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Opening Convocation

Expanding the Boundaries



Dr. Weems

Dr. John Weems, President of Meredith College, spoke with the *Herald* last Thursday about his part in this morning's Opening Convocation. If all goes as planned, those who attend are sure to be pleased with the unique audio-visual presentation.

"Me making a speech is a contradiction in terms," said Dr. Weems. "I'm just going to have a conversation with the audience."

"This topic, Expanding the Boundaries, can be explored as a two-headed approach," he explained. "Number one, we'd like to demonstrate that Meredith has all sorts of international opportunities for education beyond the campus. And, number two, we want to go beyond the traditional teaching approach by demonstrating how laser discs, cable television, and computers can enhance the students' education."

Dr. Weems says he won't be alone during the convocation: several faculty and staff members will be on hand to discuss international studies opportunities and Dr. Craig Green will beam in "live and remote" via Meredith's on-campus cablevision.

Low-cost computer software programs will demonstrate fascinating views of the world and even the stars of the cosmos. [During the interview, Dr. Weems spent several minutes demonstrating two IBM programs that impressed even this die-hard Macintosh fan.]

"Expanding the Boundaries" surely typifies the attitude of our College, both on campus and beyond.

Worship service challenges community

Tearing Down the Walls

Sam Carothers, Campus Minister, opened the first worship of the year with a challenge to tear down the many walls we build in order to keep ourselves isolated from others who are different.

He related a story about his father's uncanny knack for building beautiful stone walls.

"We are builders on this planet," Mr. Carothers said. "Some walls are beautiful and allow us to be creative. But we're all prone to build negative walls, too."

Carothers explained that negative walls can be physical, like the ones we build to keep our backyards separate from our neighbors', or mental walls like the ones we build to shield ourselves from those whose gender, race, financial background, nationality, or theological background is different from our own.

"We shut people out because they're



Sam Carothers, Campus Minister, addresses first worship service

not as good as us," Carothers said. "But there is no place for wall building [at Meredith]. We have lots of different ideas in our community, different backgrounds and nationalities. Don't be afraid to reflect on ideas that are new. Use this year to explore and learn from other cultures."

Kay Jernigan, Worship Coordinator of MCA, served as Worship Leader and representatives of the student body, faculty and staff assisted with Communion.

Leave the books behind and "Unwind" with MCA

All students are invited to attend "Unwinding," a time for fellowship, learning and fun exploring issues surrounding Christian life beginning this Tuesday, August 28, at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel basement recreation room. Unwinding continues each Tuesday during the semester.

Reading, Writing & War

Quick thinking on student's part averts action

by Muffett Brinkman and Kym Spell

Charmay Fryar, a second semester freshman, serves as a Personnel Management Specialist (PMS) in the National Guard. As a PMS, she handles financial matters for men called for duty and makes arrangements with family members in cases of a death. For the past four weeks, her unit has been on alert and several units have already been dispatched to serve in [classified locations].

At the beginning of the summer, Charmay was given the option of serving in either Italy or Turkey from September 23 until October 13. On Wednesday,

she told reporters that "It's no longer an if, and, or but situation. It looks like I'll definitely be going." However, on Friday, she spoke with her First Sergeant and offered to take a different detail in Belgium for two and a half months during the spring semester in order to avoid being dispatched now. Her First Sergeant agreed to the deal. Because she volunteered to take another detail, she most likely will not be called for another detail during her college career.

Her ability to show proof of college registration also prevented her from

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