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PROBLEMS ARISE WITH ART BUILDING

by Cathy Manning

The cost of the new art building exceeded the Board of Trustees' budget by \$750,000, forcing the Board last Friday to consider alternatives to the original construction plans.

The building would cost approximately \$1,750,000 to construct according to an estimate from Davidson and Jones Construction Company of Raleigh. "I'm disappointed at the figure," stated Dr. John Weems. The Board had expected a lower figure around 1 million.

The projected cost has added pressure to Mr. Jerry McGee, Chairman of the Fundraising Committee. The committee, in its longest running campaign ever has been unable to raise enough money to begin construction. "Mr. McGee has had a difficult time raising money," remarked Dr. Craig Greene, Head of the Art Department. "There just aren't that many people who have an interest in art," added

Greene.

Some options under consideration of the Board are: to build a smaller building near Wainwright music building and Jones Auditorium; to reduce the size of the proposed building, keeping the West campus location; to construct the original building in phases. "We are exploring a lot of options," stated Board member and Business Manager Charles Taylor.

College officials had previously announced that the building would be located on West campus near Cate Center. "If we build there," said Taylor, "we must duplicate our resources. Forty percent of the art facilities are already housed in the Fine Arts buildings." Greene said, however, that sometimes the Art classes and the music programs clash. "We would be happy with a building near Jones if it houses the entire program," commented Greene.

When Greene was asked about the chances of building a smaller building on

the west side of campus, he replied, "It couldn't work...We couldn't get all the programs under one roof." The plans for the building at present do not contain an art gallery and have already been reduced by 4,000 square feet, according to Greene.

If the Board decides to construct the originally planned building in phases, completing it one part at a time, "what would they (the Board) phase out?" asked Greene. "If we don't get what we need now, the program will be hamstrung," emphasized Greene. However, according to one Board member, who asked to remain nameless, "the majority of the Board...would like to build in phases."

Whichever option the Board decides on will present at least one dilemma - what to tell people who have previously made contributions to the original planned building. "We have to be honest with these people," remarked Taylor.

"The Board would have to give contributors the opportunity to revoke their donations," said an anonymous Board member.

Greene said that the Board of Trustees is committed to building Meredith an art facility that will provide the unity the program needs. "We are going to be imaginative enough and creative enough," stated Taylor, "to design a facility worthy of the Art program."

The Art department, which has classes scattered all over the campus, is the only Meredith department without a good facility. "A new building will give the program a cohesiveness that a department needs to be strong," said Weems. "It fits the nature of our college to be strong," added Weems.

The Building and Grounds Committee is currently considering options for the building and is scheduled to make a report to the Board again in February of 1986.

Students Benefit With New Phone System

by Cynthia L. Church
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Meredith students received their first \$18 monthly equipment charge October 1, 1985. The fee includes the cost for equipment rental, the cables, the switch, the service charge and the telephone.

Last year students paid a \$15 monthly fee for services rendered. The three dollar increase this year is partially due to the seventeen new lines installed on the campus. The trunk lines permit additional calls to be made and received by people living and working on the Meredith campus.

Meredith College bought its own phone system last year. Southern Net handled the long distance services while Meredith and Southern Bell controlled the local calls. This year, the local services are handled exclusively by Meredith.

Because the Parents Association pledged to support the new investment by raising funds for five years, the installment fee was eliminated. If the

phones were supplied and maintained by Southern Bell, students would have to pay a \$75 initial fee.

Ann Purnell, alumnae coordinator, explained that a cover letter was sent to parents and alumnae requesting a contribution of \$100 to help eliminate the installation charge.

"The Parents Association committed \$60,000 a year for 5 years to keep costs down," said Charles Taylor, Vice President of Business and Finances at Meredith. "But we didn't get all the contributions from them."

Taylor also said that the school has made no commitment to keep the costs down but will remain competitive with Southern Bell's rates.

Meredith's monthly fee is higher than what Southern Bell charges its customers that have a touchtone, private line phone. This would cost students \$16.25; however, the \$18.00 fee at Meredith includes features like ring again, call forwarding, and transferring. With Southern Bell these features would cost \$23.50 - a \$5.50 savings

with Meredith's phone system.

