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Woodrow Wilson scholar to visit Meredith

By Anne White

Ami Lonnroth, a Swedish journalist who is active in the peace movement, will visit Meredith the week of March 18-23 as a Woodrow Wilson scholar.

As a reporter for a major Swedish daily newspaper, Ms. Lonnroth has been specializing in women's issues, equal rights, and changing sex role patterns.

While on campus Ms. Lonnroth will lead discussions in various classes, seminars, and clubs on a variety of topics including the role of the peace movement in Scandinavia and its links with the American peace movement, problems in balancing a career and marriage, and objectivity in research and journalism.

On Tuesday, March 20, from 4:00-5:00, Ms. Lonnroth

will lecture in Cate Auditorium on women's issues and equality between the sexes, addressing whether legislation is a proper method to solve these problems. The lecture is free and the public is invited. Following the lecture (from 5:15-6:30), Ms. Lonnroth will join WINGS (association of non-traditional Meredith students) for dinner in the President's Dining Room, after which she will lead a discussion and answer questions related to her lecture.

Everyone is invited. Dinner may be purchased in Belk Dining Hall and trays brought downstairs to the President's Dining Room.

The Meredith community is privileged to host Ms. Lonnroth. She is looking forward to sharing ideas with us as well as hearing ours. Let's make her feel welcome!

Center offers resources

By Anne White

The Personal Growth and Counseling Center, located on the second floor of Cate Center, was established at Meredith College in August of 1983. Students and staff are invited to take advantage of the many resources offered by the Center.

The Office of the College Counselor (Marge Shelton) is located in the Center. Ms. Shelton and her Assistant Counselors (Anne Huffman and Debra McGuire) are available for counseling by appointments between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. or in the evening. Testing is also available by request.

The Center offers two in-

formal hour-long programs each Wednesday. Programs for faculty are at noon while programs for students are at 6:00 P.M. Recent faculty programs have included "Understanding Anger and Fear" and "Modeling - An Effective Personal Growth Tool." Recent student programs have included "Relaxation and Guided Fantasies" and "Improving Your Self-Image Through Guided Fantasies." Programs may be led by Ms. Shelton, her assistant counselors, or a special guest. Group discussions are generated during each program, providing an opportunity for each participant to share her ideas and hear those of others.

The Center has a listening room with tapes on study skills, motivation, personal charisma, vocabulary, success, time management, health and nutrition, and the like. Books, magazines, and journals on personal growth and development are also available. Students may check out both tapes and books for up to 48 hours.

The Center offers a quiet place for meditation and study. Students are invited to enjoy a free cup of herb tea in the Center's soothing atmosphere of soft lights, a gurgling aquarium, and classical music.

Remember, the Personal Growth and Counseling Center is for you, so drop by and

Trustees approve new phone system

Meredith College trustees have approved plans for a new campuswide communications system through which the college will own and operate its own telephone system. It will cover administrative and student use and is capable of transmitting both voice and data to access computers. A primary advantage of the system will be a projected cost savings of as much as \$800-\$1000 for each student over a period of four years.

Also, announcement was made of a new research center to be built on the campus in late spring and summer. Other action of the trustees included

approving the largest budget in the history of the college for the fiscal 1984-85, to begin July 1. The approximately \$11 million operating budget reflects an increase in tuition and room and board that will up the cost of attending Meredith from \$4,800 to \$5,200 per year. "Even with our tuition and fees increase, Meredith remains one of the least expensive of the private colleges and universities in the area," said Meredith president, Dr. John E. Weems.

Dr. Allen F. Page of the religion department and Dr. Ed R. Wheeler, math department head, were promoted from associate to full professorial

rank; and promotions from assistant to associate professor were granted Drs. Rosemary Hornak, psychology; James R. Johnson III, business and economics; Vivian Kraines, mathematical science; Robert R. Reid, biology; Louise Taylor, English; Anthony J. Vaglio, Jr., music; and to Joe Maron, art. Tenure was granted Dr. Taylor, Dr. Ann Kurtz, foreign languages department head, and Dr. Martha Bouknight, mathematical sciences.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Founders' Day, an observance this year of Meredith's 93rd charter year.

Meredith Performs presents 'Summer and Smoke'

"Summer and Smoke," Tennessee Williams' poignant drama of a pure-minded minister's daughter who "suffocates in smoke from something on fire inside her," is already in the rehearsal stage at Meredith College. This is the Broadway smash which the N.Y. Times critic described as "a vibrant work of art." Williams', a Pulitzer prize winner, is the author of other great successes such as "A Streetcar Named Desire" and "The Glass Menagerie."

In "Summer and Smoke," Williams once again opens up the black secrets of the human heart telling the story of a minister's daughter who makes a frail stand against the carnal attractions of a young doctor she loves, only to find herself unwanted by him when she is finally reconciled to a balance between the spirit and flesh.

Alma Winemiller's entire life has been a process of reaching out to young Johnny Buchanan, but he continually pulls away. She is a repressed, puritanical, virginal heroine. He is a lusty and wastrel boy who believes as thoroughly in gratifying the flesh as she does in worshipping the spirit.

During a memorable summer in Glorious Hill, the tables turn and Johnny comes to believe in the spiritual love while Alma comes to agree with him that love without the physical is one dimensional and barren. By the time Alma offers herself to him, Johnny is already engaged to a pretty, exuberant young girl from town. This new life of

Johnny's leaves the frustrated spinster with no outlet for her love and understanding.

Lisa Robie will portray the rueful, virginal heroine in Meredith's presentation of "Summer and Smoke," while Paul Gubbins will be seen as the indecorous young doctor with whom she is enamored from a prissy distance.

Ric Myracle will appear as Alma's fussy father, Kimmie Turman as her demented mother, Sherrill Jolly as a cheerful gossip, Jennifer Hubbard as an uninhibited young girl who longs the doctor's heart, and Juanita Guarderas as a tempestuous Mexican tramp. The play is under the direction of Bob Wharton.



Lisa Robie, Sherrill Jolly, and Jennifer Hubbard practice their roles in "Summer and Smoke."

enjoy a few moments of peace or come to one of the special programs on Wednesday. Watch for information - posted weekly on the bulletin board beside the center and by the west entrance to Johnson Hall - on future programs to be held in the Center.