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## Grant funds reported

In last week's editorial, I said that Meredith lets itself be guided by the kinds of grants which are awarded by foundations. While this is true in the case of RSW, it is not to say that Meredith does not actively make requests for a variety of programs, as I also mentioned in the editorial.

Following the figures from the '75-'76 President's Report. These figures illustrate the kinds of grants which Meredith requests and received last year.

During the '75-'76 fiscal year, Meredith made 76 requests to foundations for unrestricted and special grants. Forty-seven were funded, 22 were turned down, and 17 are still pending.

Besides RSW funding which now totals \$100,000 plus \$7,018 for Life Directions Seminars, Meredith also received \$81,000 for the new fine arts building, \$51,848.35 of unrestricted funds, \$15,000 for scholarships, and \$21,600 for science equipment.

Of the grants declined, Meredith failed to receive \$180,000 for the fine arts building, \$114,000 in faculty development, \$13,000 for science equipment. Incidentally, the Lilly Foundation declined a proposal for an unspecified grant for the Program for Raising the Sights of Women.

Grants are pending which would provide additional funds for the fine arts building, science equipment, endowment, scholarship funds, and library enrichment.

While the figures show that Meredith's greatest efforts in the last year have not been to fund RSW but to fund the construction of the fine arts facility, they do show that the greatest amount of money that has come to Meredith from foundations has been designated for the experimental RSW program.

Also, it was obvious that Meredith's plans for constructing the fine arts addition to Jones Hall were not curtailed simply because the foundations turned down requests for funding.

If anything, these figures show that foundation requests are not a simple business. The college makes proposals to foundations on the basis of acknowledged need. How the foundations respond to these proposals is out of our control.

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## Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

You have well directed our attention to a campus need in your editorial concerning the problem of posting notices on every door. This problem was discussed at the

first meeting of the library committee. We will cooperate with you in eliminating such cluttering.

Ione Kemp Knight  
Chairman of Library  
Committee

Dear Editor:

We are looking for fellow vegetarian workers. If you are or would like to be involved in some sort of vegetarian action on your campus would you let us know.

This fall there will be a network of UNTURKEY or vegetarian Thanksgiving public dinners around the country. Vegetarian Thanksgivings save grain for some of the 50 million hungry, save animals from going terrorized to an unjust death, save humans from the food poisoning, intestinal cancer, kidney disease, and other hazards of animal flesh.

The laboratories on your campus, if it is a typical one, are involved in some of the kinds of research which have happened elsewhere. E.G., At the University of Calif. at San Diego, pigs are forced to run

a treadmill till they drop of exhaustion. At Harvard several years ago, pigs were dropped alive into 800 degree boiling oil for eventual compilation as research in The Symposium on Burns. At the University of Rochester, at Wayne State etc., dogs were strapped into Blalock Presses and into crash cars, to see how much pressure could be taken before bones broke and skulls were crushed.

We are animal liberationists, world hunger activists, and disease fighters. All can be accomplished through vegetarian work, either on campus or with us. We work for \$5 a week and room and board. Come on aboard.

Sincerely,  
Don Wilson, Nellie Shriver,  
Billy Mick, Emma Wood

by Kim Farlow

"I think it is very important for women to be active in politics. Through this organization, women can have a voice."

The words above are those of Dr. Dorothy K. Preston, president of the Wake County Democratic Women and associate professor in the Meredith department of mathematics.

Dr. Preston is currently serving the second year of her 2-year term as Wake County president.

The organization, which is open to all female registered Democrats, seeks "to maintain and promote further growth of the Democratic Party in the County, State, and Nation."

The organization meets once a month September through May and sponsors a variety of activities including general work for all Democratic candidates, fundraisers such as an annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Breakfast, assorted auctions, and monthly guest speakers.

Past speakers include former governor Terry Sanford; A.C. Snow, editor Raleigh Times, Dr. Sandra Thomas and Jesse Rae Scott.

"The Democratic Women," says Dr. Preston, "also sponsor Teen-Dems, a high school club for young

Democrats. This year our local chapter swept top state honors!"

The Wake chapter enjoys a membership of 450 women, among whom are many Meredith faculty and staff members: Dr. Lois Frazier, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Dr. Sarah Lemmon, Mrs. Anne Dahle, Mrs. Madge Dillard, and Dean Joyce White.

