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Claiming power: Staley Lecture Series 1988

by Cara Lynn Croom

Dr. Nancy Hardesty, professor from Clemson University, is on campus this week as the visiting Staley Lecturer. Her lectures center around the theme of "Christian Women, Claiming Our Power" and are entitled "Choosing and Being Chosen" and "Calling and Being Called." Dr. Hardesty is focusing on the issues that relate to Christian women in today's society and will offer the second lecture on Wednesday, October 5, at 10 a.m. in Jones Chapel. The first lecture was offered on Monday, at 10 a.m.

The Staley Lectures were established by Thomas F. Staley, an affluent businessman, to challenge American students in small Christian colleges to combine intellectual learning with Christian growth. Mr. Staley is a member of the Reynolds family and was instrumental in establishing Reynolds and Company as a major

corporation. Mr. Staley died in September, 1977, and the duties of the program are now administered by members of his family and an advisory board.

Each year, the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholars Lecture Program allows small Christian colleges, like Meredith, to choose both topic and speaker and then helps fund the lecture series. A committee of Meredith students, faculty and staff devised the topic and chose to ask Dr. Hardesty. The topic was developed out of the suggestion of a Meredith student because of her concern over the issue of women and authority. Dr. Hardesty was chosen because of her renown as a speaker and author of such books as *Inclusive Language in the Church* (1987), *Women Called to Witness* (1984) and *Great Women of Faith* (1982). Meredith is privileged to have Dr. Hardesty as a lecturer on campus this week.

MEA



Carl Rosen will be the guest performer at the Luau.

Trustees on campus

by Kitty Pate

Twice a year, every fourth Friday in September and February, Meredith holds its trustee's meeting. This year it was held on Friday, September 23. There are 36 members on the Board of Trustees that attend each meeting. These members are elected by the Baptist State Convention to serve a four year term. They are required to be North Carolina Baptists.

The types of issues taken care of at these meetings are things such as setting tuition and fees for room and board charges and making policies, which only occurs once every five

years. The president and vice presidents also inform members of the happenings on campus.

There are five trustee committees that meet prior to the meeting. These committees meet at 10 a.m. At noon they have lunch and the Trustee's meeting begins at 3 p.m. The meeting is observed by the SGA president.

Most of the trustee members have Meredith connections. Many have daughters who are currently or were previously students at Meredith. Some of the male trustees have wives who presently attend or have previously attended.

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Entertainment at Its Best

Meredith Entertainment Association is holding its annual Luau in the courtyard on October 5. Carl Rosen will be the guest performer at the Luau which will begin at 4 p.m. A dinner consisting of barbeque ribs and pineapple chicken, and a special fruit drink, will be served. Each student will receive a lei upon entering the Luau. Please come and join MEA at our Luau — the cool breezes of Hawaii are calling you!