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Richard Dudman at Meredith College



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Richard Dudman retired on April 1, 1981 from his position as prize-winning chief Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. He had covered foreign and national affairs for the newspaper for the past 27 years. His foreign assignments have taken him

around the world 10 times, have included a dozen wars and revolutions, and involved two brushes with death in Cambodia. He is now chairman of the board, Dudman Communications Corporation, owner and operator of radio stations WDEA and WDEA-FM, Ellsworth, Maine.

A terrorist fired at him three times at close range in December 1978 and killed a British scholar in the same government house the final night of their two-week visit to the country.

Eight years earlier, he was captured and held prisoner several weeks by Communist guerrillas in Cambodia.

On assignments abroad, he often carried two Leicas and several times has produced illustrated series of articles that have been widely syndicated in major newspapers in the United States and abroad. Among those assignments have been his trip to Cambodia, as one of

the first two Western reporters to visit that country since the Communist victory of April 27, 1975, and two trips to Hanoi -- in 1972, for a tour of North Vietnam at the height of the U.S. bombing, and in 1977, for the first full report by an American correspondent on the situation in postwar Vietnam.

For his 1978 series on Cambodia, he received the Edward Weintal Award. For the first Hanoi series, he won the 1972 award of the Overseas Press Club of America for the "Best Article or Report on Asia, Any Medium."

Dudman was captured with two other reporters in

1970, when covering the start of the U.S. invasion of Cambodia. To cheer up his companions, he told them, "If we get out of this alive, we'll have one hell of a good story." When they eventually were released, he wrote a series of articles that was published in the Post-Dispatch and in many other newspapers around the world. He later wrote a book about the experience, "40 Days with the Enemy" (Liveright, 1971).

He has visited China seven times, starting with the first Nixon trip in 1972. He returned there a few months later for another 26 days and wrote a series of articles.

Dudman's foreign reporting began with an assignment to cover the Jewish displaced persons' camps in Europe in 1947, as a reporter for the Denver Post. He accompanied a group on the first phase of a journey to Palestine, assuming the identity of a Polish-Jewish displaced person to avoid detection by French and British security officials at checkpoints on the route from West Germany to the Mediterranean coast.

His first foreign assignment for the Post-Dispatch was the Guatemalan revolution of 1954, in which he

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Helen Dudman

Helen Sloane Dudman is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Dudman Communications Corporation, licensees of WDEA and WDEA-FM, Ellsworth, Maine. Mrs. Dudman purchased the stations in May, 1980. She was formerly Public Information Director of the Public Broadcasting Service and earlier Vice President for Public Information for WETA Radio and Television, the public broadcasting stations

in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Dudman began her broadcasting career with the Post-Newsweek Stations. She was public relations director for Post-Newsweek. She joined the broadcasting group, a division of The Washington Post Company, after serving as executive women's editor of The Washington Post.

Mrs. Dudman is a graduate of the Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University.



Helen Sloane Dudman

SCHEDULE FOR RICHARD AND HELEN DUDMAN WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8

NOVEMBER 8 (SUNDAY)
12 noon "Southern Picnic" on the Island with parents and faculty.

NOVEMBER 9 (MONDAY)
12:15 - 2:00 p.m. Dutch luncheon for faculty in President's Dining Room. Subject for discussion, "Freedom of the Press and the 1st Amendment Today."

6:00 p.m. - indeterminate ending time. Begin with eating dinner in the cafeteria, west end, with staff of THE TWIG, weekly paper. Continue in another location after dinner with a workshop for the staff on reporting, editing, etc. Contact person: Lori Howell, TWIG editor.

NOVEMBER 10 (TUESDAY)
8:30 a.m. - probably 10:00 a.m. President's breakfast with local news media people (TV, radio, and newspapers) in the President's Dining Room. Topic for discussion: Why you left Washington and moved to Maine to begin a new career.

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Meet with class in Public Administration. Talk and lead discussion either on government money-raising and spending or ethics in government. Contact person, Prof. Charles Stewart, Joyner 111.

5:00 p.m. for an indefinite time period. Begin by speaking to a joint session of English students and Career Services contacts on careers in your joint fields, especially for women (about 30 minutes). To be followed by a reception hosted by the Colton English Club. Room 103 Joyner; contact persons, Mrs. Betty Brewer (English Department) or Mrs. Mutschler (Career Services).

NOVEMBER 11 (WEDNESDAY)
12 noon - 1:00 p.m. Meet with class in Constitutional Law to discuss the book, The Brethren. They will be studying Supreme Court decision-making. When class is over, eat lunch with the professor and some students. 126 Joyner. Contact person, Professor Charles Stewart.

5:30 - 6:30 p.m., dinner in the west end of cafeteria with Harris Scholars. Discuss some significant experiences you have had as a journalist. Contact person, Patrice Streifert.

7:00 p.m. Speak to the History-Political Science Club on the topic, "The American Presidency Since Watergate." Time: 40 minutes, plus questions afterward. Contact, Mrs. Carolyn Grubbs. Joyner 103.

NOVEMBER 12 (THURSDAY)
2:00 - 4:30 p.m., individual conferences on careers with students who have signed up.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Dinner in west end of cafeteria with members of the Executive Board of the Student Government Association. Speak afterwards on topic, "The U.S. and the Soviet Union--After Detente, What?" Contact person, Lisa Poncer (student)

CONTEST TO IDENTIFY THE DUDMAN'S

Prizes will be given to the first seven students on the Meredith campus who bring this copy of THE TWIG with the autographs of both Mr. and Mrs. Dudman under their pictures to the Office of Continuing Education on Monday morning, November 9, beginning at 9 a.m. Contest will close at 4 p.m. on the same day.

Prizes to be awarded are:

- 1st prize--Gift Certificate for a Large Domino's Pizza
- 2nd prize--Gift Certificate for a Medium Domino's Pizza
- 3rd prize--Gift Certificate from McDonald's
- 4 more prizes--Gift Certificates from McDonald's

Present your TWIG to either Dr. Lemmon or Mrs. Peacock. You must leave THE TWIG but may come back later on to recover it if you will write your name on it.

Mime performance at Meredith

The TOUCH trio came together in 1976, became affiliated with the Art School in 1977, and has been performing from Maine to Mississippi ever since. They will be presenting a workshop on November 4 in Jones

Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. There will be a limit of 50 participants, but others may observe. This workshop is a half-hour performance, followed by questions from the audience. The nature of the questions will determine the

direction and scope of the workshop in which people learn mime by doing it. TOUCH will be performing on November 5 at 8:00 p.m. in Jones Auditorium. The performance will last

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Meredith's family reunion: a southern tradition

PARENTS' WEEKEND EVENTS

Saturday, November 7

11:00 - 1:00
12:30
1:00 - 3:00
1:00
2:00 - 4:00

Registration
Granddaughters Luncheon
Academic Showcase
Refreshments
Recreation
(Male and female lockers and shower rooms are available in the gym)

Cate Center
Alumnae House
Second Floor, Cate Center
Second Floor, Cate Center
Courtyard

3:00
4:30

Faculty Forum
Fashion Show

Joyner Hall
Kresge Auditorium,
Cate Center
Belk Dining Hall
Jones Auditorium

6:30
9:00

Banquet
Meredith Talent Showcase

Sunday, November 8
8:15

Breakfast for
Parents' Association
Board of Directors
Worship
Picnic
Much Southern fun
and entertainment

President's Dining Room,
Belk Dining Hall

Jones Auditorium
McIver Amphitheater

Weekend Art Exhibition in Art Gallery, Jones Hall