"Because we are a large, working organization, many candidates attend our monthly meetings. Jim Hunt, Ike Andrews, Rep. Ruth Cook, Commissioners Elizabeth Cofield and Betty Ann Knudsen, Councilwoman Miriam Block, and school board members Mrs. LeRoy Allen and Mrs. Cliff Wemborley are often in attendance."

The Jefferson-Jackson Day Breakfast, which is held in conjunction with the National Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner, boasts speakers like Congresswoman Minor (D. N.J.), Mrs. Walter (Jane) Mondale, Rep. Lindy Boggs (D-La.), and planned Mrs. Jimmy (Rosaline) Carter who missed her plane and was unable to attend.

The Wake County chapter is a sub-division of the state organization which is headed by Mrs. Russel (Betty) Kirby. All state organizations are included under the auspices of the National Democratic

Party whose Washington, D.C., headquarters is also home base for the Young Democrats Club (YDC), the College Federation of Young Democrats, and other subdivisions. The State Convention of Democratic Women is planned for September 24-25 in Fayetteville. The local chapter has plans to attend this convention, with several area women running for statewide offices.

Dr. Preston, who has in the past been affiliated with the Meredith YDC, expressed concern at the apathy of the 18-year-old voters, "You worked so hard to get it (the vote) and now don't use it."

She also expressed the "importance for Republicans to be as active in their party as we are in ours."

Recent efforts have been made to establish a Republican counterpart to the Meredith chapter of the Young Democrats' Club.

The Meredith YDC, which is a member of the College Federation of Young Democrats, is headed this year by senior Betsy Porter.

Due to the loss of Dr. Erica Fairchild, the club currently has no advisor but is looking for one.

Last year's activities included the distribution of campaign literature, a campus-wide registration drive for the March primary, providing absentee ballots, and a fall survey regarding college-aged registered voters.

Meredith YDC exercises the power of one vote at the Wake County Democratic Executive Committee.

Meredith senior Mary Carol Lewis was appointed State treasurer in June. The state president of college YDC's is a student at NCSU.

The Meredith chapter of the Young Democrats' Club plans its first organizational meeting Monday, September 27 at 8:00 p.m. in Joyner Lounge. All interested students are invited to attend (no Democratic registration is necessary).



Dorothy Preston, left, and Betsy Porter are two of Meredith's dynamic Democrats.

### Campaign trail '76

## Flaherty, Hunt differ little

by Phyllis Burnett

In the recent primary runoff North Carolina Republicans selected David Flaherty to represent the GOP in the November gubernatorial race. Flaherty is a former State Senator and the head of the Department of Human Resources. Flaherty has accepted a challenge from his Democratic opponent, Jim Hunt, to debate the issues but no date has been set at this time.

On the four main issues - education, utilities, crime and jobs - Flaherty doesn't differ a great deal from Hunt. The debate should point out the differences. Flaherty of course is the more conservative of the two.

In the area of education Flaherty says that "children will be my number one priority". Flaherty is opposed to a built-in cost-of-living salary increase for teachers, collective bargaining for teachers, and revision of the tenure law. He is also opposed to increasing aid to private

colleges. Flaherty promises not to broaden the tax base in North Carolina to adequately fund education.

On the issue of utilities Flaherty is a stronger supporter of the utility companies than Hunt is. He believes the increases in power cost are justified by the increased cost to the utilities. Flaherty is in favor of eliminating "declining block" rate structure in which the price of electricity declines as electricity use increases. He is also in favor of implementing peak-load pricing. Flaherty promises to appoint utilities commissioners who have no ties with the power companies and that these appointments will not be political in nature.

Flaherty believes the State spends too much money on the discovery and alleviation of the causes of crime. He feels we should use this money to enlarge the prison system so we could keep criminals in prison longer and deter crime by making it look less attractive. Along this same line Flaherty

is strongly in favor of capital punishment.

On the issue of jobs Flaherty also wants to attract high-wage industry to North Carolina.

Flaherty is currently trailing Hunt. He cannot be elected without Democratic swing votes that elected Helms and Holshouser in 1972. I don't think Flaherty will get these votes. The mass firings that took place after the current administration took office are still fresh in many Democrats' minds. Revenge may become a realistic issue in this campaign.

Flaherty is faced with another problem. He has campaigned on his record as Department of Human Resources head, claiming that he saved the State a large amount of money.

How much of this money he actually saved is still an open question however. It is now certain that his attempt at reforming medicare by contracting it out to a California company is a total failure.

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