

Grubbs attend International Relations conference

During April 6-7, Dr.'s Frank and Carolyn Grubbs attended the "National Foreign Policy Conference for Professors of International Relations" at the Department of State, Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this Conference was to familiarize college professors with American foreign policy. Two days of intensive meetings with some thirteen State Department specialists, ending with a reception in the Diplomatic Reception Rooms, comprised the Conference.

Some of the points made by the Department personnel were:

Foreign Policy Planning:

As a result of congressional budget cuts, the State Department is working with far less resources in protecting American interests. The U.S. is also failing to put

enough money into the International Monetary Fund and world banks. The State Department is being hampered in carrying out its role by the isolationist mood of Congress and the American people.

Soviet Policy:

The Soviet Union is an aggressive nation and poses a real threat to the United States despite current isolationist sympathies in the U.S. It is not as important why the Soviets are aggressive as what they are doing against American interests. The Soviets changed their policy during the early 1980's from an ideological struggle vis-a-vis the U.S. to spreading out their military forces near vital international trade routes supplying the U.S. with oil and minerals. Soviet agitation in the Near East, Horn of Africa, South Africa, Angola, Southeast Asia, and the

Caribbean are examples of this strategy.

Iran-Iraq:

The Iranian-Iraq War is now counter-productive for both nations. The Iranian Revolution has been consolidated for years to come. There will be little change in U.S.-Iranian relations for a long time.

Central America:

Nicaragua is now a Marxist nation. Constant communications exist between Nicaragua, Cuba, and the Soviet Union. Nicaragua hopes to support left-wing revolutions in El Salvador and Honduras by supplying Soviet-Cuban armaments. Soviet policy in Central America apparently is designed to encircle the U.S. to the south with Marxist governments and possible military bases. El Salvador is making slow progress in

reforms but faster progress is hampered by the Civil War.

The Arms Talks:

The U.S. has advanced some significant disarmament proposals to the Soviets (several in secret). All have been rejected because the Soviets are waiting to see if the pacifist movements in Western Europe and the U.S. succeed in forcing the U.S. not to deploy its Pershing II's in Western Europe. If we hold firm, the Soviets will probably negotiate an agreement prior to the Pershing II deployment date.

Asia:

Soviet forces are now predominant in North Asia and in Southeast Asia after the U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam. It is essential Japan increase its defense spending to protect the northern trade routes.

Near East:

No agreement can be reached without Israel's security needs being met. The PLO will have to agree to this condition, yet, Israel is making an agreement very difficult due to her west bank movement.

Careers:

The Foreign Service is seeking women, especially. The Foreign Service examination is given free every December 1. The Department of State encouraged all liberal arts students to take the examination. They are not interested in college students who are highly specialized. Foreign language knowledge is not needed for the Service Examination. But applicants must be willing to move around. The career is an exciting one for single women.

Medieval festival planned

A Medieval Festival for the Meredith College campus is planned for September 25-30, announced Dr. Carolyn Grubbs, history professor.

Many events are being planned for the week-long festival that will include class competitions, club displays and individual costumes.

The week will start with an evening concert by the Raleigh Consort featuring the music of John Dunstable, according to the tentative schedule.

A convocation on Monday, September 26, will be given by Dr. Elizabeth Kennan, the President of Mount Holyoke College. A videotape presentation of Robert Ward's opera *Abelard and Heloise* will be presented on Monday evening.

The movie *'Lion in Winter'* will be shown on Tuesday.

Also, a guided tour of the Medieval Collection in the N.C. Museum of Art will be given Tuesday and Wednesday.

Also on Wednesday, a Latin Mass will be said at the 10 a.m. worship hour.

Thursday will feature a medieval fair in the courtyard. Students are expected to come in appropriate costume. Clubs will sponsor booths and there will be dances, games, along with a picnic supper.

The week will end on Friday with a program of medieval country and popular entertainment, sponsored by the Student Activities Office.

More activities will be planned as more details of the festival are settled. Look for more information in the next TWIG.

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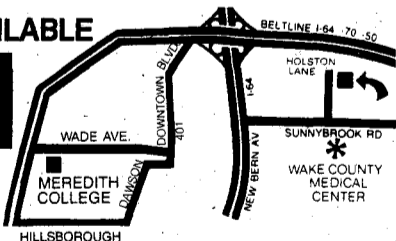
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