

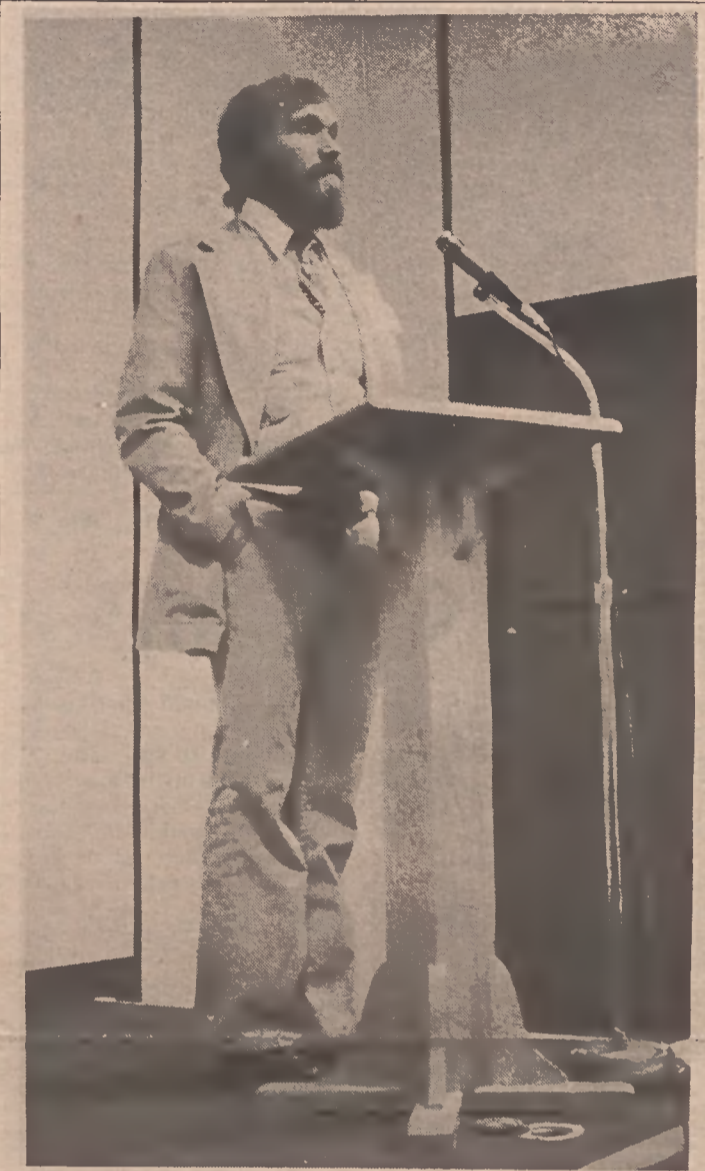
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Dr. Roger Fouts speaks to participants in the Carolinas Psychology Conference held at Meredith April 14 and 15. Keeping the audience entertained with amusing anecdotes, Dr. Fouts spoke of his work in the field of animal communications. The conference which included a variety of films as well as many undergraduate paper presentations, was highly successful.

Faculty feuds

by Jacquie Lawrence

On Thursday, April 13, 1978, at 8:00 p.m. Phi Alpha Theta presented a Faculty Feud. Six members of the faculty matched wits competitively. Team A (Tom Parramore, Robert Helwig, Allen Page) defeated Team B (Frank Grubbs, Evelyn Simmons, John Holt) with a score of 170-125.

Most of the questions in rounds one and two were on history. Since the teams were allowed to confer on answers, the expertise of the history professors helped keep the scores tied. It was not until late in the second round that the tie was broken.

In the third round the faculty wagered points on a three part question concerning the columns in front of Johnson Hall. Interestingly enough, neither team answered correctly. (Did you know that the six columns in front of Johnson Hall are Corinthian and the carved figures are owls?)

The knowledge of the faculty was impressive. They seemed to have little difficulty with questions designed especially to catch them unaware. The audience was amazed at not only their quick wit but at their sharp criticisms as well.

Alumna wins award

Miss Nancy Martin, a June graduate of Meredith and a history major, won the Lillian Parker Wallace Award for research by the Wake County Phi Beta Kappa Society. Nancy wrote her paper on the Pearsall Plan, a controversial plan adopted by the General Assembly in 1956 following the U.S. Supreme Court's desegregation decision. Nancy is the fifth

Meredith history major to win this award in the last seven years. The award is based on original research and good writing. North Carolina State University history majors have won two of the awards.

All of the Meredith papers which have won were done in the junior history research course required of all history and political science majors.

