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## Going after the money

It has never been so apparent as it has been this year that Meredith College, however private it may be, is dominated by prevailing attitudes of outsiders, particularly those with money.

The most significant grants Meredith has received in the last two years have been the \$75,000 Mellon grant and the \$25,000 Rockefeller grant, both designated for the Program for Raising the Sights of Women.

Other foundation requests have been made through the office of Institutional Advancement for library, laboratory, and academic improvement. But these requests, it seems, do not have the appeal that more innovative and risky experiments such as RSW have. Thus it is that basic academic grants are small, while larger grants for unusual programs overwhelm us.

Subsequently, Meredith's major efforts in fund raising center on the one successful "Women's Lib" pitch of the year. If Mellon has given money for RSW, we reason, then Rockefeller will surely respond favorably to the same program. Administrative efforts therefore bolster the RSW program, and criticism of the program is ignored.

Meanwhile, Meredith students continue to receive inflated grades for mediocre work and need more and more emphasis on writing and reading skills. While our students are demonstrating the need for more than three hours of freshman composition, they are being encouraged instead to take Life Direction and Assertiveness Training seminars. While the library is crying for volumes of current research in almost all academic areas, kits, filmstrips, and cassettes have been purchased instead to supplement personal growth studies.

In spite of the glaring need for academic improvement, then, Meredith persists in following the insubstantial chimera of women's studies and "sight-raising" techniques. Indeed, the RSW program may be giving Meredith women the confidence to take on leadership positions, but the whole college is neglecting the solid academic preparation and discipline necessary for success. And this is happening only because we allow the outsiders—the grantmakers—to determine our course.

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### ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH

Friday morning's thunder shower was a refresher for most of Raleigh, but it did nothing to alleviate the severe water shortage in the Neuse River basin. A Carthage man wrote in to Sunday's NEWS AND OBSERVER that "No Neuse is Bad Neuse," and it was reported that the Raleigh City Council is beginning to consider stricter emergency measures for the city. Meredith students are encouraged to save water in any way they can.

### Campaign Trail 76

## Demo Hunt runs on 4 issues

by Phyllis Burnett

During a national election year it is easy to become interested only in the more dramatic national arena and ignore local and state election campaigns. These elections are also very important, however and it is a voter's responsibility to acquaint himself with local candidates and issues.

Since the majority of the Meredith community are North Carolina citizens, TWIG's Campaign Trail '76 will devote the next several weeks to North Carolina politics.

The Democrats selected Jim Hunt in August from a

field of five candidates as their gubernatorial candidate. Hunt, a Wilson county native, is currently serving as lieutenant governor. Prior to being elected lieutenant governor he served in the North Carolina General Assembly and practiced law.

Hunt is a moderate Democrat who hopes to campaign chiefly on four basic issues - education, utilities, crime, and jobs.

In the area of education Hunt hopes to start a statewide reading program. He feels that children aren't getting the basics in the primary grades. He proposes putting more money and resources into the K-3 level of education. Hunt was instrumental in getting started state-wide public kindergartens.

In the area of public utilities Hunt claims that the public is being "ripped off" by the power companies. He wants to reorganize the Utilities Commission and promises to appoint commissioners who will support the consumer and not the utilities companies.

On the issue of crime, Hunt feels North Carolina needs a 90-day speedy trial law and fixed term sentencing for repeat offenders. He advocates the formation of Community Watch and Rape

Crisis Centers in hopes of preventing crime. Hunt is in favor of transferring Youth Development from the Department of Human Resources.

The last issue Hunt plans to push is jobs. This is an important issue since North Carolina is ranked in the bottom ten states in the nation in wages and per capita income.

Hunt proposes to develop a program to entice high wage industry to North Carolina. He wants to establish a citizen's Economic Development Board to guide this development.

Hunt has established target figures for 1980 which include reaching five percent of the U.S. per capita income and 96 percent employment. It is impossible, however, to predict how successful Hunt would be in attaining these goals.

