 11.

Students will be transported by bus to the homes of faculty and staff members for caroling. Caroling tickets will be on sale soon for \$.50.

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