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## Issues, competition encouraged for elections

Two weeks of filing and campaigning will mark this spring's first slate elections on the Meredith campus. Elections Board Chairman, Debbie Doss, has announced filing week as February 7-11 when students may declare

themselves candidates for office.

Filing forms may be obtained in the cafeteria and in the SGA office on the second floor of Cate Center.

The position of SGA president, executive vice-

president, president of non-resident students, as well as freshman dormitory officers, and editors of the Twig, Acorn, and Oak Leaves must be filled during the first slate elections.

Candidates for Chief Student Advisor, College Marshal, Elections Chairman, and president of CCA, MRA, and MCA should also file during the week of February 7-11.

Students should see page 76 of the Handbook for filing details.

A few changes in

procedure will be made for this year's elections. Filing forms will be posted both in Cate Center and in the cafeteria and the week of February 14-18 will be designated Campaign Week.

During this time, candidates are urged to pursue personal campaigning with appearances at hall meetings and other campus activities. Lapel buttons will be an acceptable way of promoting a candidacy, but the Elections Board has announced that no campaign posters will be allowed. Campaign speeches at SGA on Friday, February

18, will culminate the week.

"We are interested in making this election one based on issues rather than personalities," Miss Doss said. "Although Meredith is small, there seem to be many opinions as to the direction we should take in the future. I hope that this will result in some strong competition during the elections."

Election Day will be Monday, February 21 with voting for resident students in the cafeteria. Day students will vote in Cate Center. A runoff, if necessary will be held on February 23.



**OUTSTANDING SENIORS ELECTED** - Last week the senior class announced the results of its election to honor the seniors who have contributed to the class and to the college. They are, left to right: first row, Martha Claybrook, Sara Cralle, Martha Ferebee; second row, Jane Gates, Millie McLaney, Carolyn Pennington; third row, Diana Rhodes, Beverly Steen, Suzanne Styron (photo not available: Carole Burbank).

## REW speakers share feelings

by Nancy Newton and Miriam Victorian

Ron Willis, on campus last week as part of Religious Week, sees his work as a street minister of the First Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas, as an opportunity to express his relationship to God through working with people.

Willis described his own relationship with God as a "journey" revealing his own struggle to be a free individual through Christ.

He also stressed the importance of Christians' relationships not only with their God but also with others, explaining that the two cannot be separated. Willis said, "my relationship with God doesn't worry me, but I worry about my inter-action with people."

He elaborated on the idea by revealing his attitude toward Bible study. He stated that it should be a "qualitative, not a quantitative experience."

Willis said, "I gave up a systematic reading of the Bible years ago because what I have read disturbs me, like the Sermon on the Mount."

"It was those simple ideas that Christ expressed that have been important in my Christian growth."

Verses such as, "blessed are the poor in spirit" and "I was hungry, and you fed me" led Mr. Willis to establish his present street ministry in San Antonio. These phrases influenced him to attempt to meet the needs of the people of the streets by starting with his own efforts and then convincing the church to support it.

The Fourth Street Ministry

is supported financially by a restaurant which is part of the ministry. This ministry offers free food and clothing, counseling, plus emergency housing.

Willis explained that in his ministry his first task was not to profess Christ, but to meet the physical needs of the people. He added that even Christ ministered first to the physical needs, and then to the spiritual ones.

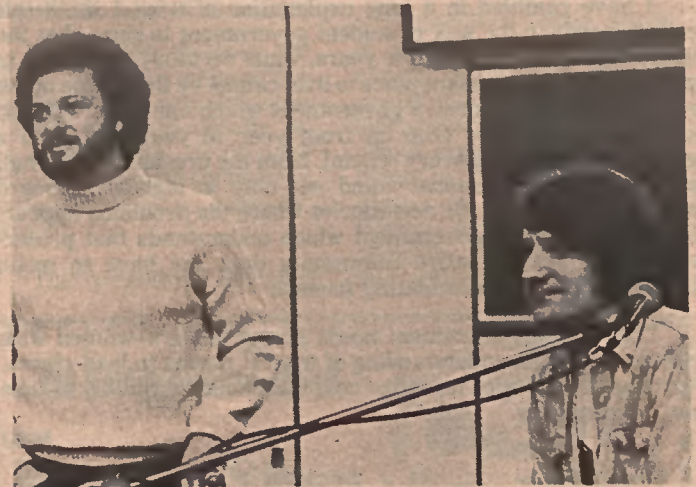
Gene Cotton, a folk-rock singer with a Christian message, participated in Religious Emphasis Week.

