

News Briefs . . .

Hourly workers laid off by ITT may be stuck with lower paying jobs

RALEIGH — Three hundred hourly workers laid off by ITT Telecom will probably have a great deal of trouble finding work in electronics manufacturing and may have to settle for lower wages. James McMahan, head of the Raleigh office of Employment Security said that manufacturing employment is at a low ebb. The layoffs have caused many problems for the workers and have many of the laid off force considering moving in order to find jobs.

Challenger tragedy causes NASA to do painful soul searching

WASHINGTON — The tragic explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger has caused NASA, one of the most glamorous of federal bureaucracies, to do some painful soul searching about how and why the launch of the shuttle ended in the fiery death of the seven astronauts aboard and destruction of the billion dollar ship. There has been some

speculation as to whether or not NASA had reason to believe that one of the solid rocket boosters was flawed and that low temperatures may have added to the problem. The space agency seems headed for rough times as the commission investigating the disaster probes these questions.

Johnson & Johnson to stop manufacturing capsules

NEW JERSEY — Because they cannot guarantee their safety, Johnson & Johnson will abandon over the counter capsule medicines. The decision came after deliberation when a New York woman died of cyanide poisoning from a Tylenol capsule. Officials from Johnson & Johnson urged consumers to switch to the caplet or tablet forms of the drug. Officials said caplets and tablets cannot be tampered with because they are solid and any poison would break down the medicine.

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. . . from Meredith

The Meredith dating game



On Feb. 13, Meredith hosted its own version of the popular television game show, The Dating Game, co-sponsored by Bragaw Dorm at N.C. State University.

Connie Bates, a freshman at Meredith, asked questions to three Bragaw bachelors. The bachelor she chose is Chase Willett, a junior at N.C. State majoring in chemical engineering.

Elizabeth Hornthal

And how does Bates feel about the upcoming date?

"It is sort of awkward since we don't know anything about each other."

The two have talked on the telephone a few times and plan to go on their date after spring break, Bates said.

"I don't want a relationship. I'm just looking for a good time."

After the females were questioned, Elizabeth Hornthal, a Meredith sophomore, was the "lucky winner" chosen by James Kennedy, a N.C. State senior.

They have planned their date for next week. Hornthal said "He seems real nice." She also said, "I think it will be fun. However, I'm not looking for a long-lasting relationship."

Each couple won a dinner at T.K. Tripps and two tickets to see a movie.

French play to be performed

The 20th Century French Literature Class will be performing the play *Le Malentendu* March 20-21 at 7:00 p.m. in Carswell Auditorium. Professors Comeaux and Winz are assisting with the production. Admission is free.

Upcoming Spanish club activities

The following Spanish club events have been announced:

March 12 — The film *Controlling Interest: The World of the Multinational Corporations*, Joyner Lounge.

March 17-21 — Foreign Language Week.

March 18 — The play *Sin Querer*, 7:00 p.m. Carswell Auditorium.

March 19 — The movie *Carmen*, 7:00 p.m. Cate Center.

March 26 — Dr. Debbie Jacobs, William R. Perkins Library, Duke University, will speak on "From Bawdy House to Cabaret: The Evolution of the Tango as an Expression of Argentine Popular Culture," in Joyner Lounge.

Meredith's valentine dance



Weatherspoon Gym was the site for Meredith's Valentine Dance on Thursday, Feb. 13. With lights dimmed and music filling the air, Meredith students were destined to have a good time — for love was in the air, wasn't it?

The mixer was co-sponsored by RHA at Meredith and Bragaw Dorm at N.C. State University. The dance was the location of the first annual Dating Game and Best Lips Contest.

Nan Henry

Nan Henry, a Meredith junior, was chosen as having the "Best Lips." Nan could not be reached for comment. She received \$20.00 for having the best lips at Meredith.

Senior Activities

Voting for Class Doll, Class Gift, and Outstanding Seniors will be held during lunch (11:00-1:00) and dinner (4:40-6:00) hours in Belk Dining Hall starting Mon., March 10 until Thurs., March 13. Those seniors selected for *Who's Who* are not eligible to be Outstanding Seniors.

The Senior Class will also sponsor the Tandi Temple sweater sale on Monday and Tuesday, March 17-18 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of Cate Center. Tandi will have winter sweaters on sale and new sweater styles for spring and summer.

The next Senior Class Meeting will be Wed., March 12 at 6:30 p.m. in 1st Heilman parlor. The April 2nd meeting has been cancelled.

Teacher of year speaks at Meredith

The Barber Science Club and the SNCAE held a joint meeting Wed., Feb. 12, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel Commons room. Mr. Philip Dail was the speaker.

Mr. Dale was named 1984-85 North Carolina Teacher of the Year. He spoke about the needs and problems of public educators, particularly in North Carolina. After the meeting, refreshments were served and students were given a chance to talk individually with Mr. Dail.

. . . and other Campuses

The electric stun gun is gaining popularity with Ohio State U. students, especially among women, as a deterrent to crime. Police say the stun gun is popular because Mace hasn't proved effective, and self-defense classes take too much time from a student's schedule. Nova Technologies, the gun's manufacturer, promotes it as a non-lethal defense weapon that is easy to use and carry.

Music is more thrilling than sex to college students majoring in music, according to a survey by a Stanford U. researcher. The study, published in the December issue of *Psychology Today*, found that 86% of the music majors questioned reported getting thrills from music, while only 70% felt the same way about sex. Respondents also found a good movie, beauty in nature and art, physical contact with another person and a climactic moment in an opera more thrilling than sex.

Student held a "drink-in" at Columbia U. to flout a new rule forbidding drinking on campus. The New York state drinking age rose from 19 to 21 in December, 1985. "This

is an issue everyone can get together on, liberal or conservative," one student said. "Everyone likes to drink and party."

Career-oriented courses may be dangerous to your career, according to a new study by the Illinois State Board of Higher Education: The study found that students who choose career-oriented courses over a broad education in liberal arts and sciences run the risk of having their skills made quickly obsolete by changes in technology and social conditions. The study also found that Illinois college students often enroll in select courses to avoid those with difficult reading and writing requirements.

Refusing to pay for a \$700 meal card will get a U. of Maryland sophomore booted out of her residence hall. The student refuses to pay for the required meal card because she is a devout Buddhist and eats mostly tofu, soy milk and other food not offered on campus. UM has informed her it is cancelling her residence hall contract.