

More than a history teacher

by Elizabeth Smelcher

Dr. Frank Grubbs, chairman of Meredith's History and Politics departments, is indeed a fascinating man. On my first day in his American History class I was immediately drawn to his unique style of teaching; one not just consisting of long boring lectures directly from the text, but a fact-filled lesson containing interesting information which he has obtained in his personal experiences and studies throughout the world. His quick wit makes an occasional appearance in class and always draws laughs from even the most serious students. I'll never forget the day that he referred to the guy cutting the grass with a tractor outside our window as a "hot rod."

Dr. Grubbs attended college in Lynchburg, Virginia, a small beautiful mountain town. He received graduate degrees in History from the University of Virginia. He seems particularly enthralled with Virginia, not just as a loyal Wahoo fan, but also as a historian who is very interested in the large variety of beautiful historic areas. He urges all of his students to visit such places as Monticello (near Charlottesville) and Mt. Vernon.

In 1963, Dr. Grubbs moved from Virginia to Raleigh and accepted a teaching position at Meredith. Since then he has been keeping busy by writing a number of articles for various national journals. In 1978, he had a paper presented to the American Historical Association in Berkeley, California.

The early 20th century American Federation of Labor and its president, Samuel Gompers were primary areas of concentration in Dr. Grubbs' study of 20th century labor history. He published two

books (1968, 1982) dealing with the AFL during World War I.

Community work, administrative and special committee duties at Meredith have all been areas of involvement by Dr. Grubbs. However, since 1977, he has been primarily involved in trying to supervise the History and Politics faculty. He also spends time planning for his classes and "attempting to be innovative enough to keep the students interested in politics and history, both as majors and in classes." Dr. Grubbs is constantly striving to get the message across to his students that there is more to life than eight hours on the job.

Privileged freshmen have been treated each year with Dr. Grubbs' "Ballad of Lulu." In this speech he tries to emphasize to incoming students that a college education requires the "whole person," not just one with academic skills. It is important for a student to take advantage of all that Meredith has to offer, not just studying.

Aside from his work at Meredith, Dr. Grubbs enjoys working with the Boy Scouts in Cary. He helps in the scouts' merit badge training. Speaking in churches on church history takes up a lot of his time. In 1983, he was appointed to the Department of Records and History of the North Carolina Episcopal Diocese. He is dedicated to the preservation of the Episcopal church in North Carolina.

Dr. Grubbs is certainly a hard working and dedicated man. He is a loyal member of Meredith's faculty and a friend to the students, as well as a great professor.



Dr. Frank Grubbs, Chairman of the History Department

Tom DeLuca

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Sept. 17

Jones Auditorium 7:30

\$1.00 Students-Staff

\$2 Public

50 years ago at Meredith. . . .

by Cindy Austin

Do you ever think we have it a little rough here at Meredith? Are the rules a little stricter than you had anticipated? If you can identify with this, here is a little food for thought.

During the school year of 1934, the students were not allowed to leave school grounds without registering. They were required to register their name, name of chaperone, hour of departure, exact address of destination, and expected hour of return. They were not permitted to visit restaurants, hotels, or hospitals without permission. Dances and card parties were not given at Meredith nor could students attend them at other colleges. Meredith students could attend approved social functions in the evenings, however, they must be back in their rooms by 10:20.

Saturday evenings they were allowed until 10:30.

Callers were allowed one afternoon each week from 3:00 until 5:30, and the first and third Saturdays in the month from 8-10 pm. Upperclassmen were allowed two extra week nights a month and first and third Sunday afternoons from 4-5:30.

Ball games could be attended one afternoon a week with an official chaperone, and on Saturday with a faculty chaperone. The major sports at Meredith were hockey, basketball, tennis and track. Minor sports were baseball, archery, golf, soccer, volleyball, pushball and hiking.

Students were not allowed to visit each other during studying hours. Students were required to attend chapel services each day, and everyone except the seniors must attend Sunday School and church services each Sunday.

Much like today, the students were given call-downs for violations of the rules. They were given for things like misconduct in chapel, keeping an untidy room, and even for failure to say good-night to a caller within five minutes after the bell had rung. Accumulation of four call-downs meant the student was campused.

After comparing our times to theirs, you may conclude that we have it better than they did; however, there is one aspect in which they have us beat. The tuition, room, board, and college fees per semester in 1934 was \$195.00 a semester, and for a day student it was only \$60.00.



Dana Smith and her dog enjoy studying by Joyner Hall.

Good Luck

Freshmen

Candidates!