Mr. Cotton prefers not to be called a "Christian folk singer" because a mechanic is not a "Christian mechanic; the label just isn't necessary," and he has become disillusioned with the prevalent idea that if one is a Christian, one must sing only Christian music. "I don't care for 95 percent of all the religious music because of where I am in my spiritual

growth, it's not theologically correct. I select music that tells of love and concern for one's fellow man, which for me would not exist if I weren't a Christian. Therefore, I consider my performance both art and a profession of my faith."

Mr. Cotton emphasized his refusal to use his music and power on stage as a blanket statement for Christ. He explained, "if I have a hit record and say that, I'm for the man in the moon, the teenage audience would become engrossed with this without a true commitment. Christ is serious business, and I wouldn't want to influence anyone, to take him lightly or as a fad."

Mr. Cotton expressed concern with his relationship, with people, and not so much with God, by stating, "My relationship with God is o.k., I just need to work on my lateral inter-action with my fellow human beings."



Ron Willis & Gene Cotton

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### MCA Intermurals

Basketball buffs will want to get together for Meredith Recreation Association's upcoming project, Intermurals with area colleges.

MRA president Diana Rhodes explains that this is the first time that Meredith has played any other school on a non-competitive basis.

Interested students will meet Thursday, February 3, in one of the Weatherspoon classrooms at 5:30 p.m.

After practice sessions during the week of February 7 through 13, Meredith will meet St. Mary's College Monday, February 14, at 4 p.m. at Meredith. A second game will be played with St. Mary's the next Monday February 21, at 6 p.m.

While at St. Mary's matches are the only ones set up so far, Miss Rhodes expects to set up games with other colleges in the area, such as Peace College and Salem College.

More information will be

posted later. Miss Rhodes can be reached at 833-5671 for more information.

### Fieldman School

A student at Meredith College, Carol Lancaster, attended the Student Fieldman School program of the College Republican National Committee last weekend. Washington and Lee College Republican club hosted the school at Lexington, Virginia.

Miss Lancaster is a sophomore history major whose concentration is in international studies. She serves as chairman of the Meredith College Republicans clubs and served as a youth coordinator for the recent Ford campaign. Miss Lancaster is a 1975 graduate of Ashbrook High School in Gastonia.

The Fieldman School program is an ongoing training program to provide Republican campaigns with experienced leaders. The Lexington school focused upon the election campaigns in Virginia in 1977.

## Black Awareness Week

### Speakers, films set for week

The Black Voices in Unity at Meredith College will present a variety of programs in celebration of Black Awareness Week, February 7 through 13.

The week of events will begin with a film presentation Tuesday, February 8 at 8 p.m. in Jones Auditorium. Donald Bogle's film presentation, "Tom's Coons, Mulattoes, Mammies, and Bucks," will be an analysis of the image of blacks in the movies.

Wednesday's worship service at 10 a.m. in the Cate Center auditorium will feature the St. Augustine's College choir. The guest speaker, The Reverend Leon White, will speak on "The Black Man to be in the '70's."

Courtney Mulliner a lecturer, will speak Thursday at 8 p.m. in the CEA.

The week's activities will culminate in a Sunday lecture in Jones Auditorium at 2 p.m.

by Dr. Yosef Ben-Yochannan, who will speak on "The Black Man's Religion."

Dr. Ben-Yochannan has lectured extensively on African history and socio-cultural history and has served as a senior cultural anthropologist and specialist on East Africa for UNESCO.

All of the Black Awareness Week activities are open to the public free of charge.