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Students and staff visit Roxboro churches

by Vicki Jayne

Eleven students and eight staff members visited 17 Baptist churches in Roxboro, North Carolina, November 6-7 to express Meredith's appreciation for the churches' contributions to the college.

The students included: Paula Clayton, Vicki Jayne, Mary Bowen, Peggy Gurganious, Debbie Gault, Susan Kitts, Penn Ervin, Debora Phillips, Belinda Smith, Freda Middleton, and Ginger Gay.

Faculty and staff included: Mr. Joe Baker, Dr. Rosalie Gates, Mrs. Alice Goode, Miss Jane Sparks, Mrs. Cleo Perry, Mrs. Carolyn Robinson, Mr. Larry Williams, and Dr. John Weems.

Each representative spoke in one church during the Sunday morning worship service. The representatives expressed Meredith's gratitude for the churches' financial support through the

Cooperative Program and through their prayers. The Cooperative Program is designed to help finance Southern and state Baptist projects by the voluntary giving of individual churches.

Students also explained what Meredith means to them as a Christian college and expressed their desire for the churches' continued support.

Most churches designated the sermon time for these representatives, and each person developed his or her presentation individually.

Representatives and other people from the association gathered with the Meredith delegation for a Saturday evening meeting. Paula Clayton gave a slide presentation on Meredith and Mrs. Alice Goode led a singalong accompanied by Susan Kitts. Mr. Williams and Dr. Weems spoke about Meredith's involvement in the Cooperative Program.

The churches belong to the Beulah Association. In 1976, the Cooperative Program has pledged 25.30 cents of each dollar in the budget to go to Baptist colleges and universities. This year the Baptist State Convention, through the program, will contribute \$383,000 to Meredith.



Alice Goode, Larry Williams, and Penn Ervin discuss plans for visiting Roxboro Baptist churches while students and staff board the bus in the background. The visit was made in an effort to acquaint churches with Meredith's mission as a Christian college. (Photo by Bill Norton).

Futurists speaks Dec. 6

by Rosie Bowers

Mrs. Barbara Marx Hubbard will be the convocation speaker Monday, December 6 at 10 a.m. in Jones Auditorium. Author of *The Hunger of Eve*, Mrs. Hubbard is also a co-founder of The Committee for the Future.

Begun in 1970, the Committee for the Future is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the positive op-

tions for the future into the arena of public discussion and action.

The Committee has developed a new conference process which invites diverse elements of society to come together to examine their own needs in the context of the growing capacities of society.

Edward S. Cornish of the World Future Society states, "Barbara Hubbard's contribution to futurism has been unique."

As a futurist, Mrs. Hubbard believes, "women are shifting their primary function from biological emphasis on the reproduction of the species to the creative roles of nurturing the human community toward a new age."

The Hunger of Eve is Mrs. Hubbard's own expression of "the inner struggles, the pain of decision, the vision of a positive future" which led to the organization of The Committee for the Future.

After spending her junior year at the Sorbonne in Paris, Mrs. Hubbard was graduated cum laude from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania.

She now lives at the New World Center, a community for the future she founded. The Center is located in Washington, D.C.

Poetry Program

The Seasons of Our Lives, as expressed by various Southern poets, will be performed by Becky Bennett, Lou Cocker, Lynn Dyson, and Jacque Lawrence, Monday, November 22, at 8 p.m. in the recital hall on the ground floor of Jones Hall.

The program, arranged by students of Mrs. Nancy Truesdale's oral interpretation class, will be open to the public free of charge.

Poets represented in the program are: Conrad Aiken, James Dickey, Dubose Heyward, Randall Jarrell, Guy Owen, Edgar Allen Poe, Sam Ragan, Gary Snage, Dabney Stuart, and Thomas Wolfe.

Panelists discuss effects of education

The Junior League - Meredith College Community Forum Series will present "Education and Its Effects Upon the Future of the Community; Quality of Life: Arts and Leisure - The Creative Process" on Monday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m.

in the Continuing Education Auditorium (CEA) in Cate Center.

The program, which is part of a "focus upon historical, contemporary and global perceptions of community," will present a panel discussion of area educators

and speakers. Panelists include Dr. William Friday, president of the University of North Carolina; Dr. John Weems, president of Meredith College; Mrs. Mary Seamans of Durham, a humanist; and Dean Jackson A. Rigney of North Carolina State University International Programs.

The series, which is open and free to the public, is funded through the North Carolina Humanities Committee. The program is coordinated by Dr. Rosalie P. Gates of the Meredith history department and Dr. Sandra C. Thomas, vice president of student development of Meredith College.

Presented in an effort to stimulate awareness, dialogue, involvement, and to observe our bicentennial year, the series is promoting women's involvement in community leadership as well as to encourage individual participation in the community.

Merit Weekend topic

Engineering - hope or threat?

by Kim Dale

Meredith will sponsor its sixth annual Merit Weekend on Friday and Saturday, November 19-20. National Merit semifinalists and commended students and other gifted high school students from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia will be on the Meredith campus for the event.

The weekend will begin at noon on Friday with the arrival of the guests who will

be allowed to attend classes, have conferences with the academic departments of their choice and the admission and financial aid offices, and will be given a campus tour.

Friday evening, there will be a dinner session during which students will be introduced to various aspects of the college.

The evening session will be presided over by Dr. Leslie Syron and will include a panel discussion on the topic "Human Engineering: Hope or Threat of the Future?" The panel will be composed of Dr. Lyn Aubrecht, Betty Brewer, Dr. George Hoffman, and Dr. Allen Page, with Dr. Roger Crook observing.

Following the evening session, there will be a get-acquainted party for the guests and Meredith's Merit and Harris Scholars.

On Saturday morning, the session will be centered on discussion of the previous evening's topic.

The leaders of the discussion will be the students on the Merit Weekend Planning Committee. The

students are: junior Cindy Allen, freshman Penny Brooks, senior Debbie Doss, sophomore Mandy Mitchell, senior Robin Morgan, sophomore Robin Reich, sophomore Beverly Sing, and freshman Gerry Scott.

Dr. Leslie Syron, panel coordinator, states the main goal of the weekend is "to challenge the inquiring mind." Through the discussion of the "multi-faceted, thought-provoking question" at the evening and morning sessions, the guest students will be aided in developing the "abilities to recognize and deal with questions which have no simple, ready-made answers," according to Dr. Syron.

The panel will raise such questions as, "Should science perform all the feats of 'human engineering' which are becoming possible?" and "Should the term 'engineering' be applied to the human?"

These panel discussions will be open for all Meredith students to attend.

Newsbriefs

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Community Center at 902 Old Wake Forest Road has requested volunteers to teach special courses such as slimnastics, guitar, arts and crafts, and ceramics to children and adults.

Anyone interested should contact Eugene Sumner or Sue Vehorn in 220 Joyner or

call extension 348.

April Psychology Conference

There will be a meeting of all students interested in obtaining information about a possible trip to the Annual Convention of the Eastern Psychological Association next April. The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 19, in 105 Joyner.



KEYNOTE SPEECH - A common sight in the CEA this fall has been the weekly gathering of authorities to discuss various aspects of the community. Next week the topic will be education as it affects the community, arts, and leisure.