

# Happy New Year!

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## Meredith Names Graduate School

In an unprecedented move, the Meredith College Board of Trustees announced that the college will name its graduate school The John E. Weems Graduate School in honor of Meredith president Dr. John E. Weems. The announcement by Mr. Hubert Ledford, Chairman of the Meredith Board of Trustees, marks the first time in the 97-year history of the college that a Meredith school or program has been named for an individual.

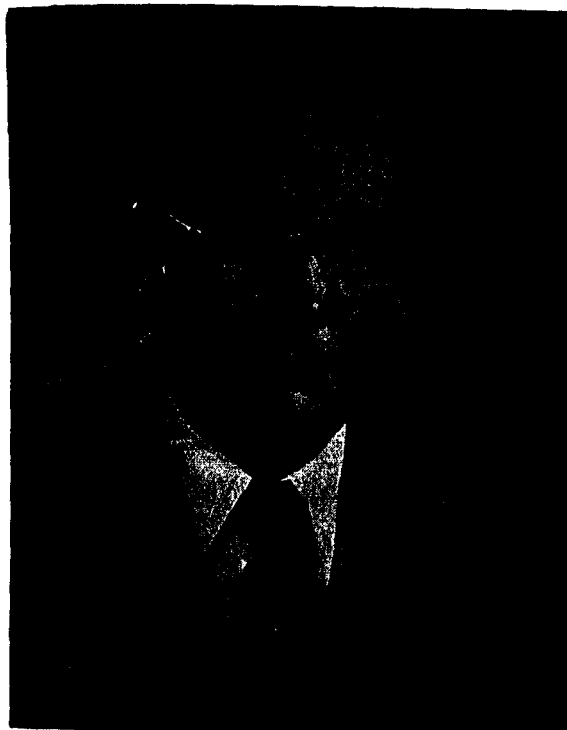
Dr. Weems, president of Meredith for the past 17 years, is credited with playing a key role in the establishment in 1983 of the graduate programs in Business, in Education and in Music. These three programs currently enroll over 200 students.

"It is most appropriate to name the Graduate School for Dr. Weems since it is a growing, exciting part of the college. He actively participated in the development of the program, contributing both support and innovative ideas. He gave invaluable guidance during the implementation of the programs and his support continues," commented Dr. Clara Bunn, Dean of the Graduate School from 1983 to 1988.

"Nothing the Trustees could have done would have pleased me more than this," said Dr. Weems. The confirmation vote by the 36-member Board was unanimous.

Under his leadership, Meredith College has become the largest private four year college for women in the Southeast, and among the top 10 largest women's colleges in the U.S.

Dr. Weems, a native of Tennessee, attended George Peabody College, where he received a B.S. in economics, business administration and education; an M.A. in business administration and administration of public education; and a Ph.D. in administration of higher education. He has served in



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administrative positions with Atlantic Christian College, Kentucky Wesleyan College and, prior to coming to Meredith, was Vice President for Finance and Administration with Middle Tennessee State University.

Active in educational and civic organizations, Dr. Weems is currently chairman of the N.C. Association of Independent Colleges and Universities; President of the Cooperating Raleigh Colleges; member of the College Commission of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; past president of the Southern Association of Colleges for Women and past president of the Triangle area's "Fifty Group." He was married to the late Frankie Gooch Weems, and has 3 children.

## Back To The Locker Room

By Krista Holloman

Saturday, Jan. 14, found more than 50 Meredith students at the Ramada Inn on Blue Ridge Rd. for the Spring Leadership Conference.

Entitled "A Winning Season — Back to the Locker Room," the seminar organized by Cindy Edwards and the Office of Student Activities helped to motivate students for the spring semester.

Special speakers included Jim Edwards, Principal of the Washington Gifted and Talented Magnet School, and Bo Roberts, Associate Director of Camp Seagull.

### FRANKIE G. WEEMS

Frankie Gooch Weems, wife of President John Weems, died last Monday evening. A memorial worship service was held Wednesday, 11 am, at Hayes Barton Baptist Church.

Mrs. Weems, an honorary alumna of Meredith, was vice-president of Meredith's current Friends of the Library organization. The art gallery in Gaddy-Hamrick Art Center is named in honor of her in recognition of her contributions to life at Meredith.

Mrs. Weems is survived by her husband, Dr. John E. Weems; a daughter Nancy Weems of Raleigh; and two sons, John Mark Weems of Los Angeles and David Weems of Denver; her mother and her sister, both of Nashville, Tennessee.

Contributions may be made to the Frankie G. Weems Art Gallery at Meredith College.

Meredith will be 100 yrs. in 1991. What do you have to say about Meredith for \$100? Attend Founder's Day Convocation, Jan. 30, 10 am.

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