

EDITORIALS

Were you ready for this?

What makes Dean Sizemore frown then smile? Dr. Thomas leave the room, then return? Rhoda Sowers slump in her seat then nearly fall out? And make the students laugh hysterically?

A male stripper, you say? No - Tom DeLuca.

Put Tom DeLuca at N.C. State University, Duke, Wake Forest, UNC-CH, etc., and he's fine. But when you put him at the small, angelic Meredith College - suddenly Tom DeLuca becomes a criminal to many students and administrative figures.

Tom DeLuca opened many eyes, mouths and minds at Meredith. His cheap [but humorous] comedy was probably the first of its kind at Meredith and I wouldn't be surprised if it's the last.

The first half of DeLuca's show was the comedy. The slide show was edged on by forced laughter; however, as the show progressed the laughter nearly drowned out DeLuca's voice.

But, grow-up Tom! What is a thirty-year-old man doing playing with Barbie dolls? Kinda kinky, huh? And what's this with the road signs? I'll admit I did laugh at a lot of the slide show and I'm pleased to say I was not alone. Overall, Meredith students seemed to accept DeLuca's comedy side of the show. Unfortunately, many students were unable to feel comfortable

enough to laugh due to the reserved atmosphere created at this college.

After the slide show, Tom DeLuca took volunteers from the audience to use as props for practical jokes. Sophie Grady and Howard Goodstat were two crowd pleasers. Although some of DeLuca's pranks were out of line, the students still loved them. The continuous laughter showed this.

Following the slide show DeLuca again turned to the audience for volunteers. This time it was for his hypnosis act. This is what we paid to see.

There's something about watching other people look stupid that appeals to many. And when these people don't realize what they are doing, it's easier to laugh at them.

Tom DeLuca's act as a whole was widely accepted by the students. Just because he was out of line at times didn't seem to make a difference. DeLuca's act was not typical for Meredith College, but I felt it was very beneficial.

For three hours on Monday, September 11, 1984, Meredith College was like every other college. It was a first. And unfortunately, it was probably the last.

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Editor's Note:

Concerning Bonnie Franklin

Many misconceptions of Bonnie Franklin's visit to Meredith College Friday, Sept. 21, have developed among the students, parents, faculty and administration. To clear up any disputes over this matter, I spoke with Rhoda Sowers, Director of Student Activities, to clarify what actually happened.

Bonnie Franklin was traveling throughout North Carolina campaigning for Gov. James B. Hunt's seat in the Senate. Franklin asked the Democratic Headquarters if she could speak to a women's college in Raleigh. A Hunt representative recommended Meredith College to her after getting the 'o.k.' from Meredith, she accepted.

The Young Democrats asked to sponsor Franklin's visit and were given permission. The Y.D. had nothing to do with picking Franklin's topic, "Voter Registration and Women's Issues." This topic came directly from the Democratic Headquarters.

"No one at Meredith, not even the Y.D. had any idea what she (Franklin) would speak on," said Rhoda Sowers, "Anyone that knew that Bonnie Franklin was campaigning for Hunt would expect her to say something about him."

As for the issue of "false advertising" Franklin's appearance on campus, Sowers said, the information published should have revealed that Young Democrats were sponsoring the event; however, it was an

oversite, which frequently happens to any organization."

What few people realize is that Franklin did speak on her chosen topic. She did not have to spend her entire time on that topic. As long as it was touched upon, the advertising for the speech was justified.

When a visitor appears on the Meredith campus I believe total respect should be given to that individual. Unfortunately, not every student feels that way.

During and especially after Franklin's speech, Franklin was verbally attacked by several Helms supporters. These students exhibited little class. And came across as being uninformed radicals.

In an interview following her speech, Franklin said that she was glad the students were excited about the campaign and was sorry the Helms supporters were so intent. "They defeated their purpose."

I think it's great to strongly support a candidate be it Helms, Hunt, Reagan, or Mondale; however, I think that when your verbal support turns into obnoxious comments, something is definitely not right.

I hope Bonnie Franklin's opinion of Meredith College will not be lowered due to the reception she received from several students. I also hope that when the College Republicans have "their visitor," the Young Democrats will conduct themselves in a presentable manner. Two wrongs do not make a right.

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College grads report

"Exceedingly high" job ambitions

Bethlehem, PA, (CPS) -- Most collegians have "exceedingly high" career expectations, but don't expect "to sacrifice personal happiness, family, health or ethical principles," in order to achieve them, a new survey of just-graduated students has found.

The survey of 2000 students, sponsored by the College Placement Council (CPC), also found that most students are willing to work long hours to achieve their ambitions.

Nine of 10 students would willingly spend more than one night a month away from home for the sake of their jobs. Some 34 percent of the students were willing to stau away from home more than five nights a month.

"To some extent, they may be setting themselves up for a fall," says Dr. David Hopkins, a University of Denver business professor and a co-author of the study.

He notes many students want it all-- job satisfaction, frequent feedback from their bosses, "a rich personal life"-- although combining such qualities in real life is extremely difficult.

"The student and employer will have to modify their perceptions of what they expect from each other," advises Linda Pengilly of the CPC. "It's going to be a two-way stretch."

Asked to rank 20 different job attributes in order of importance, the nature of the work itself was the most essential ingredient of liking their jobs.

The next most important attributes were the opportunity to use their skills and abilities, the chance for personal development, professional recognition and adequate wages, Hopkins says.

Hopkins coauthored the study with the late Dr. Sandra E. LeMarre, also of the University of Denver.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor;

We would like to voice our concern over the use of Meredith's all women campus as a media projection for Jim Hunt. The Meredith campus should not unknowingly be victim of the Hunt for Senate campaign follies. What was painted to be a "Voter Registration and Women's Issues" speech was turned into a Jim Hunt rally. The fault should not be put with Ms.

Franklin, but on the people who published the publicity for the speech. We feel the circumstances were unequal because Senator Helms did not have equal representation against Ms. Franklin's remarks. The content should have been made clear to avoid misleading the students.

Thank you,
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