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## Marge Shelton: Counselor And Friend

By Kathy Seeger

Although she has been at Meredith only since November, Marge Shelton is a relatively unfamiliar face on the Meredith campus. Her office, like her personality, is warm and receptive and as a counselor, this warmth and receptiveness serve her well. Marge leads a very interesting life in her new role, and it seems to agree with her very well.

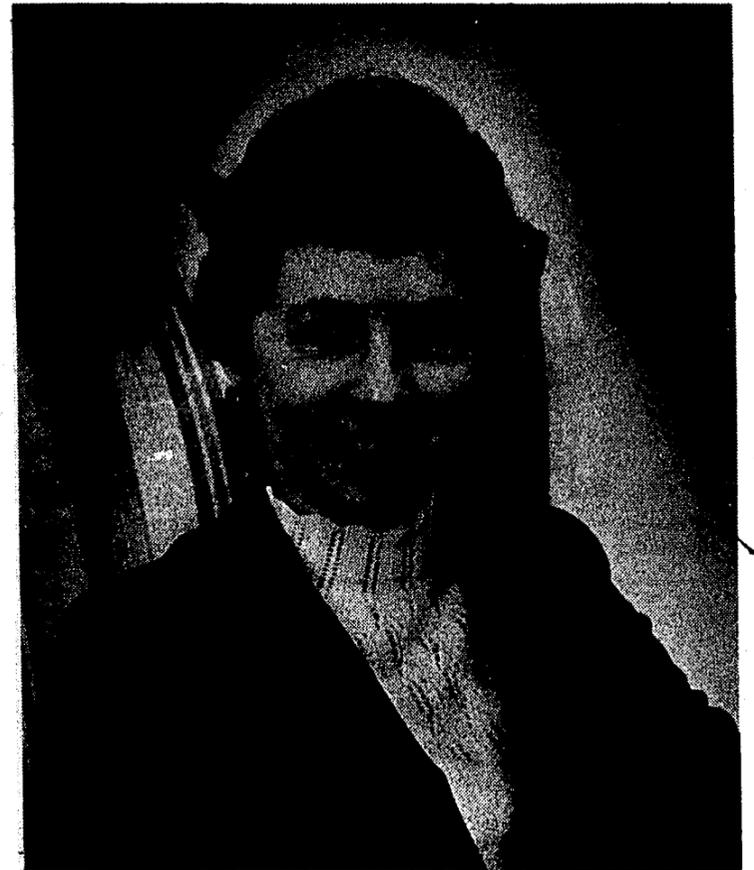
One of the most interesting features of Marge Shelton's new life is that she and her husband, Ray, have a two-career marriage. Ray lives and works for an insurance brokerage firm in Kansas City, Missouri. Marge lives in Beckanna Apartments in Raleigh; however, this is just an

intermediate arrangement as Ray is looking for a position in Raleigh. Marge and Ray are the parents of four grown children and the proud grandparents of two grandchildren. However, it has taken Marge a long time to arrive at Meredith. She and Ray spent 15 years as missionaries to Thailand. After returning to the States, Marge finished her college education. Being a minister's wife, Marge has felt the power of God in her life, and she feels what she is doing now is what she was meant to do. She feels college age youth keep her feeling "alive."

Marge defines her role here at Meredith as a "support system for students." She is not interested in dupli-

cating any existing program on campus, but rather "serving as a resource person" by "helping students to make their own decisions." She is also planning to set up workshops in interpersonal relationships and personal growth, both of which she has learned much about through her own personal experiences.

Personal growth is a facet of life which Marge feels is very important. She sees a real danger in a young woman going from the protection of parents to the protection of a husband without taking time to be dependent on herself. Then, after an exercise in independence, she feels one is more likely to be fulfilled and to be fulfilling.



Marge Shelton

Marge Shelton fills her own time by listening to Meredith students and doing her favorite things: reading, writing, and grandmothering (although this is not as time-consuming as she would like for it to be due to distance). However, she is interested in

beginning a physical fitness program and learning to meditate.

Finally, when you go by to visit Marge, be advised: She is dedicated to "accepting students just as they are by seeing each one as a unique (and interesting) individual."

## Susan Shreve On

### "The Myth of Childhood"

It is a rare opportunity to listen to a writer of realistic fiction, a person so concerned with the right words, and to savor the images of life that speak as poetry. Those attending the February convocation experienced recollections on the myth of childhood as Susan Shreve spoke in Jones Auditorium February 1. Shreve, the one and only woman convocation speaker this school year, spoke eloquently of the myths surrounding children and adults.

The author spoke from her own experience, one of the greatest tools given to writers. Adults think about the myth of the happy childhood and remember what it actually meant to be a child. Shreve explained that the legends arise from advertisements, movies, and books. There is always that hushed:

"Don't tell the children," whether it be death, sex, or the general despair of humanity. Shreve took images from her childhood and translated them through her adulthood: being a senior in college — surrounded by seminars in cultural anthropology and reading *Bride's* magazine, planning one's life (including the names of children and houses) until the age of 40, life like rainbows and "West Side Story" and James Dean.

But though these memories filter down through early married life, baking bread, growing vegetables, and having arguments, there remain the aftereffects — the realism of babies and assassinations. She spoke of her turning away from newspapers and serious fiction, her attempts to capture memories of a happy childhood by hav-

ing babies of her own. The climax in her interpretation of the myths came during the late 1960's as her brother and his draft dodger friends lived with her young family for a year. She would begin to look at her diary written at age nine, in which each entry began: "We are well and happy."

Ms. Shreve is presently the director of the Writing Program at George Mason University and lives with her family in a rented house in Washington, D.C. She visualizes her own children imagining being grown-ups, dressing up in old clothes. After reading one of her short stories, she moved to the Fireside Lounge and spoke to students. Would that the Meredith community had more opportunities to hear such sensitive observers of life.



Left to right: Kim Davis as a gossiping bystander, Wendy Stanley as Rose. See "Street Scenes" February 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 8 p.m.

## Black Emphasis Week

By Linda Sellers

"Positive Images For Us" is the theme of Black Emphasis Week to be held February 8-12 on the Meredith campus.

Waltie Rasulala, a TV personality with WRAL-TV (Channel 5), will be the featured speaker at a convocation at 10 a.m. Monday. The convocation will be held in the Kresge Auditorium in Cate Center.

Tuesday's highlights will include a dance performance by St. Augustine's Dance Performance Troupe at 7 p.m. in

Carswell Concert Hall. Wednesday's worship service to be held in the rotunda will feature speaker Cynthia Hale from N.C. Central University.

A Black poetry reading will wind up the week on Friday. It will be at 10 a.m. in the Alumnae House.

Black Emphasis Week is sponsored by the Black Voices in Unity Club on campus. Co-chairmen for the week are Jennifer McNair and Cynthia Washington.

## Review Of Religious Emphasis Week

Religious Emphasis Week, held January 24-29, was sponsored by Meredith Christian Association. Speakers for the week included Rabbi Beifield, Rachel Richardson Smith, and Sister Evelyn Mattern. Each speaker contributed to the theme Shalom, throughout the week. The end of the week was highlighted with a concert by Gary Rand, a Christian entertainer, who centered his performance around the joys of the Christian life.

A good amount of Meredith's community heard the speakers with their messages of peace and wholeness.

Marie Hiott, chairman of the Religious Emphasis Week Student Planning Committee, contributed hard work in making this past week a success. Those also serving on the committee include Lisa Sorrels, Mary Louise Webb, Beth Williams, Kitty Berkes, Carol Brooks, Jan Joyner, Beth Austin, and Cindy Laws.