Another benefit Meredith has over Southern Bell is the 'last-four-digit' intercampus calls. With Southern Bell, all seven digits are necessary when dialing anywhere. The long distance benefits with SouthernNet also tops Southern Bell.

Although some problems are still lurking Charles Taylor said, "We've ironed most of the bugs out." Meredith experienced many problems with students abusing the phone system last year. But this year precautions have been taken to avoid repeating these.

This year students can only place collect calls. Also, students can only obtain directory assistance by using their access number and dialing 919-555-1212. Students will be charged 50 cents per call. Whereas last year a student could cancel her phone services and share her roommates' access code number and \$7.50 charge, this year students must pay \$18.00 per room. If one student cancels her services, the room-

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Professor Returns To Speak

Helen Turlington, for whom the Turlington Social Work Club was named, will speak Sunday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Commons Room. She will be discussing Social Work in other countries.

Mrs. Turlington taught Social Work here at Meredith from the fall semester of 1972 until the spring semester of 1977. She made major contributions to the Social Work program while she was here. Originally only one Social Work course was taught, but with Mrs. Turlington's

determination and hard work more courses were added, and there developed an expanded series or sequence of courses. Mrs. Turlington has not only taught Social Work at Meredith, but she has made many contributions to the Social Work field as she has taught in such countries as China, Iran, India and the Philippines while she and her husband were foreign missionaries there.

Today the department of Social Work offers both a major and a minor in Social

Work, and the Social Work club exists for majors, minors and anyone interested in helping people through service projects and discussion of problems and what can be done about them. We encourage everyone to come and hear Mrs. Turlington speak. There will be refreshments and a time for speaking with Mrs. Turlington personally. It will be an evening no one wants to miss!

Sponsored by Social Work and Sociology Clubs.

Students Will Be Asked To Join Benefit USA For Africa

Collegian commitment to fighting hunger will be tested this fall when students will be asked by the Student Public Interest Research Groups to join a national campaign to benefit USA for Africa.

The usual student efforts to help the needy were enhanced during the past school year by the consciousness-

raising USA for Africa album, which contained the hit song "We Are the World." Now, PIRGs across the nation will borrow a phrase from that song as the name of their campaign, So Let's Start Giving.

Using thousands of students and hundreds of professional staff members, the PIRGs will launch an intensive three-part campus campaign. During this spring, an

advisory board of hunger organization officials, political leaders and prominent students was formed, and efforts were made to contact student leaders at 3,000 campuses.

Training will include a fact-finding trip to Africa, and students who have already been to Africa are being recruited to speak at schools this fall. In August, an

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Sophomore Class Sets 1985-86 Goals

by Vanessa Goodman
Managing Editor

The Sophomore class held their first meeting on September 23, 1985 at 10:00 a.m. in 103 Joyner.

The Sophomore class goals for 1985-1986 are to increase attendance at class meetings, to show school spirit, and to plan events to encourage students to remain on campus during the weekends.

Bettie Shipp, president, proposed that an attendance policy be set up to encourage attendance at meetings. Those students having perfect attendance at the end of the year will be rewarded.

Shipp also wants to form a class council to serve as a link between the members of the class and the officers.

The Sophomore class is currently sponsoring a fundraiser for Cornhuskin' and Spring dance expenses. They will be selling M&M's and they can be purchased from each hall representative.

The first project developed by the Sophomore class to encourage students to remain on campus is the Masquerade Party. This party will be held on October 18, 1985 from 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. in Weatherspoon Gymnasium. This dance will be open to each class. The co-chairpersons of the dance are Kathy Fox and Renee Davis.

The class officers for 1985-1986 are as follows: Bettie Shipp - President, Jenny Beavers - Vice President, Cindy Austin - Secretary, Michele Lenhart - Treasurer, and Debbie Parrott - Historian.

Jenny Beavers, Vice President, wants everyone to "dare" the sophomore class to get all of its goals accomplished.

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