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Task Force on Pursuit of Excellence Nears Its Goal

by Cara Lynn Croom

A little-known but very important committee of faculty, alumnae and current students at Meredith has been hard at work since May 1987 to evaluate excellence at Meredith and to recommend steps to take in the future to improve Meredith's excellence.

The Task Force for the Pursuit of Excellence, chaired by Dr. Alan Page of the Religion Department, has already developed a list of assumptions about Meredith College. These assumptions cover a wide range of topics, from the quality of student life to the physical facilities of the campus, from the goals

of education to the cost of education at Meredith.

The assumptions that the Task Force has listed will now be used as a basis for making recommendations to President John Weems. These recommendations will touch on ways to keep education affordable, ways to make the residence life more conducive to study and ways to increase opportunities for faculty and staff development. Dr. Page stated that the Task Force hoped to be able to make its report by the end of this semester.

While the Task Force is not directly linked to the self-study that Meredith is now conducting, the Task Force's findings may be used in developing both long and short range goals for Meredith.

Any student who may wish to express an opinion concerning excellence at Meredith may speak to Dr. Page or may contact Casey Bass Bunch who is a student representative on the Task Force. Student input is welcomed by this committee because much of the Task Force's report will deal with students and the quality of education.

Campus Scouts on the Move

Kay Jernigan represented the Meredith Campus Scouts at Carolina Rainbow Girl Scout Statewide Camporee on Oct. 22. She joined four Campus Scouts from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill as Interest Area Coordinators.

The Campus Scouts spent most of the day working with Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts in various workshops. During the afternoon, they had an opportunity to talk with leaders about what Campus Scouts can offer to college students and to the Girl Scout Council.

What can Campus Scouts offer? The opportunities are unlimited. Are you interested in camping, travel, leadership training and experience, being a summer camp counselor, networking opportunities, or making a difference in a girl's life? Campus Scouts offers all this and more.

The Meredith Campus Scouts will meet on Nov. 9 at 7 pm in the Student Leadership Suite. New members are welcome.

Educational scholarships available

by Jayne Potter

There are a number of educational scholarships available for the 1989-90 academic year. All of the scholarships require a commitment to teach in the North Carolina public schools for a designated period of time. Any interested students can contact Dr. Kratzer in 122 Joyner or at 8399.

The Mary Morrow Scholarship Trust offers at least one thousand dollars to college juniors for their senior year. Two students will be chosen from Meredith's education department, based on need. The deadline is January 9.

The most stringent qualifications are needed for the Paul Douglas Teachers Scholarship Program. Candidates must have a 3.0 or higher and have been in the top ten percent of their high school class. Four Meredith students received this award last year. There is an April deadline.

An unlimited number of applicants

will be accepted for the NEA National Teachers Competition. A five hundred, a twelve hundred and fifty, and a twenty-five hundred dollar scholarship will be awarded for the senior year.

Applications for the Prospective Teachers Scholarship are due March 1; those received after the deadline will be considered if there are funds available. This scholarship offers a maximum of two thousand dollars for no more than four years in undergraduate study.

Majors in math, science, a second language, chemistry, computer education, economics, political science, physics, academically gifted, and vocationally handicapped are eligible for the Teaching Fellows. It offers up to four thousand dollars for the junior and senior years. Regional interviews are required as is the maintenance of a 2.5 GPA and a major in one of these areas. Deadline is sometime after January.