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Moving Out!

It was easier in the "good old days" to stay right here on campus day and night, week after week, preparing for an upcoming test, or visiting with classmates, or remaining constantly involved with campus activities. But as the campus revolves its interests around to encompass off-campus events, and members of our campus community step out of the inner collegiate circle to grasp fresh ideas and experiences, we students must also turn our eyes and thoughts to events other than the weekly menu and homework syllabus.

During the past week our campus hosted a Pakistanian female journalist. Mrs. Anis Mirza spoke to faculty, students, and members of the Raleigh community on the political situation in Pakistan and expounded on our individual responsibility as citizens of the world to be concerned about the common citizen in Pakistan. We were not only offered a glimpse of life in the other side of the world; we were also influenced to become interested in, and even accept responsibility for the welfare and future of citizens in Asia. This is a giant step for a timid Meredith angel. We can perceive real people in far-away Asia because we have talked to, eaten with, and heard Mrs. Mirza. Our self-contained community has been permeated with outside, international concerns.

When Dr. Sandra Thomas accepted a position alongside Gov. Jim Hunt last week, our community burst through its boundaries with glorious vigor. In her new position, Dr. Thomas will gain insights into government process and policy that will prove invaluable to our college community. New opportunities for student internship and direct communication with government officials will expand student interest and, consequently, campus boundaries.

Perhaps we have de-isolated ourselves because society is pressuring everyone to be aware of national and worldwide events. Perhaps mass communication and transportation have made it easier to exchange ideas and people. Perhaps concepts of total education among faculty, administrators and students have influenced our expansion. Perhaps the philosophy of the college is broadening itself and us to include a genuine concern for individuals outside our campus community.

Whatever the reason, our campus is certainly branching out from firm communal roots into directions of local, state, and international concerns. Although we are still a close-knit community, our campus is moving out of itself more and more because of broadening interest in and concern for people and the world we all inhabit. By stepping out of our collegiate cocoon, we can expand our concern and tolerance of people in all parts of the world.

It is no longer enough to read about people living on the other side of the world; we want to meet them and talk with them. It is no longer enough to hear about the governmental process and how we are affected by it; we want to actively participate in the process. It is no longer enough to confine our education to books and classroom; we want to hear new ideas and think through unanswered problems.

We are moving ahead, keeping up with the world, expanding our minds, as we realize that what we already know is vastly insignificant to that which we do not know. We won't find heaven by reaching beyond our grasp, but we may certainly develop a keener insight into the workings of this old mother earth.

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McClain's spirit lives on

by Jacque Lawrence
"He was unique!" All of Dr. Ralph E. McClain's students will agree to that. Lovingly referred to as "Dr. Mac," he has also been described as "vivacious," "dynamic," "zesty," "christian," "happy," "personable," "loving," "scholarly," and "bubbly."

Meredith students could not help liking him. A girl could abhor his course, detest his assignments, and disagree with him on every issue. However, she could not know him and dislike him personally.

Dr. McClain was the kind of man people have to admire. He has received high praises from his students, his colleagues, and his friends for

his philosophy of education, his interest in his students, his openness and honesty, and for his attitudes toward life.

In the tribute paid Dr. McClain at Wednesday's Memorial Service, on August 31 in Jones Auditorium, Dr. Roger Crook professed that in his teaching career he has met "no teacher who had a greater interest - personal interest - in his students." According to Dr. Crook, the philosophy of education held by Dr. McClain was "education of the whole student."

And he certainly did a great deal to help the students. He gave the benefits of his wisdom in the classroom. He was friend outside the classroom. He lived his life as an example for his students. And as "the

moving spirit" for the Meredith School of Christian Studies, he spent a good deal of his time and effort to get biblical scholars onto the campus.

To honor his retirement last year, the religion department presented a book of letters from his graduates to Dr. McClain. During the tribute, Dr. Crook shared some of these letters. All contained praises of Dr. McClain. Many told the incidents of statements that affected their lives. Some related favorite learning experiences. All of these related a part of Dr. McClain's life, but one statement from a 1951 graduate caught Dr. McClain as he truly was - "the lesson of a positive attitude."

SGA outlines goals for new year

by Kristy Beattie

The Student Government Association held its first meeting Friday, September 2. As there was no old business, President Cindy Allen began by introducing Miss Kathy Morgan, who gave some information concerning freshmen elections. The week of Sept. 12-16 has been set aside for freshmen to file for an office, with the primary on the 19th and run-offs on the 21st.

Miss Allen then mentioned a few plans of the executive committee. (In memory of Dr. Carlyle Campbell, the committee has authorized the library to purchase \$50 worth of new materials. Also, an award will be presented to the student who best exemplifies the high qualities of Dr. Campbell at Awards Day this year.

The honor service will be held September 26th at 10 a.m. in the amphitheater. This

service is not only for the freshmen to pledge their honor, but also for upperclassmen to renew their pledges to uphold the college honor code.

Miss Allen then spoke of the goals of the SGA in this new school year. The first goal is to get the nonresident and resident students more involved with each other. More information will be available later on a type of "adoption" program that will help build friendships between the resident and nonresident students. A second goal will be to improve the students' appreciation of the heritage of Meredith. This goal may lead to an interesting program around Founder's Day.

Thirdly, the SGA plans to go through the handbook to clear up any confusing rules or statements. Falling along the same lines is the fourth goal: the SGA plans to draw up an organizational chart which would become a part of the handbook. This chart would show students where to go with their concerns. The fifth and final goal of the SGA is to step up communications everywhere on campus. Standing committee members are reminded to ask for opinions, while the students are encouraged to voice their views.

Thanking the student advisors for their excellent work, Miss Allen adjourned the meeting.



Koffee Klatch

All adults students be alerted to come to a Koffee Klatch on September 16 at 10 a.m. in the new Continuing Education and Special Programs building on north campus. We will meet there before going to the President's dining room for our coffee and conversation. See you there!!!!

Psychology Graduate School Workshop

by Colleen Strother

The annual psychology graduate school workshop will be held on September 14, 1977, at 7:30 p.m. in 103 Joyner. The workshop will be useful to those who would like to become familiar with opportunities available in psychology, counseling, special education, and social work.

Spanish Club

La Tertulia Spanish Club wishes to invite all interested students to the first meeting to be held on Monday, September the 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Cate Center Faculty lounge. Meetings will feature guest speakers, outings, and slides taken by various students who have visited Latin Countries.

Cast chosen for musical

by Becca Gullion

After choruses of "Happy Birthday" and renditions of other favorite songs, numerous readings from scripts, and the patient learning of sometimes complicated dance steps, the cast of "Three-Penny Opera," Meredith's annual musical to be presented October 6, 7, and 8, has been chosen.

The female cast is comprised of Miss Terry Christian as the Street Singer, Miss Kathy Presson as Mrs. Peachum, Miss Carla Parker as Polly Peachum, Miss Donna Dean as Jenny, Miss Jeanie Vivona as Lucy, Miss

Amy Cole as Betty, Miss Lynn Dyson as Dolly, Miss Karen Mangum as Molly, Miss Teresa Duncan as the Coaxer, and Miss Kristy Beattie, Miss Regina Claude, Miss Katherine Parker, and Miss Suzanna Collier as the four Beggars.

The male roles in "Three-Penny Opera" have been cast as follows: Mr. Alan Downing as Mr. Peachum, Mr. George Pansay as Filch, Mr. Roy C. Dicks as Macheath, Mr. Gib Smith as Matt, Mr. Craig Bromby as Tiger Brown, and Mr. Jeff Mangum as Bob, the Saw.