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Male visitation hours questioned at Meredith

by Kim Allen

At one time or another the question, "Why don't we have some type of male visitation hours?" has crossed the mind of most girls at Meredith College.

According to the Dean of Students, Dorothy Sizemore, the main reason for the rule is to ensure the safety and privacy of each girl. Sizemore explains that you cannot have male visitation hours without infringing upon another girl's rights.

Salem College, A Moravian women's school in Winston-Salem which has approximately half the enrollment of Meredith, has had some form of male visitation for the past ten years. According to the Dean of Students, Virginia Johnson, in the ten years that they have had male visitation she can recall having no problems.

Salem began male visitation hours with afternoons and evenings on the weekends and then later added Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Johnson explained that

the girls are held responsible for the conduct of all visitors. If the visitor is loud or is not out of the dorm on time, the girl is held responsible. The guest must be signed in and out and must be escorted at all times.

Johnson explained that the guidelines were set and the girls know that if there are any problems, they stand the chance of losing the privilege. Johnson also added, "I really don't think that it is abused."

As to the possibility of having such a privilege at Meredith, Sizemore explains

that the idea of male visitation was researched extensively by the Board of Directors several years ago. Following the research it was decided that it was best, for the safety and privacy of the students, that there be no male visitation. The president and the board then reinstated the rule that there would be no male visitation hours.

When asked about the possibility of male visitation hours in the future, she said at this point she could not change.



Paula Tomlinson assumes duties as the newly appointed chair of the Student Life Committee, Meredith's greatest deliberative body. (Photo by Kimberly Cook)

The Student Life Committee sets goals for the year

by Martha Ann Brawley

Meredith College's Student Life Committee met recently to elect a new chairman, Paula Tomlinson, and to formulate the goals of the committee for the 1986-1987 school year.

The purpose of the Student Life Committee is to meet and discuss ways of promoting the enrichment of student and campus life. SLC has been divided into five subcommittees for the purpose of researching goals and formulating proposals.

The Buildings and Grounds subcommittee has approximately 30 goals up for consideration this year. It has considered the possibility of creating a second computer lab with more terminals. There is also the hope of improving the appearance of the lake area by removing the algae and pollutant material. The subcommittee also hopes to improve the new telephone system, specifically long distance access.

The Campus Security subcommittee has a very important proposal. It has con-

sidered looking into the possibilities of having more security guards on duty after closing hours, especially on weekends. The subcommittee has also considered researching parking regulations for freshmen and sophomores.

The Constitutional subcommittee acquired the responsibility of reviewing all constitutions of standing clubs, as well as those forming clubs.

The Student Affairs subcommittee decided to work to improve faculty attitudes towards Cornhuskin'. It has also proposed that Meredith co-sponsor activities with North Carolina State.

These are only a few of the many proposals and recommendations of SLC. There are close to 50 new goals for the 1986-1987 academic year. SLC is always open to hear new recommendations for the committee to review. If a student has a concern or proposal, they may contact Chairman Paula Tomlinson at #7980 or any member of the Student Life Committee.

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The Home Economics major more than just sewing class

by Michelle Fleming

How many of you hear someone say they are a home economics major and automatically associate them with cooking and sewing? Many people do.

Home economics as a profession has been established for 75 years. There are also several different concentrations included in the major. They are child development, clothing and fashion merchandising, interior design, education and nutrition and food service management.

Dr. Marilyn Stuber, head of the home economics department, was asked why the department does not use another title, in order to abolish the "typical homemaker image" and she said, "80 percent of the home economics departments in other colleges and universities have retained their title, while the other 20 percent have changed their name. Those schools who have changed titles have lost their identity."

According to Stuber, instead of changing the name, money needs to be spent on public relations to publicize what is involved

in the major.

Stuber believes that those who think home economics is a cooking and sewing major are misled. "We don't require Meredith students to cook and sew, it is their choice."

She continued, "Home economics majors are well-rounded individuals. They take courses in human resource management, marriage and family, nutrition, marketing, consumer economics, macroeconomics, as well as art-related subjects."

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