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## Meredith junior wins travel scholarship

Marlene Debo of Raleigh, a junior history major, has won a fine arts scholarship for six weeks European travel in the Summer Abroad Program sponsored jointly by the Meredith College Department of Music and the Performing Arts and the Triangle Council on the Experiment in International Living.

The daughter of Mrs. Delsie Debo of 105 Evans St., Rome, Ga. Ms. Debo will be an official ambassador for the program which seeks to sponsor world understanding through international living. She will leave early in July and live for three weeks with an Italian family. The final three weeks of her stay will be spent traveling with other students to Rome, Florence, Ghent, Brussels, Bruges, Amsterdam and Paris.

Ms. Debo is the first recipient of the fine arts scholarship at Meredith, and

on her return she will be available to speak to civic groups on behalf of the Experiment in International Living.

A dean's list student who is minoring in drama, English, and French, she is a member of Phi Alpha Theta national history honor society, Alpha Psi Omega national drama honor society, and Kappa Nu Sigma senior scholastic honor society at Meredith.

Ms. Debo has been very active in the Meredith College Playhouse, having been a member of the cast of six productions and assistant director of the musical "Gypsy."

She and her husband, Howard Barnett, live on Glenwood Avenue in Raleigh. (Information Services)



Marlene Debo, junior history major, (center) is seen here in the lead role of Paula in last spring's production of "Silent Snow, Secret Snow." Marlene is the first Meredith recipient of the fine arts scholarship sponsored by Meredith's Department of Music and the Performing Arts and the Triangle Council on the Experiment in International Living. Left, Kristy Beattie; right, Becca Palmer.

## Sandra Clemmons McClain

## Alumna performs in national finals at Met

Sandra Clemmons McClain of New York is the first Meredith College graduate selected to perform in the national finals at the Metropolitan Opera, Dr. W. David Lynch, chairman of the music and performing arts department at Meredith, has announced.

Mrs. McClain, a 1972 Meredith graduate, was recently selected as one of 11 finalists in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Regional Auditions. She was scheduled to perform with the other 10 finalists in a live performance from the Metropolitan stage on Sunday,

April 8, at 2 p.m.

By reaching the finals, Mrs. McClain has been awarded a \$3,000 study grant. No further competition is held between the 11 finalists.

Mrs. McClain was one of approximately 140 who competed in the New York

district regionals. She then competed with other regional winners to become one of 11 national finalists. She is the only soprano among the finalists.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fernie Roy Clemmons, Sr. of Beaufort, Mrs. McClain

was a voice and religion major at Meredith where she was a student of Jane Sullivan of Durham. She received her M. Mus. from the Manhattan School of Music.

She and her husband live in New York. (Information Services)

## Meredith News and Announcement Highlights

### "Overtones" Cast

The cast for the upcoming production of "Overtones" was announced last week by director Becca Gullion Palmer.

The part of Margaret will be played by Diane Young, the counterpart of her personality will be played by Dana Warren. Molly Hale will portray Harriet, Margaret's friend, and her counterpart, Hetty, will be played by Phyllis Thompson.

The one-act play will be shown April 23 and 24 at 8 pm in 125 Jones (the Studio Theater).

Preceding the play will be a program by Phyllis Thompson's oral interpretation class. The program is entitled "Women are people, too!"

The public is invited to both performances. Admission is free.

### Student Loan Meeting

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 16, 10:00 a.m.

and Friday, April 27, 10:30 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.

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.

### Guyana Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Meredith Guyana Scholarship Selection Committee is happy to announce the recipients of the 1979 Scholarship to Guyana from May 17 to June 6, 1979. Ms. Silda Wall and Ms. Jackie Revels have been selected for the two Meredith College scholarships, and Ms. Pam Gerace will serve as the alternate.

### English in Summer School

If you are considering taking in Summer School English 201 (Major British Writers) or English 208 (World Masterpieces in

Translation), please speak to Dr. Samson as soon as possible. Contact him at his office (110 Joyner) from 11:00 to 12:00 Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, or catch him whenever you can. Thank you.

Theatre in the Park THEATRE IN THE PARK proudly announced a new, dynamic concept in theatre entertainment for the Triangle Area.

The following outstanding plays will be presented in repertory over a two-week period: EQQUO - April 26 and May 5; DEATH OF A SALESMAN - April 27 and May 6; BUTLEY - April 28 and May 3; and an original play by Ira David Wood - EROS AND ILLINOIS - April 29 and May 4.

Admission is \$4.00 for each performance. For reservations please call 755-6058 or 755-6936.

### Opera Festival

The American premiere of Domenico Cimarosa's "The Desperate Husband" and a new production of Gian Carlo Menotti's "The Medium" highlight the operatic offerings during the forthcoming Spoleto Festival U.S.A. 1979.

The Festival returns for its third season in Charleston May 25-June 10. Complete program and ticket information is available by contacting Spoleto Festival U.S.A., P.O. Box 704, Charleston, S.C. 29402 (803) 722-2764.

Teaching Positions FRIENDS OF WORLD TEACHING is pleased to announce that hundreds of teachers and administrators are still needed to fill existing vacancies with overseas American Community schools, international, private, church-related, and industry-supported schools and colleges in over 120 countries around the world. FRIENDS OF WORLD TEACHING will supply applicants with updated lists of these schools and colleges overseas. Vacancies exist in almost all fields--at all levels. Foreign language knowledge is not required. Qualification requirements, salaries, and length of service vary from school to school, but in most cases are similar to those in the U.S. For further information, prospective applicants should contact: FRIENDS OF WORLD TEACHING, P.O. Box 6454, Cleveland, Ohio 44101.

### UNC-W Receives Science Grant

Students at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington have been awarded a National Science Foundation grant for research on bio-economic problems of shellfish pollution. The grant, one of 69 awarded nationally, was made under the National Science Foundation Student-Originated Studies Program which encourages students to address their concerns for

society and the environment by tackling real-life research problems while developing their scientific talents.

The project is interdisciplinary, requiring such disciplines as microbiology, population analysis, marine chemistry, physical oceanography, marine geology, socio-economics, math modeling, and political analysis. A team approach is mandated, but all work is conducted under the leadership of the Student Director, Sarah L. Williams. Dr. Gilbert W. Bane, Director of the UNC-W Program in Marine Sciences, will serve as Faculty Advisor.

Students will receive stipends of \$100 per week beginning May 29, 1979, for 12 weeks. Interested juniors, seniors, and graduate students (as of May 1979), particularly those with strengths in microbiology and chemistry, may apply for a team position by forwarding the following information by April 15, 1979:

1. Academic course work and grades
2. Total college credits to date
3. Previous research experience, skills, and related hobbies
4. Professional plans
5. Reasons for wanting to participate
6. Dates of availability.

Send personal data to: Sarah L. Williams, Program in Marine Sciences, UNC-Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina 28406.