Two English instructors receive Danforth honors

Betty Brewer awarded scholarship

by Vicki Jayne

Mrs. Betty Brewer, of the English department has been awarded a Danforth post-baccalaureate scholarship. She is the first Meredith professor to receive this honor. Mrs. Brewer was one of 100 scholars awarded this fellowship in the country. Approximately 2745 scholars applied for this fellowship.

Danforth fellowships are awarded to applicants who display "evidence of academic accomplishment and intellectual ability," "evidence of personal character which is likely to

contribute to effective teaching and to constructive relationships with students and future professional colleagues," and "evidence of concern for the relation of ethical and moral value to subject matter discipline, the educational processes, and to the institutes of society." The purpose of the fellowship is to develop college professors.

Mrs. Brewer was notified in January 1978 that she was one of 562 finalists. One hundred fellowships are given per year; this year 44 were awarded post-baccalaureate, 56 baccalaureate.

The application, according to Mrs. Brewer, took about 80 hours to complete. Among the requirements, she was asked to submit essays on her personal life and her teaching methods. She feels that one essay, entitled, "What has made you the kind of person you are today," was "difficult but interesting" and helped her to assess "where she is in her life" and "what is valuable in life to her."

The Danforth scholarship covers institutional expenses and provides a stipend on the basis of need.

Sally Page appointed to council

Dr. Sally Page has recently been appointed to the National Advisory Council of the associates program for the Danforth Foundation. Appointed by Gene Schwilck, president of the Danforth Associates, Dr. Page will serve a three-year term on the council.

The major work that will concern Dr. Page and her fellow council members will be the choosing of new people who will become Danforth

Associates. Matters of policy and perhaps some responsibility for the Associates conference held every two years are other matters that the council deals with. The other members of the council come from such institutions as the University of California, Atlanta University, and the San Jose State University.

Dr. Page has been a member of the Danforth Associates program since about 1970. The purpose of the program is to "recognize and

support college teachers who are concerned about personalizing or humanizing the education process." In 1977 Dr. Page chaired the Carolina's Associates conference sponsored every two years by the Danforth Foundation.

Other Danforth Associates on the Meredith campus are Dr. Bernard Cochran, Dr. Roger Crook, Mrs. Phyllis Garriss, and Dr. Allen Page.

Meredith hosts music festival

by Mary Creech

"How can I keep from singing" certainly describes the feeling of the four women's choruses that participated in the special choral festival called Commentaries held Sunday afternoon on Meredith's campus. And it is no wonder that they could not keep from singing when their director for the festival was the eminent American composer and conductor Alice Parker. With her musical genius, Miss Parker composed Commentaries at Meredith's request. Commentaries is in the form of a

musical passion which requires two separate choruses. Chorus A, sung by the Meredith Chorale, consists of five dissonant melodies with poems by Emily Dickinson as text. Chorus B sung by the Meredith Renaissance Singers, Brenau College Women's Concert Choir, and Mississippi University for Women Concert Choir, contains traditional American tunes with text responding to Dickinson's poems. As Miss Parker intended that an orchestra accompany her choruses, Meredith was

especially honored to have the North Carolina Little Symphony provide brilliant accompaniment. As an added highlight to the festival, the symphony preceded Miss Parker's passion by performing musical works written by women.

The response to the performance was full of feeling; the appreciation and admiration of the audience was gladly displayed by endless applause. Performing soloists were Charlene Holland and Lynda Hallman. Coordinator of the festival was Mrs. Jane W. Sullivan.

Faculty, students represent Meredith to Monroe churches

by Nancy Newton

Thirteen students and 10 members of the Meredith faculty and administration represented Meredith at Baptist churches in Monroe, N.C. on April 2. Students attending were, Linda Allgood, Ann Duke, Diane Flowers, Ginger Gay, Wanda Henderson, Kathy Hill, Amy Mendenhall, Julia Nipper, Janice Odom, Kathy Pittman, Tammy Summers, Carmen Warren, and Alix Wilcox. They were accompanied by President John Weems, Dr. Alan Burris, Mr. Eugene

Somner, Mr. John Holt, Dr. Royster Hedgepeth, Mr. Larry Williams, Mr. Craig Greene, Mr. Bill Tatum, Mrs. Jane Sparks Tatum, and Mrs. Alice Goode.

The weekend visitation took place April 1-2. While there, the Meredith group visited with churches of the Association sharing interests and concerns of the college.

Kathy Pittman, a junior, said of the weekend, "It was great! We shared with each other and with the churches what Meredith meant to us."

Senior Alix Wilcox expressed similar views saying "It was a good experience to speak before the churches but more than that to crystalize my feelings about Meredith so that I could express them."

Each year, Meredith ends student, faculty, and staff representatives to different Associations and areas within the state as a means of outreach for the college. It provides Baptist a chance to know about Meredith firsthand.