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Meredith Self-Study Plans

by B.D. Hall

Meredith's next ten years are being planned right now. Committees composed of faculty, staff, and students are putting the college under a magnifying glass. This magnification of strengths and weaknesses, the Self-Study, precedes the renewal of any college's accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The Meredith community takes this Self-Study seriously. As a planning tool for the past ten years, the 1970 Self-Study was most helpful. Out of the 301 recommendations for improvement, 277 were put into effect, the other 24 having been duly considered. Thus, this is not a report to be hidden away in the back of a file drawer. For one thing, the final report will be huge. The 1970 Self-Study had 370 pages.

As editor of this mammoth report, Dr. Ione Knight of the English department must compile the reports of nine separate committees. These nine committees represent the nine standards set by the SASC. Each committee has faculty, administrative, and student members. Every faculty member, in fact, works on some committee.

The first standard, Purpose, is the lifeblood for the other eight. For without a reason to exist, there would be

no faculty, no library, no Meredith College. The Purpose committee must state the purpose and evaluate Meredith's fulfillment of its objectives.

The second standard, Organization and Administration, focuses on the policies which enable the college to fulfill its purpose. The Organization and Administration committee examines the making and the administration of these policies. Obviously, communication between administrators and policy-makers must be open.

The third standard, the Educational Program, concentrates on the quality of education. The Education Program committee evaluates the admissions requirements and procedures, curriculum, and teaching methods. Here, continual education is of primary importance.

The fourth standard, Financial Resources, naturally centers its focus on Meredith's income, its budget, and its financial records. All are essential to carry out the college's purpose. An important aspect for committee study is financial planning for the future.

The fifth standard, Faculty, focuses on the selection and retention of competent professors. The Faculty committee examines

the tenure policies and benefits that give the professors security and thus the desire to stay.

The sixth standard, the Library, requires well-stocked, convenient resources and competent, adequate service. The Library committee evaluates these services in terms of easy access for student use.

The seventh standard, Student Development, explores exactly what the title implies, the student's development into a responsible adult. This committee evaluates every aspect of student life.

The eighth standard, Physical Resources, concentrates on fostering an atmosphere conducive to learning. The Physical Resources committee studies everything from the maintenance of grounds and buildings to security.

The ninth standard, Special Activities, includes foreign study and travel, continuing education, and summer school. This committee defines and evaluates each program offered by the school.

"Continual evaluation" is the key phrase throughout the Self-Study handbook. For a college to improve its educational program, there must be constant reexamination by the institution in the light of change.



SYMPOSIUM PLANNED

Maria Eugenia Oyarzun, permanent ambassador from Chile, will be among the dignitaries present at the Inter-American Symposium to be held October 6 at Meredith.

Ingram campaigns

by Mary Beth McKim

John Ingram, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate spoke at convocation on September 25. The first part of his speech was focused on his record as Insurance Commissioner for N.C. As Commissioner, Ingram has abolished age and sex discrimination in auto insurance, abolished the discriminatory Assigned Risk ending unfair cancellations of auto liability insurance, abolished discrimination because of Sickle Cell Trait in life and health insurance, required smoke detectors in all new homes, and made North Carolina one of the first States to respond to the oil embargo with new building code insulation requirements.

As a state legislator, John Ingram sought for ratification of the Constitutional Amendment giving 18 year olds the right to

vote and for absentee ballot reform, making it easier to vote in primary elections.

Mr. Ingram never mentioned by name his Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate but only referred to him as the "\$5 million dollar candidate" who is only concerned with special interests. Mr. Ingram's main issue throughout the campaign has been that he will represent the issues of the people and not the special interests. Among other things, Ingram promised to fight for breaking insurance company monopolies, developing alternative sources of energy, balancing the budget, reforming social security and building a strong national defense.

Ingram mentioned that his daughter Gini Linn had attended Meredith and that he had a strong interest in the young people of North Carolina.

Pedal for Cystic Fibrosis

The Fifth Annual Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-thon will be held on Saturday, October 7th at "Mini City" in North Raleigh, according to Honorary Chairman, Monte Towe. Registration begins at 12:30 P.M. and the ride will kick off at 1:00 P.M.

In announcing this year's bike-a-thon, Towe said: "The CF Bike-a-thon is open to anyone who can ride a bike and wants to help the Foundation raise funds for research into CF and related lung-damaging diseases of children." Craig Davis will

join Monte Towe, WRAL-FM's Bob Inskeep, numerous NCSU basketball players and other athletes at the starting line on Saturday, October 7th. Also riding will be David Hagan and the rest of Kappa Alpha fraternity. A challenge has been issued by Hagan to the other fraternities to raise funds for the kids who suffer from CF. Many of the riders will be riding for pledges from

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Meredith returns to England

by Anne Earp

Meredith T-shirts will be seen frequently in London this year as participants in the Meredith Abroad program again travel to Great Britain. Visiting ancient castles, churches, and the birthplace of Shakespeare are just a few of the opportunities planned for the summer group.

Students and faculty will depart for Great Britain on June 17, after studying at Meredith for two weeks. They will return from Great Britain August 13, according to Roger Crook, Coordinator of International Studies.

Participants will fly from New York to Glasgow, Scotland. After a two-week stay at St. Andrews University, the group will spend four nights in Durham, in Northern England. They

will then travel to London to stay at Whiteland's College for the remainder of the eight weeks.

Dr. Allen Page, Mrs. Betty Brewer, Dr. Roger Crook, and Dr. Lyn Aubrech will teach courses to provide students with 12 credit hours. Dr. Page will teach The History of Reformation in England, which will count as a history or religion course, as well as Conceptions of Mankind in the Western Philosophical and Religious Tradition, counting as a philosophy or a religion course.

British Literature of Social Reform and The History of Drama in Britain will be instructed by Mrs. Brewer. Dr. Crook will teach Contemporary British Culture. Dr. Aubrech will teach General Psychology and

The Evolution of Intelligence.

Cost for the program's sixth summer in Great Britain will equal the cost of a normal semester at Meredith. Meetings for students will hopefully begin within the next few weeks.

Classes will be held mostly in the mornings, to allow time for afternoon excursions and studies. Some visits that have not been included in previous trips will be to Edinburgh, which is only a one-hour drive from St. Andrews University, Sir Walter Scott territory, and Glamis Castle.

The group will also visit the Lake County of Northern England, Hadrian's Wall, Lindisfarne, Stratford, Canterbury, Oxford and the Cotswolds, Salisbury, and Bath.



Carol Roser and Bob Pearson rehearse for GYPSY which will be presented October 5, 6, and 7 in Jones Auditorium.