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## Graduation speakers chosen for 78

by Jean Simpson

Seniors are "looking forward" to hearing the speakers selected for graduation and baccalaureate, according to senior class president, Miss Beth Cobb.

Last week, both Mrs. Ellen Kirby and Dr. John Chandler acknowledged accepted the invitations to speak at the events.

Mrs. Kirby, who will deliver the baccalaureate sermon, is a Meredith graduate. She is presently working with the intercity ministries of a Methodist church in Brooklyn, New York.

A Wake Forest University graduate, Dr. John Chandler will speak at the graduation exercises. Dr. Chandler is president of Williams College

in Williamstown, Mass.

To select the speakers, nominations were made by a commencement committee. Members of the committee, Miss Cobb and Dr. Bernard Cochran, received suggestions from the senior class and the faculty. Meeting with Academic Dean, Allen Burris, they composed a list in order of preference. From this list, President John Weems made selections.

According to Dean Burris, eight suggestions for baccalaureate were received and nine for graduation. Mrs. Kirby was the only woman suggested for baccalaureate and will be the second Meredith graduate to deliver the sermon. Suggestions for graduation speakers included movie stars, politicians, lawyers humorists, and television personalities. These suggestions were almost equally divided between men and women.

Dean Burris added that it is "usually not too much trouble to get speakers."

## "Sci-Fi" course to be taught spring semester

by Georganne Branham

A course relating science fiction to historical and psychological perspectives will be offered at Meredith in the Spring through the Raising the Sights of Women (RSW) program. Made possible by a grant, the course will be "team taught" by Dr. Sarah Lemmon, director of Continuing Education, and Dr. Jack Huber, chairman of the psychology department. The grant releases the faculty members from one of their courses, thereby allowing for some free time for extra teaching.

The course will be structured around selected science fiction novels from the 18th century to the present, as well as some films and tapes. Two of the possible film features are "2001 Space Odyssey" and "Terminal Man." A special attraction is the original broadcast of H.G. Wells', "War of the Worlds."

When asked about the original interest in the course, Dr. Huber was quick to say that Dr. Lemmon was the drawing force behind it. "She has unique ways of teaching that go beyond the ordinary," Dr. Lemmon said that instigation of the program had

been a long term process. "I could never get any nibbles until Dr. Huber bit," she said.

Both faculty members view the course as an exciting experience and are looking forward to teaching it as a means of expanding their own horizons as well as those of the students. Says Dr. Lemmon, "If it can stimulate faculty creativity and imagination, it will stimulate all people."

## Students to attend IWY

Four seniors will represent Meredith at the national observance of International Women's year, Nov. 18-20, in Houston, Texas. Pat Clemmer, Ginger Gay, Vicki Jayne and Cindy Truelove will attend this meeting as observers for the college.

The national women's conference will determine resolutions on 26 issues including homemakers, women in employment, women in business, women on welfare, minority women, disabled women, child care, insurance, credit, ERA, health, rape, battered women, child abuse, women offenders, older

women, sexual preference, education, reproductive freedom, women in elective office, women in the arts, women in media, statistics, international affairs, rural women and a women's department at the cabinet levels. The final resolutions will be turned over to President Carter for final approval.

The students attending this meeting will hold campus and community seminars, visit department club meetings and will participate in the spring symposium sponsored by Raising the Sights of Women upon return.

## Bennett calls for racial liberation

by Miriam Victorian

Mr. Lerone Bennett, senior editor of Ebony Magazine, guest speaker at the November convocation, spoke on black-white relations in the year 2,000 A.D.

Mr. Bennett stated that the United States is in "deep trouble" as far as race relations are concerned. He said the country is "at a fork in the road" because we are now in the process of deciding what kind of country we want.

Mr. Bennett stated that in regard to race relations, the U.S. must decide to "excellerate liberation or further repression."

Relations between whites and blacks, according to Mr. Bennett, are "forged in the fire of four facts." He enumerated these to be: the deteriorating condition of black life in the U.S., the increasing weight of the black population in our cities, and in the world as a whole and the rising tide of hysteria and reaction against



Lerone Bennett

women and minorities in America. Mr. Bennett stated that America is now in "the post-revolutionary phase of a revolution that never happened."

He also noted the shift of political power, especially in America's cities, as the black population explodes there. Mr. Bennett described the

worldwide majority of black people as in the process of "re-defining themselves in a Renaissance of mankind." He specifically brought attention to the importance of the reaction of the U.S. to the situation in South Africa. He re-interated the opinion that whites could run away from the issue of black-white relations, but could not hide forever. Mr. Bennett stated that we "must deal with the fact that we have never been a 'white' nation." Regarding the rise of conservatism in America, he said we must ask ourselves how far we will allow it to go.

In closing, Mr. Bennett assessed that race relations will be "worse if we do not open our eyes and hearts to new realities." This, he noted, would require struggle, determination, study, and discipline on the part of whites and blacks "together if possible, but separate if necessary."



Margaret E. Kuhn, founder of the Gray Panther movement, will speak in convocation, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. on "The Future for the Elderly." She has been influential in movements to improve the lives of the elderly.

## Israeli pianist to perform in Carswell

Meredith College will present Boaz Sharon, a native of Israel and a member of the Duke University piano faculty, in a piano recital Friday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. in the Carswell Concert Hall on the campus, open to the public without charge.

A child prodigy in Tel Aviv where he was born in 1949, Sharon studied at the Conservatory of Music there before being accepted for study at Belgium's Royal

Conservatory of Mons. He won the Premier Prix during the first year at Mons, and later won the Belgian government's highest award in piano, the Pro Arte medal.

Sharon earned a bachelor of music degree at the University of Texas in Austin in 1972, and in 1975, he received his master's degree in piano performance from Boston University. He came to Duke in 1976.

## News News

### Faculty piano recital

There will be a faculty piano recital Monday, Nov. 28 at 8 p.m. in Carswell recital hall.

Participants in the recital will be Martha Abernathy, piano instructor in the music department. Alice Goode, accompanied by James Cl-yburn, chairman of the piano department, and Ellen Williams, accompanied by Meredith piano instructor Jane Margrath, will perform vocals. Allan Ware, a clarinetist at Peabody conservatory, will also accompany Ellen Williams.

### Decision-making sessions

Two three-hour sessions on decision-making skills will be offered by RSW for campus groups at several time during

the remainder of the year, especially for seniors this fall and sophomores before spring break.

An effort will be made to accommodate a senior and a sophomore workshop before exams. If you are interested, please see one of the following: Miss Wilson, Mrs. Grubbs, Mrs. Spooner, Mrs. Bouknight or Mrs. Dahle.

### Capital punishment

Charles Dunn, former Director of the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) will deliver a lecture on "Capital Punishment," November 21, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. in 103 Joyner. All interested students and faculty members are cordially invited to attend this activity, sponsored by Phi Omicron.