

Faculty spotlight: Dr. Frank Grubbs probes the past

by Mary Umstead

"I have the kind of mind that wants to know how things originated ... where things came from ... why life is the way it is," said Dr. Frank Grubbs as he gazed out his office window. Such a statement is not surprising, considering it came from the head of Meredith's history and political science department.

Originally an English major, Grubbs received his B.A. from Lynchburg College. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Virginia, where he also taught American history. Grubbs also worked in quality control for Mead Paper Products, and served in the army for two years during the Korean War.

Grubbs has been head of the history and political science department since 1976, 13 years after his arrival to Meredith in 1963.

When asked about duties involved in this position, Grubbs stated that like any other department head, his office could best be related to that of departmental

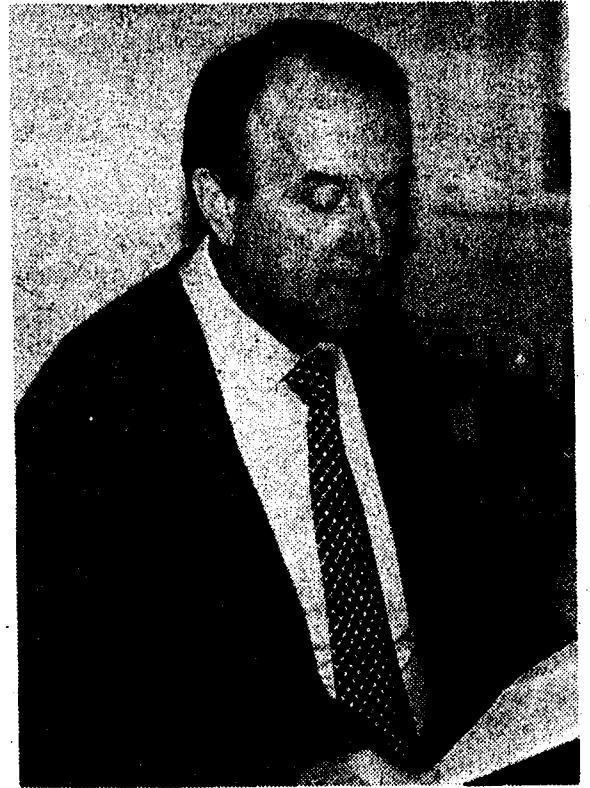
administrator. His duties are to aid the president and the academic dean through work on the departmental level. A second function Grubbs cited is to convince Meredith students that history and political science are disciplines worthy of study. "I often tell my students that they can never escape history and politics," Grubbs said, "They think they can, but they can't."

This effort to recruit students is one aspect of his job that is especially hard. Grubbs related that since 1974 figures have shown that while students show a marked lack of interest in liberal art areas, they do show a rising interest in vocational topics. Grubbs believes that "the deep recession of that time has totally changed American education; it has turned students toward skilled occupations and immediate rewards ... getting a job and then getting a paycheck."

"But," Grubbs stated, "there is more to life than an eight hour job." This is an opinion he fully endorses by his variety of interests. One major endeavor is helping the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

set up an archival program. Along with faculty emerita and preceding department head, Dr. Sarah Lemmon, he is also writing a book on the history of the Episcopal Church. Grubbs also enjoys painting, and has, in fact, taken twelve hours of art classes at Meredith. "I also play the piano by ear," Grubbs said, and with a wry smile added, "it is somewhat hard on my ears." In past years both he and his wife, Dr. Carolyn Grubbs, have been further active in the Boy Scouts, until their two sons achieved Eagle Scout status.

When asked to discuss advantages and disadvantages of being married to another member of the Meredith faculty, smiling Grubbs said, "I think it is an advantage in any marriage that the husband and wife have a common interest outside the household. That we both share an interest in history has allowed us to talk the same language." When asked about disadvantages, Grubbs, said that he believed that no wife likes to have her husband as her boss. Then, he smiled again and said, "But I think it has worked out rather well."



Dr. Frank Grubbs coordinates the operation of the history department, as its chairperson. (Photo by Sharon Wells.)

Christmas ornaments to be sold by Psi Chi

Have you thought of a Christmas gift yet for your roommate, suitemate, little Sister, big Sister, friend, favorite professor, alumnae, the person whose shoulder you cry on, or for that special someone? Well, ponder no longer — the Meredith College chapter of Psi Chi has the perfect gift — a special Meredith Christmas angel ornament!

The sale of these special ornaments by the Meredith College chapter of Psi Chi, the national honor society for Psychology majors, has been a Meredith tradition for years.


The idea for the angel ornament was originated by Dr. Lynn Aubrecht, one of Psi Chi's advisers, and is not to be confused with the college Mascot.

For years, Meredith College was known in Raleigh as the Angel Farm and quite appropriately, Meredith students were (and still are) known as Angels. Thus, in 1980, a campaign was held to establish the Angel

as the official Meredith Mascot. However, the Mascot design has not been used for Psi Chi's Christmas ornament; instead, a different design is chosen each year so that students may collect a special ornament to represent each of their years at Meredith.

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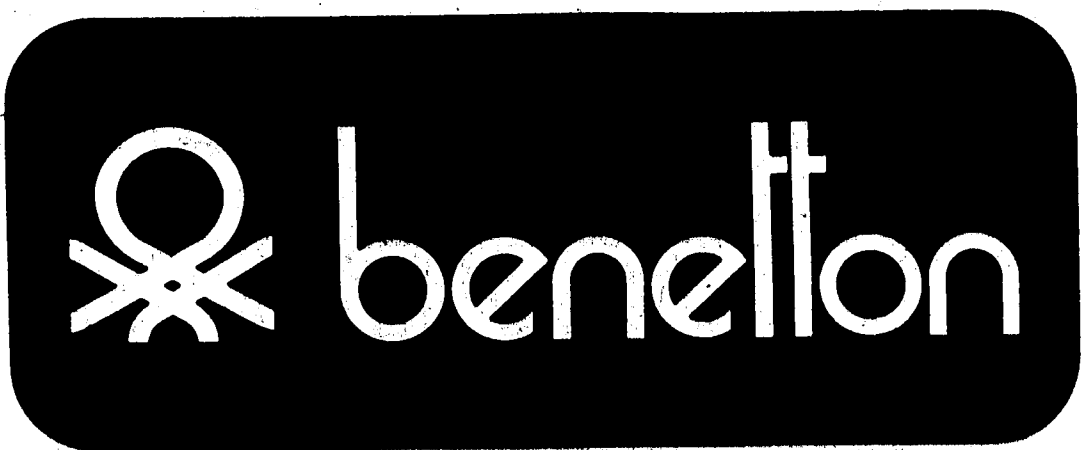
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