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Scarcity of water fountains in the residence halls will have to be dealt with due to the expense of installation. (Photo by Kimberly Cook)

Absence of water fountains creates concern

by Julia Toone

Many students have noticed the absence of water fountains on the second, third, and fourth floors of residence halls.

It is an inconvenience to some of those students, especially those who like the water from the fountain better than that from the tap.

According to Jerry Bynum, manager of

environmental services, the quality of water from the tap is the same as that from the fountain.

He also says that because of the great expense, there are no plans for water fountains on other floors.

For those students living on second, third, and fourth floors, the problem of lack of water fountains remains unsolved.

SGA lets their light shine for INTERACT

by Nan Henry

The SGA Executive Committee is gearing up for the second annual luminary event to be held December 2, 1986 beginning at 6:45 p.m. The theme this year is "Let Your Light Shine."

Donna Wilson, president of SGA, said that the committee is excited about the event and has developed a new system which will allow all Meredith students to participate in the event.

The residence halls will be responsible for luminaries in certain sections, allowing students to help both the luminary event, as well as the fundraising.

Terrie Lewellen, treasurer of SGA, explained that proceeds from luminary sales will go to Interact, a division of the United Way. SGA was able to find the

luminary materials at a lower cost than last year enabling them to donate more to Interact this year, according to Lewellen.

Bettie Shipp, vice president of SGA, said the committee chose to support Interact because of its emphasis on helping women through programs for battered women and rape victims.

Luminaries will be sold November 21-25 in the cafeteria during lunch and dinner.

"They make great gifts for suitemates, friends, and Big and Little Sisters," said Shandra Lanier, secretary of SGA. The luminaries will be sold for 50¢ each or five for \$2.00.

SGA hopes to sell 5,500 luminaries and encourages students and faculty to support the event, said Caroline Powell, chairperson of Honor Council.

News Briefs

As the 1986 political campaign enters its final week, the Democrats appear to have slightly improved their chances of gaining the four or more seats needed to take control of the Senate.

To meet the challenge in close races, the Republicans are spending millions to bring out voters and are relying heavily on President Reagan's popularity to tip the balance.

Lefty Driesell lost his job as head basketball coach at the University of Maryland, but retained most of his lucrative contract by becoming assistant athletic director.

Driesell, 54, stepped aside under pressure from an administration reacting to the furor that followed the cocaine-induced death of All-American Len Bias on June 19 and criticism of Maryland's academic standards for basketball players.

The State Social Services Commission approved two regulations Thursday that would require the state to inform district attorneys when a woman seeking a state funded abortion said she had been raped or was the victim of incest, and would make available models of the human fetus and embryo for use in pre-abortion counseling.

Opponents of the regulations say that they would restrict access to abortion for many poor women.

Today's college freshmen are more likely to drink beer, but less likely to smoke cigarettes and cling to liberal political ideas than their counterparts of 20 years ago. They also made higher grades in high school than their predecessors, but need more remedial help in college. They are also far more interested in being well-off financially.

Those are some of the findings of a study released Thursday that looks back on 20 years of polling data of six million young people as they embark on their college careers. The survey of nearly 300,000 students at 550 colleges nationwide was conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA. The study spanned 20 years and was sponsored by the American Council on Education.

The National Academy of Sciences warned yesterday that the nation's efforts to combat the AIDS epidemic has been "woefully inadequate" and reported it will require up to \$2 billion a year in federal funds to curb the continued spread of the disease.

The academy's Institute of Medicine called for "the most wide-ranging, intensive effort ever made against an infectious disease" to keep the epidemic — which has already killed 15,000 Americans — from spreading.

Parents' Weekend begins tomorrow

by Kim Allen

Parents' Weekend, "A Downhome Family Tradition," will begin tomorrow, November 8-9. The weekend will begin on Saturday at noon with registration and will end on Sunday with the matinee performance of, "The Boyfriend".

The weekend will consist of a presentation by the Bathtub Ring, a hayride, a performance by the Aqua Angels, a Pig Pickin' with a band and square dance, and a Sunday brunch.

Michelle Jordan, a sophomore Student Foundation member, best summarizes Parents' Weekend, "Parents' Weekend is a time when the whole family can come and have fun, food, and fellowship."

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