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Helms visits Meredith

Although the dark clouds over Weatherspoon Gym were pouring torrents of rain on the campus, the spirits of the Jesse Helms supporters inside could not be dampened. College Republicans from many North Carolina colleges and universities, high school supporters, parents and interested citizens filled in to see Senator Jesse Helms, October 21.

Meredith College Republicans, led by Angie Haskins, were busy before the speeches writing name tags, filling out absentee ballots for voters, and passing out bumper stickers and pamphlets in support of Jesse Helms' re-election. Posters and banners filled the walls of the gym, offering warm welcomes to the Senator from Meredith, girls as well as girls from St. Marys College and the Kappa Alpha fraternity at N.C.-S.U. Allen Williams, Youth Coordinator for Helms, opened the rally by giving a general introduction of the program's speakers.

After the invocation, given by Meredith senior Zan Bunn, Reagan-Helms cheers led by Ralph Reed, a state coordinator for students for America were heard.

Allison Blair, Students for Helms High School Coordinator, gave special thanks to all of the attending High School students for their enthusiasm and undying support. Jesse Helms' campaign consultant, Tom Caine, emphasized the importance of the media's objectivity in covering events of the campaign as they unfold. His primary example was the praise given to Jim Hunt after he returned the taxpayer's money spent on private transportation that he has

used for campaign purposes throughout his term as governor.

Also at Meredith to give his support for Senator Helms was Morton Blackwell. Blackwell is a political strategist who was a top advisor to President Reagan for years. He also is very involved with the Leadership Institute which teaches the politics and importance of government. Blackwell told the audience that the Helms-Hunt Senatorial election will definitely be the most important one in the Country, and he urged that everyone support the incumbent.

After the introductory speakers, the crowd gave an overwhelming welcome to Senator Helms. The excited cheers of the crowd and the sight of the many waving posters seemed to transform the gym into an excited Political Convention. Senator Helms, a Reagan Conservative, also stressed the importance of media objectivity and the use of his campaign ads which he is using to counter balance the distortions of the liberal news media.

He gave strong support for his re-election of friend, President Ronald Reagan.

After his speech, the Senator shook hands and chatted with his supporters, then rushed to the airport to catch a plane to Kansas City for the final Reagan-Mondale debate.

Many students expressed praise for Senator Helms because he was able to take time from his hectic campaign and visit Meredith's campus and speak to his supporters.

FACULTY DEBATES OVER POLITICS

by Beth Blankenship

A political debate, sponsored by the History and Politics Club, with a panel of four faculty members was held Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in 103 Joyner.

Dr. Frank Grubbs spoke on behalf of President Ronald Reagan, Dr. Clyde Frazier on behalf of Walter Mondale, Dr. Caroline Grubbs for Senator Jesse Helms and Dr. Tom Parramore for Governor Jim Hunt. Although these faculty members portrayed the various candidates, the faculty did not necessarily take the candidates views outside of this mock debate.

Each panel member received five minutes for their opening statements and one minute for their response to the predetermined questions. Each mock candidate also had one minute for a rebuttle.

After the two predetermined questions, the panelists had the opportunity to ask their opponent two questions with time to rebuttle.

The panelists speaking for the presidential candidates were the first to debate. Dr. F. Grubbs explained that Reagan's last four years in office were the beginning of a revolution. More jobs had been supplied to Americans, there was a 25 percent tax cut, and the creation of a better IRA was visible.

Dr. Frazier said the Mondale administration wanted to create a caring society of Americans who will be better off than they were four years ago.

Questions asked by the Presidential panelists and to one another

dealt with social security, arms control, the national deficit, and abortion.

Although the issues were serious and the candidates well versed, Grubbs and Frazier managed to toss in some humorous one liners.

At the beginning of the debate, the podium F. Grubbs was at was rocking back and forth. Frazier took advantage of the opportunity to humor the crowd by saying, "Your platform is shaky."

Later F. Grubbs leaned over to Frazier and said, "I want to know how you got rid of those bags under your eyes."

The Senatorial debated followed the same format as the presidential debate.

Dr. Carolyn Grubbs made her opening statement saying Helms thought "Americans were proud to be Americans again," and that Helms did not "flip-flop" on decisions. Dr. Tom Parramore opened with Helms' record which is against social security and is known for racism.

The questions involved the candidates stands on ERA, agriculture in the state, abortion, and capital punishment.

After hearing the debate, the audience had a chance to participate in a mock election in which Reagan received 42 percent of the vote and Mondale 26 percent. Helms received 33 percent and Hunt 33 percent.

The debate gave the students a chance to become better acquainted with the issues in the 1984 election. The debate also encouraged voters to go to the polls.

Cornhuskin' Practice Schedule

SUNDAY, Oct 28
6-6:50 p.m. SENIORS
7-7:50 p.m. Freshmen
8-8:50 p.m. Sophomores
9-9:50 p.m. Juniors

MONDAY, Oct 29
6-6:50 p.m. Juniors
7-7:50 p.m. SENIORS
8-8:50 p.m. Freshmen
9-9:50 p.m. Sophomores

TUESDAY, Oct 30
6-6:50 p.m. Sophomores
7-7:50 p.m. Juniors
8-8:50 p.m. SENIORS
9-9:50 p.m. Freshmen

WEDNESDAY, Oct 31
6-6:50 p.m. Freshmen
7-7:50 p.m. Sophomores
8-8:50 p.m. Juniors
9-9:50 p.m. SENIORS

THURSDAY, Nov 1
Cornhuskin' 7:00
(line-up begins at 6:15 p.m.)

Cornhuskin' past views

On a fine fall day in 1945, the dance club at Meredith started a small fall festival that turned into a big event that Cornhuskin' is now! Then it was just dancing around and playing in the courtyard.

By 1956 the tradition had grown a little, but it still was just a fall festival, and it wasn't well attended. The big competitions were apple-bobbin', cornshuckin', tall tale, and hog callin'. There was no class themes until about 1957. The sophomore class of that year decided to dress as the Pilgrims of Canterbury Tales. There was a costume judging by class. This event in 1957 started the theme tradition of Cornhuskin'.

Cornhuskin' was just for fun; there wasn't as much competition as Stunt. Usually in Cornhuskin' there the juniors and sophomores had the best chance to win! So good luck to all in this Meredith tradition!

Study abroad information

Students, Faculty, and staff of North Carolina State University, as well as students and faculty from the other area colleges and universities, are invited to attend an information fair of study abroad and international exchange programs for college students. The Study Abroad and International Exchange Fair is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 1984 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the North Gallery of the NCSU Student Center.

Representatives from more than 40 universities and colleges, and educational associations sponsoring student programs overseas, have been invited to participate in this year's fair. Displays and literature describing the various programs, and representatives available to answer questions, will allow participants the opportunity to learn more about the opportunities available to college

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