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Dr. Terrill speaks on the changes in China

by B.D. Hall

China, the "obsessive anxiety" in the triangle of world powers, has changed gears since the death of Mao. At convocation April 9, Dr. Ross Terrill, authority on China, and an associate professor of government at Harvard related the changes there as China recovers from its past and from poverty.

Being such an overpowering country in mere dimensions, China occupies a key position in world affairs. Its central location, its huge and growing population, and have made it the chief factor behind Asian policies. This country of one billion people has further taken the interests of the third world under its wing. China's voice will be heard.

Due to population size, their total economy has grown to become the sixth largest in the world, despite the poverty of the individual. And as their technological knowledge increases, so will their standard of living. For instance, once the government overcomes the lack of capital, the weak management, and the limited transport system, China can exploit its rich natural resources. For Mao in his day considered the need for strong management and an efficient transportation system negligible.

Politically as well as economically, circumstances

have changed. The anti-American feelings have changed radically. In 1964 visitors at the shooting galleries in Canton Park, Peking aimed air guns at figures of American soldiers; today they shoot at ducks and tigers. The foreigner is no longer automatically considered an enemy. Nor are foreign political ideas as suspect. There is a leaning toward democracy, evident in the citizens' right to nail up grievances on the walls.

This right is taken seriously by a large and increasingly educated work force. They are accepting the challenge of intellectual renewal after the drought left by Mao. For while Mao was alive, no one dared to be original in any shape that belonged to Mao, and Mao was a man of wide interests.

Since Mao's death, prospects for the future loom large, according to the man who predicted the normalization of relations between the U.S. and China by 1979. As the country modernizes, their technological knowledge will increase, and with it the tensions between city and county. The young people now being denied an education will express their resentment as they feel the impact of the non-Chinese world. The recovery from poverty and from the past is a slow, hard process, and one of the world will be watching.



Ross Terrill, authority on China, speaks with Dr. Gates and students after his convocation lecture. (Photo by Bill Norton.)

News Around The Campus

Dance Repertoire Ensemble

The Meredith Dance Repertoire Ensemble, a select group of dedicated dancers, will be performing a modern dance concert on April 26, 27, and 28 at 8:00 in Jones Auditorium. The Dance Ensemble will be performing their 5 dance program in solos, duets, trios and large groups. The choreography has been designed by the students, Ms. Whelan and Cynthia Schrof-Fletcher. This performance is open to the general public.

National Direct Student Loan

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 23, 10:00 A.M. and Friday, April 27, 10:00 A.M.

If a 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.

Ms. Kate King-Yu Luk

Ms. Kate King-Yu Luk of your college will receive a certificate of award on April 7 at Duke University. Nineteen students in North Carolina are the recipients this year of this award of excellence given by the North Carolina Institute of Chemists, an affiliate of the American Institute of Chemists. These awards are made annually.

Seniors have housing option

Meredith College takes pride in and continues to support its residential campus community. The residence policy to date has been that students are required to live in a residence hall on campus unless permission is granted to live in town with a relative, unless the student has marital status, is 23 years old, or if her class has already graduated.

Residential policy at Meredith has been very important for two reasons. The first is the building and maintaining of an academic community. The second is that the Meredith fees, tuition, room and board, are kept as low as possible and are based upon full residence halls on our campus.

Victorian women discussed

by B.D. Hall

How does a woman exert control over the men in her life? Ann Douglas, in a lecture sponsored by the Colton English Club, SGA, and CCA, shared informally the ways American women during the Victorian period dominated the culture. This being the subject of her first book, *The Feminization of American Culture*, Ms. Douglas wittily summarized the main points of the book "on the safe assumption that most of you haven't read it."

According to this professor of Women's studies at Columbia, the strength of the nineteenth century woman lay in her weakness. The iron fist was covered by a glove of purity and self-deprecation.

Although women entered the professional world, they did not change the definition of what a woman should be. Their subservient attitude

Because Meredith has had full enrollment for the past several years and has a higher number of returning students who have paid their housing deposit for 1979-1980, it is necessary for the College to consider alternative housing options.

To accommodate the increased enrollment the Meredith College administration, in conjunction with the Meredith Housing Advisory Committee made up of students, faculty, and staff, has proposed the following plan for alternate housing for the academic year 1979-1980:

That 20 Meredith Seniors be selected from applications submitted by interested seniors for off-campus housing for the academic year

1979-1980. This policy includes the following:

1. Priority will be given to senior and December graduates.

2. Students will be selected for the alternative housing option on the basis of the date and time of application.

3. Students applying must have a grade point average of at least 2.5, must be in good standing with the College, and must have the permission of parents, guardian, or a person responsible for payment of student's fees.

4. Students will be responsible for finding suitable housing.

Interested seniors should contact the office of the Dean of Students as soon as possible.

assured the men whose territory they invaded, "Don't worry. I'm not competing. I'm just a sweet, little thing who wants to add to the good of the world." Even strong women like Mary Lyon, founder of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, could not admit their desire to be creative, their desire for success. But with this nonthreatening attitude, slowly they entered and dominated the male professions of nursing, secretarial work, and teaching. As women took over these fields, the men left and took status with them.

But the fields of writing and religion became a battleground for unstated types of competition. Women having cornered the literary market and the Sunday schools, men fumed, "If we're not careful, they'll take over the pulpit next!" Women showed definite signs of "pulpit" envy

but seldom attained their desire.

In the popular literature of the day, these Victorian writers depicted woman as a "form of anesthetization." The delicate and deeply devout daughters in these sentimental "preachy" novels were "Daddy's Valium" and their own, for even women with TB felt no pain.

One writer, however, preserved both the religious heritage and the legacy of authenticity that comes through genuine experience. Emily Dickinson in her poetry affirmed that all experiences that bring about change involve an element of pain, of "heavenly hurt." She alone of the Victorian women writers in America reestablished the artists' right to thought, to profound experience.