

Donna Wilson elected SGA President in run-off



Donna Wilson (left) rows on the River Avon with friend, Martha Register, during their Meredith Abroad trip last summer.

Changing rooms can be costly if done often

by Kim Allen, News Editor

In Sept., 1984, it became effective that students must pay a one dollar fee to get access to a master key for room entry if locked out.

The collected fees are used by the Office of the Dean of Students for residence hall improvement or programming. When Dean Sizemore was asked why the policy was instated, she explained, "The reason is two-fold. One reason is to help students remember to lock their rooms and to take the key. It also helps them to become more responsible. The second reason is to eliminate some of the extra work for the Resident Directors to constantly be on call."

St. Mary's College was contacted as to their guidelines regarding room entry. The school does not charge students for entry into their room. The housemother unlocks the door and if she is not availa-

ble, housekeeping does. An unsuccessful attempt to reach Peace College was made as to their guidelines.

According to a memorandum released by the Administrative Staff, under the policy, if a student is locked out of her room between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., she should contact the Resource Assistance Office on the first floor of Poteat dorm, pay one dollar and the door will be unlocked. The same routine is followed between 4:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., but the student must contact the Resident Director. Between 11:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m., the student should contact security; however, payment will not be accepted. The student will be given a charge slip and should pay the Resident Director the next day.

When Sizemore was asked if the rule had helped, she said, "It has probably cut the problem in half. The students have been much more responsible in seeing that they have the keys for themselves."

Meredith hosts panel discussion on 'Pornography or Individual Rights'

"Pornography or Individual Rights? Is the question this clear cut?" will be the subject of a panel discussion at the February 18 meeting of the North Carolina Chapter of Women in Communications. The meeting, which includes an optional dinner, will be held at Raleigh's Meredith College in the President's Dining Room.

Panelists will be Dorothy Teer, chairman and co-founder of Pornography Awareness; Jack Nichols, Raleigh-based

lawyer for the ACLU; and Margaret McCreary, Duke law professor. Anyone in the area, interested in the subject, is welcome.

Those interested in just the program should be there at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and reservations must be made before February 12, by calling Raleigh: Eleanor Jordan, 828-2758; Durham: Marilyn Riederer, 544, 3129; Chapel Hill: Lucille Fidler, 942-4121, Ext. 3426.

by Cynthia L. Church, Editor

The race for Student Government President resulted in a run-off between Donna Wilson and Becky Auman last week, and Wilson landed the victory.

"I didn't even think I was going to run," said newly elected Student Government Association President Donna Wilson. "But I thought I would if not just to make the race more competitive."

Wilson, a native of Clinton, N.C. and an accounting major at Meredith looks forward to the responsibilities she will have next year.

"I know I'll have a lot of responsibilities and meetings to attend like with the faculty, Board of Trustees, Student Life and Honor Court. I'll also be leading the Executive Committee."

But with all of her new duties she hopes to deal mainly with the students and their concerns. Wilson realizes the problems with poor participation from students and plans to deal with that.

"There's so much apathy among the students and hopefully that will change. I plan on continuing the luminaries project . . . I saw how the students went out and lit them and I hope to keep that enthusiasm going," Wilson said.

Wilson realizes the problems SGA encountered this year with the luminaries project breaking even instead of making money and she plans to "use candles that are a lot cheaper."

Wilson also plans to continue the Feed Raleigh Project which will take place in March. It will involve students going door-to-door in the community collecting canned food for the needy in Raleigh. She would also like to sponsor more projects but has not thought of any yet.

When asked how she feels about Meredith's Honor Code, Wilson said she is a firm believer in it. "I feel it's a part of the student government. When people

sign it they commit themselves to it and know the violations if they break it," Wilson said.

The Honor Council has recently been under attack by students due to the nature of the penalties the Board has inflicted upon the students. Wilson said she wants her role on the Honor Council to be "unbiased. I want to give insight of the violations and be fair and just in my beliefs," Wilson added. Wilson admitted she is unaware of how the Honor Council works and won't know how it operates until she becomes active next year.

Her role with the Senate is also undetermined.

"They don't know so I don't know," said Wilson. "They just had Elaine Jolly talk to them about the senate's role as a legislative. They may work on constitutions."

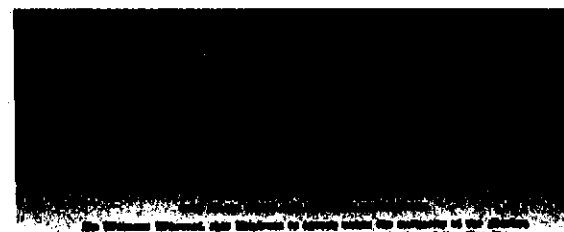
Wilson said she plans to work actively with the Student Life Committee "although," she confessed, "I haven't ever been to a meeting." She feels more organizations should get involved, however and said "If the committee gets too big, you can't get much work done. But the Student Life Committee and the Senate have set up a subcommittee to look into the role of the organizations."

When asked if there should be a separate committee set up to hear and act on the problems and needs of the organizations not on Student Life, Wilson said, "That'd be a good idea . . . because with everyone on Student Life they won't accomplish anything."

Although her responsibilities as SGA president will be demanding, Wilson still plans on finding the time to do the things she enjoys doing, like going to the beach, being outdoors, doing needlework and spending time with her family, boyfriend and friends at Meredith.

Wilson will accept the responsibilities as SGA President at the beginning of the 1986-87 fall semester.

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