



Simmons calls for action

by Renee Keever

Now is the time to view the global crisis, to prepare ourselves for future events and to act to alter the outcome if we do not like those that appear likely, Evelyn P. Simmons, assistant professor of economics, said during the Distinguished Faculty Lecture in Jones Auditorium on Tuesday, March 21.

In her lecture entitled "Whither the World?" Ms. Simmons discussed such crises as population, energy, resource scarcity, pollution, weakening of the biosphere, and confrontations between the developed and less developed countries of the North and the South.

"Someone has said that this gap between the countries of the North and those of the South isn't a gap but a chasm," Ms. Simmons noted.

"The income of the developed countries is likely without major changes to widen during the remainder of this century," she said.

"Presently, the developed countries with less than 30 percent of the population produced 85 percent of the gross world product."

Also, Ms. Simmons pointed out that even within the poor countries there are enormous disparities in the distribution of income.

Exponential growth of the population, difficulties in distributing food to the 50 percent of the world population who are in a chronic malnourished state and decisions concerning conservation of energy and mineral resources will all play a role in shaping the world's future, according to Ms. Simmons.

Throughout the lecture, she emphasized the efficient use of present resources. Her opening comment that she was economizing by wearing a

dress she had worn once before drew applause from the audience.

Many of the world's present problems can be lessened by developments in technology, Ms. Simmons said, but she warned that some control must be exercised.

"Technology is a very powerful tool which needs constant assessment, and scrutiny into potential effects at every level," she said.

Much can be done to determine future alternatives and outcomes, according to Ms. Simmons.

The growth and change throughout the world make necessary a global approach with cooperation of international organizations and nations.

"We must, worldwide, realize that our problems today are truly interdependent," she said.

Increased aid and sensitivity to the poorer countries on the part of the developed countries, a more rational policy for arms transfer, and recognition that the age of cheap energy is over are all necessary steps in dealing with the difficult economic decisions ahead, Ms. Simmons said during her lecture.

The Distinguished Faculty Lecture is sponsored annually by the Concerts and Lectures committee. The faculty lecturer is also chosen by this committee.

Ms. Simmons has been a member of the Meredith faculty as assistant professor of economics since 1962.

She received her undergraduate degree with honors in economics and business from the Woman's College of Georgia and earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Tennessee.

Ms. Simmons has also traveled and attended seminars in Rural and Urban Development in India and Pakistan.

NDSL meetings required

In their Manual of NDSL Policies and Procedures, the federal government stresses the importance of the interview by stating "An exit interview must be conducted for each borrower leaving his college or university, whatever the reason.... Students must be required to attend.... before being cleared for withdrawal, graduation, etc." They suggest that records, transcripts, diplomas, and even recommendations be withheld on any borrower failing to attend exit interviews.

Any student who has received a National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) is required to have an exit interview with the Chief Accountant before leaving school. Matters to be discussed at this interview include grace period, repayment schedule, terms of payment, billing procedures, interest, and borrower's privileges for deferment or cancellation. Group interviews will be held in Room 103, Joyner Hall as follows: Monday, April 10, 10:00 A.M. and Friday, April 14, 10:00 A.M.

If you have received an NDSL at any time while at Meredith and are not returning after this semester for any reason, you will be expected to attend one of the group sessions.



Mr. Paul Utyinoy, editor of Human Rights in the United Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR) and Soviet dissident, was the featured speaker for convocation Monday. He was told to leave Russia in 1971 after participating in a Red Square demonstration. The convocation will appear in next week's TWIG.



Susan Baraban, Soprano, will perform on April 13, 1978 at 8:30 P.M. in Jones Auditorium. She will also take part on a Career Panel for the Music Symposium on April 14. James Clyburn, from the Meredith Music Dept. will accompany her. The concert is part of the Concerts & Lectures Series.

Award for \$40--to spend on vacation fun!

No boxtops are necessary. You are eligible for this award if you have continued to write poetry or fiction during your years at Meredith.

Just hand in five of your poems or three works of fiction to Mrs. Helen Jones, 118C Joyner by April 14, plus a half-page autobiography.

The generosity of alumna Ruth Anne Hubbell makes possible this annual sum of \$40 to students who care about creative writing

The TWIG staff extends our sincerest sympathies to Mrs. Thacker, at the loss of her husband.

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Carolina Psychology Conference

You are invited to attend the third annual Carolina Psychology Conference, co-sponsored by Meredith and North Carolina State University, April 14-15 on the Meredith campus.

The conference features panel discussions on jobs and graduate schools in psychology, and a discussion on language acquisition. Also included are paper sessions exclusively for undergraduates and film previews of many recent films. We are excited to be showing "Dr. Freud;" the second showing of this movie in the country.

Dr. Roger Fouts, of the University of Oklahoma, will be the keynote speaker. He is

expected to talk about his recognized work with teaching sign language to chimpanzees and communications between man and chimpanzees.

For further information contact Beth Carlton or Lynn Kane.

Recitals

April 6, 8 p.m. John Greene - Faculty guitar recital, Carswell Concert Hall.

April 8, 8 p.m. Charlene Holland - graduation voice recital, Carswell Concert Hall.

April 9, 4 p.m. Cindy Bizzell-Janel Cherry - junior organ recital, Jones Auditorium.

Marty Bear

Popular singer Marty Bear from New York City joins the slate of activities for the coming hospitality weekend with a concert on Saturday, Apr. 8, at 8 p.m. in Cate Center. Performing an unlimited repertoire of popular music including Fugelbert, Denver, Taylor, The Eagles and hundreds more, Bear's visit will be sponsored by the College Center Association.

Writing Awards

For some student writer, the spring scene brings green-CASH, that is! On Awards Day, May 1, it may be you who received the Hubbell