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## Jesse Helms speaks, responds to questions

by Miriam Victorian

Senator Jesse Helms was the speaker for convocation this past Monday. After being introduced by Carol Lancaster as a man "not afraid to stand up for what he believes in," Senator Helms said that he would not speak from his prepared remarks, but talk for a few minutes and then open up the session to questions. The Senator described his likes and dislikes of the Senate. According to him, the best thing about government life is "the personal relationships with supporters and opponents." Senator Helms strongly dislikes the pressure in Congress to compromise. Calling young people the "hope of America," he began to respond to questions from the audience.

### Economy and Business

Asked about alternatives to cutting expenditures such

as raising taxes, Senator Helms replied that reduced spending is necessary to provide capital for private business. He added that there were too many federal regulations. In regard to monopolistic businesses and regulation, Helms stated that he preferred state regulation such as that used in North Carolina for public utilities. The Senator said he favored competition without federal regulation which would supposedly yield a reasonable price to the consumer. Concerning President Carter's anti-inflation policy, he said he would "work with him."

### Defense

On questions about defense, Senator Helms said that he felt the United States was not spending enough. He stated that the "Russians are spending \$55 billion more than we are." The Senator ex-

pressed his disagreement with the "give away" of the Panama Canal and the Strategic Arms Limitation negotiations. He further stated that the United States could only avoid war through a position of strength.

### Domestic Issues

In the area of domestic issues, Senator Helms said he would not run for the Presidency in 1980. The Senator feels that the nation needs a "spiritual renewal." "The hears of men will bring justice, not government." Mr. Helms explained his opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment; it is "too broad." He added that it is "a question of what kind of equality" the people want. He concluded by stating that a national health care program would bring "socialized medicine"; moreover, it would not be economically feasible.



Jesse Helms

## Forum answers some questions, raises others

by Ginny Porter

Meredith College, with the intention of improving student-administrative communication, held its first forum November 3. Jane Tatum acted as moderator of the program.

The first issue raised was why freshman and sophomores are not permitted to have cars on campus. Mr. Dan Shattuck, chief of security responded by saying that college policy and lack of parking spaces were responsible for lower classmen not being allowed

cars on campus. He also added jokingly that students all need to keep their minds on academics, not on going out.

Male visitation as the next major concern of the Forum. The request for open hours for visitation met strong opposition. Dean of Students Joyce White stated that the Board of Trustees did not approve of men being entertained in the residence halls for the following reasons: it is an invasion of privacy for males to be on the halls, the dormitories are not set up for entertaining, and

the security. The Legislative Board has discussed the possibility of open days during each semester, but again, the Trustees have not consented.

The students were informed that the academic year will be starting three days later next year in order to begin classes at the same time as other area schools. The three days will be deducted from Christmas holidays.

Also questioned was the need for more washers and dryers. Mrs. Frances Thorne, house director, answered that the dormitories lack the

necessary facilities and wiring for an increase in the number of washers and dryers. Students were reminded of the laundry service on first Faircloth.

Dean White was asked why freshmen are not granted unrestricted hours on weekends. Her reply was that self-determining hours had not been requested by freshmen; therefore, if freshman want SDH they need to draw up legislation.

The request for more social functions sponsored by the college was made. Cindy Bizzell, president of Student

Government Association (SGA), told the students that weekend events are being planned probably for the beginning of the spring semester.

Hall proctors note that it has been proposed that reimbursements for hall activities to be increased from \$15 to \$30 per semester.

Many other minor issues were discussed but with no concrete solutions found. Students are asked to evaluate the Forum and return evaluations to hall proctors.

## Staff members enjoy a bite of the Apple



Jane Tatum and Joy Jones seek the weary and tempest-tossed along with Madame Liberty. (Photo by Mary Rodberg.)

by Cathy White

While more Meredith community members were enjoying a few days at home during fall break, four Meredith staff members were tasting the exciting life of New York City.

On a tour organized by North Carolina State University's Episcopalian chaplain Jake Vivarette, Joy Jones, Jane Tatum, Eleanor Rever and Marge Rodberg joined thirty-nine other faculty members and students from N.C.S.U. for a visit to the Big Apple.

The tour members left Raleigh on October 13 and returned on October 17. The

entire trip cost only \$110.00 and that amount including the bus fare, covered: accommodations at the Hotel Picadilly, which was in the heart of the theater district; tickets to two plays, *The King and I* and *Dancin'*; and dinner and admission to a conference of clergymen from all over the country held at Riverside Church.

Aside from the two plays and the conference, the tour members were free to explore New York on their own. According to Ms. Rodberg, everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. Another trip to New York or possibly another city is tentatively planned for spring break. When the plans are definite, information will be posted for interested students and staff members.