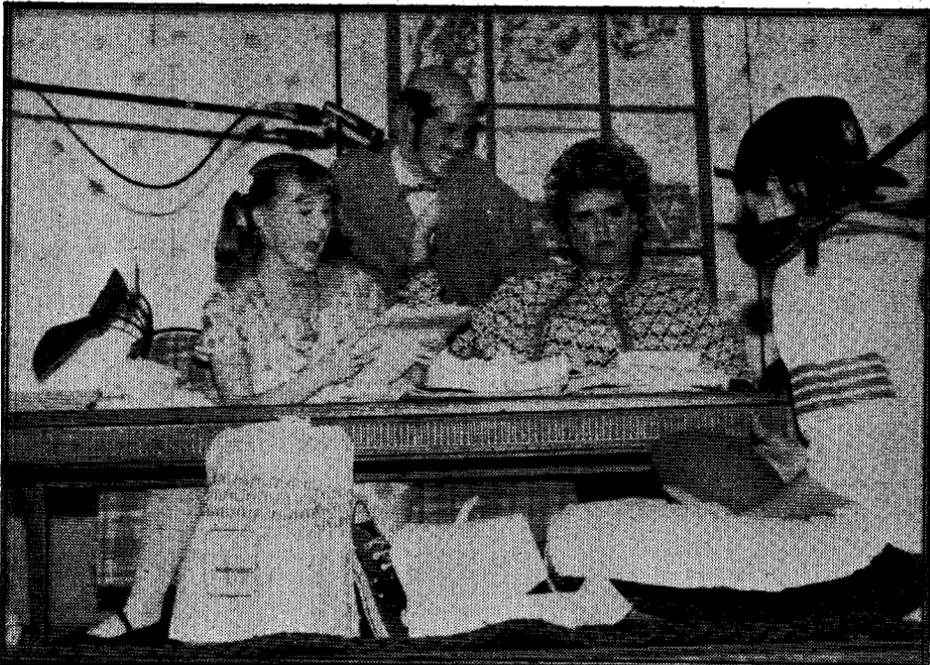


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Lisa Clarke [left], Donna Elliot [back], and Lori Dowdy help the seniors' victory in Cornhuskin '85 last forever. Congratulations, seniors! (Photo by Kim Cook)

Angels hope to light up holidays with luminaries

by Donna Elliott

On December 3, the entire Meredith campus will light up with the help of 5000 luminaries.

The project is being sponsored by the SGA Executive Committee and the proceeds will go towards hunger relief in Wake County.

Your help is needed to make this project a success.

The luminaries will be sold in the dining hall from November 11 to November 15. Clubs may purchase

large quantities of luminaries by filling out an order form that has been given to the Club presidents.

The cost will be \$.50 for one luminary, \$2 for five, \$4 for ten, \$6 for fifteen and so on.

These would be a great gift to give in honor of a big or little sister, and if you purchase one for your sis, she will be given a card that says there is a luminary in honor of her.

With your help, this project could be the start of a new Meredith tradition.

Gynecological services denied to Meredith students

by Cathy Manning
Production Manager

Meredith College policy and financial difficulties prevent Meredith students from having gynecological care on campus.

Meredith employs two part-time physicians, Dr. Sidney Martin and Dr. Patricia Boomhall to care for routine illnesses on campus, yet the college can not afford to hire a third physician or nurse to give exclusive gynecological care.

Meredith attempted to provide the students with gynecological services in 1983 after a campus wide survey revealed 84 percent of the student body believed there was a need for such a service.

A nurse practitioner was employed through an agreement with Wake Health Services Incorporated to give exclusive gynecological care to students. The nurse performed pregnancy tests, PAP smears, pelvic examinations, and treated venereal diseases, in addition to counseling and advising students on their sexuality.

"The students really seemed to like the services she provided," Georgia Stephens, nurse in the Meredith infirmary, said.

The students were responsible for payment of any lab work that had to be performed, but Meredith paid for the nurse's services. From February of 1984 to March of 1984, Meredith paid the Health Services \$233.50 for the nurse's

work hours on campus.

Because the service gradually became expensive for the college to provide, the agreement was terminated. "It was my understanding that we were not able to budget the money needed," Dr. Marie Mason, head of Health Services at Meredith, said.

The infirmary at Meredith now provides a pelvic examination for students when the doctors suspect infection or irregularity, but the physicians will not perform the examination on a general basis. The infirmary is prohibited by college policy to dispense contraceptives to students, but the nurses will refer students to off campus services. "The college feels that if you give a girl birth control, you encourage her to be more sexually active," Dr. Mason said.

"I wouldn't use any (gynecological) services Meredith provided. I just wouldn't feel comfortable," said Susan Haines, a Meredith student. Randolph Macon, a private Methodist affiliated school for girls in Lynchburg, Virginia, has a complete gynecology service. The Student Health program provides all routine examinations and dispensing of contraceptives to students. "We teach students to take care of themselves by developing good health habits," said Mindy Wheeler, director of Student Health.

When Wheeler was asked about how she felt about a policy like Meredith's she replied, "That's like burying your head in the ground . . . I'm completely

Woodrow Wilson Scholar to visit Meredith later this month

by Dr. L. Taylor
& Paige Leist

Dave Smith, who have been called "the outstanding poet of his American generation" by Lawrence Lieberman, is the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Scholar at Meredith College November 18-22.

Smith will lecture in several English classes during the week. He is the author of 11 books of poetry and receiver of numerous awards including being a runner-up for the Pulitzer Prize.

The primary event of Smith's visit will

be a poetry reading Tuesday, November 19, at 8:00 p.m. in Carswell Auditorium.

The English department plans to honor Smith with a banquet for anyone who signs the Dave Smith poster in Joyner Hall. The dinner is Tuesday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the President's Dining Room, unless otherwise notified.

Smith is now Professor of English at Virginia Commonwealth University and Poetry Editor of the University of Utah Press.

Angels charmed by Devils

by Casey Bass
Contributing Writer

Belk Dining Hall jammed with the sounds of the Duke "Pitchforks" on Wednesday, November 6.

Paul Titus led the twelve member, all male acappello group.

The group sang songs such as "I Get Around," "Only You" and "Good-bye My Coney Island Baby."

The group, which normally has fourteen members, has only one music major.

The other members include a law student, a mechanical engineer, an Air Force ROTC, and two professors. The Pitchforks practice for four hours each week to prepare for their concerts.

This was the Pitchforks' fourth trip to Meredith. The group commented on the fact that this has been one of their best audiences. One member added, "This has been one of our most fun concerts."

The Pitchforks enjoyed performing at Meredith.

opposed to that."

Sweetbriar College for girls in Virginia has a comparable program. A nurse practitioner works twice a week and provides all routine exams and birth control to students from a pharmacy. "We feel that dispensing birth control to students can result in fewer

unplanned pregnancies," said Betty Bryant, nurse in the Sweetbriar infirmary.

Peace College in Raleigh has a similar program to the one at Meredith — there isn't one. Peace also does not

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