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## How Meredith Grew

by Jill Allen

We, the students here at Meredith, realize that our school is doing well financially and enrollment-wise, but may not know exactly why. There is not just one reason. According to Mary Bland Josey, Director of Admissions here, there are many good things going for Meredith -- not just one thing in particular.

Miss Josey explained that curriculum changes, the work of the faculty in developing a pattern of courses for the students to take, is one of Meredith's assets. An example here is the development of a business administration major with concentrations in other fields. Also, with the internship and co-op programs, students have the opportunity to get real job experience while attending college.

Miss Josey believes that Meredith is changing and developing to serve today's needs. "The curriculum is changing, but the basics are staying constant," she

assured.

Another reason for Meredith's well-being, according to the Director of Admissions, is its whereabouts. "We are fortunate to have the capital city location," she said, noting the research opportunities.

Within the past ten years, student services have been organized. "Though they've always been here, they've just recently been developed.

A good financial aid program, high academic standards and a "fiercely" loyal alumnae program are all reasons for Meredith's success, Miss Josey believes.

Meredith has grown from 850 students in 1968 to 1400 this year. Although continuously growing, it is purposely kept small.

From day one, Meredith was intended to provide education for women. Chartered in 1891, Meredith opened in 1899. Located on the block of the Governor's Mansion, the school was called Baptist Female University (University,

because it provided a high order of education). The word "college" meant a school for teaching the basic housewife responsibilities. In 1904, the name was changed to Baptist University for Women, and in 1909 it became what we know - Meredith College. It moved to its present location in 1926.

How Meredith all came about? Well, in the 1840's, shortly after the opening of Wake Forest (a Baptist school for males), the idea of Meredith was first expressed by a small group of Baptists who wanted education of the same quality for females as for men. The leader of this group was Thomas Meredith, whom our school is named after.

Even though there are many older female colleges, Meredith was the fourth institution in the state (the first female) on a list approved by the Association of American Universities. "This means we established a good college and reputation quickly," Miss Josey said.



### From the Editor.....

Last Thursday's ruling by a federal appeals court that the prayer on the North Carolina road map is unconstitutional has been the center of much discussion during the past week. The question being debated seems to be whether the prayer is in conflict with the U.S. Constitution's separation of church and state.

The North Carolina Civil Liberties Union thinks it is. According to the Raleigh News & Observer, "Rev. W.W. Finlator of Raleigh, a Baptist minister and member of the board of the National Civil Liberties Union, praised the decision." Finlator said, "...you have to say that the state has no business in composing and publishing prayers."

Opposing the ruling, State Senator I. Beverly Lake, Jr. was quoted by the N & O as saying, "I don't think it's any more unconstitutional than having 'In God We Trust' on our money. It's just more liberal nitpicking of our fundamental values."

What exactly does the U.S. Constitution say about separation of church and state then? Article I of the Amendments to the Constitution states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

The amendment is concerned with "law." Perhaps, the question being debated boils down to whether or not a road map is law. It is doubtful that our state policemen have spent an exceptionally large amount of time trying to enforce a road map. Probably not a significant number of citizens have been asked to quote the prayer on the state road map in order to obtain a driver's license. The purpose of a road map, whether published by Greasy Oscar's Filling Station, Acme Atlas Company, or the state government is to serve the public, not to rule it.

Prayers should not be a part of any law. Individual religious beliefs should not effect law. But to say that an inspirational prayer on a road map, which is not law, is in violation of the U.S. Constitution seems somewhat silly -- if not just plain absurd.

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## Politics '80

by Cindy Rinker

Mid-September. The political campaigns have begun in earnest, and for the next seven weeks the presidential candidates will put all their efforts into the insurance of that final victory in November. They will be appearing in as many states as possible, no matter if the appearance is as brief as 45 minutes or as long as several days. They will be speaking at various conventions and meeting with representatives from all the major interest groups, from conservation to civil rights. The major party presidential candidates may choose to hold a televised

debate, although it is definitely not a required pre-election rite.

In the next several weeks "Politics '80" will attempt to define the steps in which a president is elected into office as well as explore the election scene on the state-wide level. Where do the candidates get the financial backing they need? What are the people electing senators and representatives to do? Politics '80 will untangle some knots in the elections process and hopefully bring a bit more understanding of the political scene to the Meredith student.

Next issue: Will your vote elect a president?



## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Meredith security personnel overreacted on the

night of the Hunt-Lake debate by requiring members of the Communist Workers and

Libertarian parties to leave the campus. A frisking of the former group may have been justified but the denial of free speech and assembly to these people at an event not under Meredith sponsorship is taking the need for precaution to an unconscionable extreme.

I hope that in similar situations in the future it will be the interest of the authorities to conduct themselves according to the spirit of the First Amendment.

Sincerely,  
Thomas C. Parramore,  
Department of History  
& Political Science

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