Hunt has taken stands on several other issues which are of special interest to various members of the Meredith Community.

Hunt will face Department of Human Resources Head, David Flaherty, in a November election which will be very important for all North Carolinians. The last day to register is October 2.

## Professional clubs organize

In these first two weeks of September, many of the academic and professional clubs have been holding organizational meetings. Of the clubs meeting, four are professional clubs.

The Bunyan Yates Tyner chapter of the Student National Education Association (SNEA) emphasizes ideals in keeping with the Horace Mann tradition of education.

Newly elected club officers include Joanne Bowles, president; Virginia Patrick, vice president; Debbie Dunlap, treasurer; and Jenny Barton, secretary.

The Social Work Club, also a professional club, is led by Judy Smith, president; Charlot Frye, program coordinator; Alix Willcox and Susan Gaylon, publicity coordinators; Louise Davis, secretary-treasurer; Sarah Ruth Cralle, Sequential News reporter; and Mrs. Helen Turlington, sponsor.

Membership in the Social Work Club is open to all participants in the program at

Meredith which leads to certification in social work.

Another professional club at Meredith is Tomorrow's Business Woman. Organized to promote and encourage interest in the areas of business and economics, the club is led by president Peggy Beale.

Other officers include Joyce Young, first vice president; Jane Harris, Belinda Patterson, and Debbie Talbert, second vice presidents; Gail Yates, secretary; and Kitty Taylor, treasurer.

A fourth professional club is the Meredith Student Section of the North Carolina Home Economics Association. Officers are Anne Edge, president; Lisa Lafoon, vice president; Cille Witt, secretary; Martha Morgan, treasurer; and Becky Johnson, reporter.

The club "encourages a better standard of living on campus and fosters high ideals and appreciation of home life."

## Newsbriefs

### United Way Drive

Meredith College's United Way Campaign Drive begins Sept. 15, announced Mr. Robert Fracker, the campus chairman for the drive.

Fracker described The United Way as a united effort to meet community needs in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

The monies collected through the drives provide the financial support for community services throughout Wake County.

This year's goal is \$1,282,532.

The projects served by the United Way include recreational programs, mental health centers, medical research, USO clubs, social service programs, YMCA and YWCA and Child Development Centers.

Also included in the United Way roll are rehabilitation centers for drug and alcohol, Meals on Wheels, Girl and Boy Scouts, Legal Aid Services, Family Aid services, Red Cross, Handicapped Programs and Child Care Centers.

### From the Registrar

John B. Hiott, registrar, reports:

"In accordance with the provisions of the Buckley Amendment I would like for all students to be aware that information prepared in my office under the heading "Directory Information" includes the student's name, home address and telephone number, local address and telephone number, class, sex and religious preference."

"This information is occasionally requested by non-

campus organizations. Last year three requests were approved. All three were direct mail promotions - "Time Inc." etc. In addition, churches usually request a list for their denomination.

"If a student does not wish to have her name included in this directory, she must come by the office of the Registrar prior to September 24 and sign a list requesting such exclusion."

### From the Physician

Dr. Sidney Martin, Meredith College physician, recommends taking flu shots as soon as possible and taking the swine flu shots in late November when they become available. He reports:

"This year of 1976 we are particularly "blessed" by there being a profusion of types of influenza vaccine. This does, however, create a bit of confusion on the needle

scene in colleges, industry, etc.

"Briefly, there are two broad categories of influenza virus—Types A and B. The highly publicized Type A-New Jersey, more popularly known as "Swine Flu," was discovered in the winter of 1976 and the vaccine for this will apparently not be available in this area until November or later. (Some Type A vaccine will also contain a strain known as Type A-Victoria but this univalent vaccine is to be used only in the elderly and chronically ill).

"Type B influenza for this year anyway, is our old friend the "Hong Kong Flu." The vaccine for this is already available and in the opinion of many immunologists it may be of more importance to take this vaccine than the "Swine Flu variety."

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