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## The Board of Trustees represent Meredith on campus and off

by Martha Ann Brawley

The Board of Trustees at Meredith College is an integral part of the College. It makes decisions on behalf of the College that will affect Meredith for years in the future. According to Mr. Joe Baker, the Vice-President of Administrative Affairs, the value of a good board of trustees is immeasurable and helps make a successful college.

The Board is made up of thirty-six men

and women who represent Meredith throughout North Carolina. They range in occupation from ministers to businessmen. Each member serves a term of four years. After the fourth year, the members may take one year off and then become eligible for re-election. To be elected to the Board of Trustees, one must first be a North Carolinian and a member of the Baptist Church. Most importantly, one must be willing to work faithfully for the benefit of Meredith College.

The Board of Trustees meets twice yearly. It meets the last Fridays in September and February. There are many subcommittees and an executive committee that meet at other times during the year. The Executive Committee, which is composed of eighteen to nineteen people, including the Chairman and Vice-Chairman along with the chairmen of all the subcommittees meet once a month. The Executive Committee has the power to act on behalf of the College as well as the

other board members.

The Board itself does not participate in everyday business at Meredith. It sets broad policy. The Board of Trustees is who decides on new presidents and other changes in the administration. They approve tuition changes and financing for special projects, such as the new art building. The Board of Trustees plays an important role in the life of Meredith and directly affects the life of every Meredith student.



Carl Rosen entertains the Meredith campus during the recent lunch held on the lake. (Photo by Jennifer Horton)

## Does Racial prejudice exist at Meredith?

by G. Michelle Baker

The Sociology club sponsored its first program of the semester on Wednesday, October 1. The meeting focused on racial prejudice at Meredith College.

Members of ABA (Association for Black Awareness) took part in the program, giving other students their perspectives of the blacks or these women have been successful and have had some positive experiences here, they admit that there have been struggles along the way, and there is still a need for much improvement to make life for blacks at Meredith what it should be.

One way Meredith could help is to concentrate on recruiting students more black students. Perhaps having a black woman who attended Meredith to talk with those preparing for college was one suggestion. Also, more information on financial aid would make Meredith appealing to more young black women who would otherwise find Meredith too expensive.

Secondly, there is a great need at Meredith for black role models — professors and administrators. Some departments have tried to recruit black professors, but they either found few blacks with Ph.D.'s in their field, or they had trouble getting and keeping the ones they did find.

This is partly due to the nationwide high demand for blacks with Ph.D.'s. Also, some ABA members said the salaries

paid to professors are not competitive enough. A third problem for some black students at Meredith is with individual prejudice among students, faculty and staff. These are not necessarily blatant words or actions, but signs of prejudice, nevertheless.

For example, upon entering Meredith changes in housing. Also many blacks are automatically housed together, although they have nothing else in common. Both situations cause problems. Blacks must also combat stereotypes and labels from whites who have had limited experiences with blacks and who base their attitudes on these narrow experiences.

Changing set attitudes toward blacks and proving themselves equal is probably the most difficult problem for black students at Meredith, according to one ABA member. The Sociology Club wants to help them with this task. Several members plan to join ABA and work coordinately with the two clubs. Both clubs welcome new members of all races who wish to join them in the fight to make a difference, to erase prejudice, to promote student awareness of racial issues here and abroad, and to make the black experience at Meredith College equal with that of others, as it is intended to be. For more information about the clubs, contact Carey Bunting (Soc. Club), Valerie McCray (ABA), or Dr. Rhonda Zingraff (Soc. Dept.)

## On Student Life Committee: Listens to campus concerns

by Elizabeth Almond

How can a student express an idea or problem concerning her experience at Meredith? Through the Student Life committee, a group of students, faculty, and administrators working together to improve the quality of life at Meredith.

Often students do not realize that they have an outlet for the expression of their needs and ideas in the S.L.C.

Since the first priority of the S.L.C. is to serve members of the Meredith community, students should know how to make the committee aware of their ideas, problems, or opinions about student life.

Paula Tomlinson, chair of the S.L.C. said students should submit ideas or complaints for consideration in the form of a written proposal to any member of the S.L.C.

The committee will then turn the proposal over to the appropriate subcommittee.

The subcommittee then researches the proposal and makes a suggestion to the entire committee based on their findings.

Through the S.L.C., everyone involved at Meredith has a chance to be heard and possibly make changes.

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