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## Faculty joins in the fun with students

We at Meredith enjoy the unique privilege of having a faculty and administration that doesn't mind getting involved in the extra-curricular activities of students.

Throughout the school year, Meredith faculty and staff members participate enthusiastically in nearly every student sponsored event, be it Cornhuskin' in the fall or Play Day in the spring, having just as much, if not more fun as the students themselves. At what other school do faculty and staff bob on stage for apples, dress up as "fairy godfathers," or call hogs? Play Day would be incomplete without faculty competition in such events as the sack race and the broom relay. Their enthusiasm is contagious to students, spurring greater enjoyment of the particular activity by the sheer interest that the faculty and staff members display in their participation.

We should be proud that our faculty and administration not only teach us and run our school, but also find having fun with students an important part of their responsibility to Meredith. Through their participation in extra-curricular affairs, they have shown not only enthusiasm in supporting student sponsored events, but also a vital interest in associating with Meredith students on an informal, personal level-outside classroom or office. We who complain about not having enough time to get involved, or having too much work to participate in "fun" activities should take notice of the our faculty. They find leisure a significant means of communication, particularly showing through fun activities their interest in the non-academic life of Meredith students.

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### A note from Jack Anderson

CIA insiders are keeping a sharp eye on Soviet moves in the backwater kingdoms of the Middle East such as South Yemen and Oman. They've detected evidence that Kremlin agents are encouraging dissident tribal

movements within the small Arab kingdoms. Analysts agree that the Soviet Union eventually must turn to the Middle East for their own oil needs and are trying to get the Russian Bear's paw under the tent.

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## China moves toward cultural liberation through symposium

by Regine Nickel

One recurring characteristic of Chinese cultural history has been a strong element of introvert national reclusiveness. The mighty Chinese Wall, the only man-made feature on earth which the astronauts in their spaceship could see with the naked eye, exemplifies this desire in the ancient dynasties, the curious development of a specifically Chinese form of communism, a development bearing signs of having been formed in isolation. An obvious sign is the fridity characterizing the relationship between Moscow and Peking, which has been largely prevailing, with the exception of a few tete-a-tetes of friendliness, ending in only deepening the rifts.

China is only now breaking out the protection of this cultural defense, economically and diplomatically by sending emissaries like Hua Kuo Feng all over the world to foster economic ties and to open embassies and consulates and, following suit closely, culturally. Last August a most exciting example of this cultural thaw was seen. Under

the patronage of the "Chinese Academy for Social Sciences," Chinese scholars met with Western scholars of the Washington "Kennedy Institute of Ethics" in a symposium concerning questions of religion.

One of the Western scholars taking part in the symposium was the eminent German theologian Professor Doctor Hans Kung of the University of Tübingen. The theses which he presented in Peking show that in the China of today discussions are possible, which were completely out of the question several years ago. Here are Professor Kung's nine theses--nine being a perfect number for the Chinese--taken from his newest book EXISTIERT GOTT? ANTWORT AUF DIE GOTTESFRAGE DER NEUZEIT. (Does God exist? An answer to the question of God in modern times.)

1. We have to distinguish between religion and superstition.

2. The question of God within the old world view is irrelevant. Not irrelevant is the question of God (or the absolute) within the new world view.

3. God was renounced in

modern times because church and theology fought against modern science.

4. God was renounced in modern times because church and theology fought democracy.

5. It is regrettable that so many false battles have been fought between belief in God and science in modern times.

6. Strength and weakness of the psychological argument for atheism should be considered understood today.

7. Strength and weakness of the often repeated historical-philosophical argument, that the end of religion was here, should also be considered understood.

8. That God, (or an absolute) exists can be assumed neither on the grounds of rational proof, nor on the grounds of irrational emotion, but only on the grounds of a rational trust.

9. Nobody may be forced, physically or morally, to accept a certain religion or ideology.

That this presentation was possible in an intrinsically totalitarian state shows great promise for the cultural future of China, indeed for the Chinese form of communism.

### AN OPEN LETTER TO GROVER PROCTOR

## Accusations of "evidence-twisting" leveled at speaker

Dear Sir:

On October 18th you presented a program at Meredith College on the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Prior to your appearance here, you were queried by the sponsoring organization, the Cate Center Association, as to whether your approach to the topic was to be objective or biased toward a theory of conspiracy. You stated that you had no axe to grind, that you intended only to present the facts and let the audience come to its own conclusions. At the beginning of your program on the 18th you reiterated this assurance to the audience.

From that opening statement onward, your program was a pastiche of innuendo, misrepresentation, and flagrant distortion designed to discredit the Warren Commission's conclusion that Oswald acted alone in killing the president. As such, the program was a clear and cynical breach of your professions of objectivity. Your presentation was made under false pretences and you have committed a considerable disservice to this institution.

As an example, only one among many, of the mode of vicious evidence-twisting that marked your entire presentation, I will cite only the matter of the police motor-

cycle radio tape of street sounds associated with the assassination. All the audience hears is a high-pitched buzz but acoustical engineers last fall claimed to hear four shots on the tape as opposed to the three believed to have been fired by Oswald. What you withheld from you audience were claims by the Dallas Police Department that the motorcycle in question was nowhere near the motocade. Now, it is certainly possible that the Dallas police are in error or, God forbid, even part of some diabolical coverup or conspiracy. But the relevance and importance of their denials are obviously critical to objective consideration of the question. Your failure to acknowledge the police denials until forced to do so was only one of the many ways you used to suppress or caricature evidence in conflict with your theory. Your attempt to get at the truth but a slick effort to discredit the Warren Commission. That this material is inherently interesting and your audience very receptive is not a justification for your breach of faith.

No one will deny you the right to believe that the Mafia, the Teamsters, the FBI, the Dallas police, the pro- and anti-Castro Cubans, the

Russians, John Wilkes Booth and Donald Duck were all involved in Kennedy's assassination. But you do your fellow countrymen an injury in attempting, through these discreditable and underhanded means, to encourage them to disbelieve in the integrity of our processes of government. If that case is to be made, it should be through a forthright weighing of the complex issue and not through the manifestly dishonest effort in which you and scores of other assassinologists try to make it. When I multiply your case by the host of professional conspiracy hunters who are seeking celebrity at the expense of our democratic faith,

I shudder for the future of our society. If there are valid criticisms to be made of the government inquiries into the assassination--and there may well be--I hope that you will have the decency in your future talks and in the inevitable book I understand you are writing, to undertake a sane and sober marshalling of evidence instead of the brutal assault on truth that marred your appearance at Meredith College. As it now stands, the fraudulence of your presentation marks you as a dangerous man.

Sincerely,  
Thomas C. Parramore

## The Meadowline Tales

Due to one of those unexpected and unavoidable surprises that life often

springs on us, The Meadowline Tales did not make it to print this week.

Look for them - same page, same spot - next week!