



Dawn Hutchens [far left], Chrissy Parsons [center], and Jennifer Hubbard [far right], appear in Meredith Performs "Vanities". [Photo by Steven A. Wilson]

## Meredith Performs Presents MEREDITH'S VANITIES

by Chrissy Parsons

Meredith Performs presents "Vanities", the long running Broadway comedy. The plot revolves around the lives and loves of three best friends from the South. The three are seen in three different stages in their lives: as high school cheerleaders, as sorority sisters about to graduate from a large university, and at an informal reunion in Manhattan, some six years after graduation.

The lines assigned to each of the play's three characters (all Meredith students) have been labeled as bittersweet, humorous, and satirical which provoke a wide range of emotions, from hilarity to

sympathy to cynicism. This play touches people of all ages.

Dawn Hutchens will appear as Kathy, the deep thinker and planner. Chrissy Parsons will appear as Mary, the free spirit who can't wait to get away from her mother. Jennifer Hubbard will appear as Joanne, the girl whose goal is a husband and children. Bob Wharton directed this comedy, and Paul Gabriel designed the set.

The final showing is upcoming: March 28, 29, 30 at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 31st at 2:00. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.50 for students and senior citizens. Tickets will be available at the door. Don't miss this one!

## Education Consumer Affairs concerns Reagan

by Beth Blankenship

Virginia Knauer, special assistant to President Ronald Reagan for Consumer Affairs, and Director of the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs, spoke on educational and consumer affairs in Jones Auditorium March 18 at 10:00 a.m. on the Meredith College campus.

"The faculty should be proud to be called teachers," said Knauer. "President Reagan has called education the basic foundation for the future."

Knauer stressed concerns that President Reagan and Secretary of Education William J. Bennett had about education and consumer affairs.

Knauer quoted from a 1983 report that 17 percent of all Americans were illiterate. A 1984 report stated that 75 per-

cent of those obtaining a masters degree had never had European history. Seventy-two percent had not taken classical literature.

A 1985 report pointed out the need for trustees to make sure the curriculum was sound.

Knauer said, "The teachers are not all at fault. Who is to blame for the intrusion of television into study time? Not the teachers."

A special task force has been initiated into each state to focus on the problems in education.

"We have the best scholastic record in 20 years," Knauer said. "Schools and students are different from those of years past."

Reagan stated that simple disciplines have become legal matters. How-

ever, Knauer quoted from the February issue of *Harpers* which showed a comparison of the discipline problems in schools in 1940 and in 1982.

Knauer said that in 1940 the major discipline problems were talking, chewing gum, making noise, and breaking in line. In 1982 the discipline problems were rape, robbery, assault, murder, and bombings.

Knauer stressed the need for parental involvement in the educational process. "President Reagan wants the nation to recognize the role of parents in education."

Knauer also spoke on consumer affairs.

April 22-24 has been designated as economic and consumer week. President Reagan has selected the theme, "Con-

sumers Should Know."

"The major innovation is to change our lives from a consumer's point of view," said Knauer. "We have a responsibility as consumers to think and shop for ourselves."

Knauer encouraged the audience to go and expand new consumer techniques.

Knauer, a University of Pennsylvania graduate, is presently Chairperson of the Consumer Affairs Council. Before joining the Reagan administration, Knauer was President of Virginia Knauer and Associates, Inc., a Washington, D.C. consulting firm in consumer issues.

In 1969 Knauer was appointed the Special Assistant to President Nixon for Consumer Affairs and served as Director of the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs.

## The Klarion Trio

by Lia Braganza

The Klarion Trio performed in Carswell Auditorium Wednesday, March 13 at 8:00 p.m. at Meredith College. The trio consists of James Hefferman on the clarinet, Margaret Simmons on the piano and soprano Jeanie Wagner.

In the first set of songs, the German selection Wiegenghed, Cradle Song, was a lullaby. Wagner's voice was sweet and calm rather than shrill on the high notes.

Ned Korem's arrangement of Sylvia Plath's poem, "Words" in the second set was in contrast to that in the first. The

music was terse, the clarinet screeched.

"Poppies in July" was more like "Cradle Song" in the first set. The music was soothing. Ned Roren's arrangement was complemented by Hefferman and

Simmons.

The entire evening was a memorable experience during which I experienced various emotions. The Klarion Trio provided a pleasurable evening of musical entertainment.

## Meredith professor co-author of book on North Carolina

Looking out across the Outer Banks, explorer Verrazano in 1524 thought the Pamlico Sound was the Pacific Ocean. Christopher and August Bechtler minted the first gold dollar in the United States near Rutherfordton in 1831. In 1879, the first telephone exchange in the state was opened in Raleigh.

These and hundreds of other significant facts were documented by Meredith College history professor, Dr. Thomas Parramore, for a new book in honor of North Carolina's 400th anniversary celebration.

*North Carolina: Reflections of 400 Years* was commissioned by Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T). The bank recently presented a copy of the book to the Meredith College library. BB&T will also provide copies to every college and university and public library in the state.

The 176 page book includes the work of nearly 35 contributing authors and

photographers. It features more than 250 color and black and white photographs of some of the state's most picturesque landscapes and thought provoking essays by leaders in agriculture, sports, politics, business and the arts.

The heart of the book is a 56 page segment authored by Dr. Parramore. This segment details the state's 400 year history in a unique timeline format.

According to the introduction to the section, the timeline is intended to provide a connected, developmental outline of significant and molding events. Heavily illustrated, it is arranged in chronological order and color coded by era. The illustrations were selected to emphasize the personal side of history and link people to events.

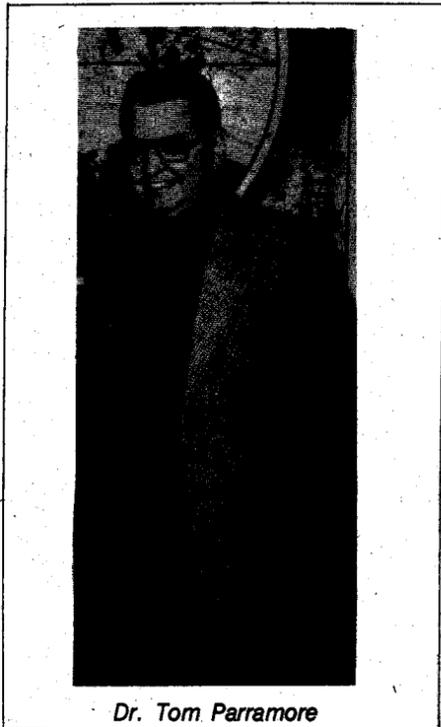
Referring to the timeline as "a concise, scholarly, detailed historical tool," one reviewer wrote: "Teachers, students and scholars of all sorts are in Thomas C. Parramore's debt for this unique way of tying together past and present, em-

bodying as it does, the basic facts of history with humanistic overtones.

Following the color lines from 'Discovery and Exploration' to the modern era 'And Just the Other Day,' one has an understanding of the overlapping and integration of one set of circumstances to another."

As an official project of the North Carolina Museum of History Associates, part of the proceeds from public sales of the book will be used for renovation of the History Museum's new quarters in the old Museum of Art building in Raleigh.

*North Carolina: Reflections of 400 Years* is available for purchase at any of BB&T's 153 branches in 88 cities across the state. It is also available by mail order or through the North Carolina Museum of History and Museum of Art gift shops. Contact BB&T, P.O. Box 1847, Wilson, N.C. 27893 for order information. Purchase price is \$37.00 plus tax.



Dr. Tom Parramore