

Meredith Herald

Volume 6, Number 10

October 29, 1990

1990-1991: Celebrating Meredith's Charter Centennial

Money for College!

By Patricia Underwood

Money for college! Wait a minute, you mean I have to pay for an education? After twelve required years, new founded adults are tossed into the world with little more than prom memories and a vision of the ultimate independence — college life.

For some, mom and dad have a gracious supply of funds to provide a superior education at a top notch college, like Meredith. For many, tuition alone is the determining factor in selecting a college. The philosophy at Meredith is that the kind of educational experience you want - not the cost of it - should be your basis for selecting a college. Of course, cost is a major consideration. That is why Meredith participates in every financial aid program available to a liberal arts college.

According to John B. Hiott, Financial Aid Officer at Meredith, "During the past several years, we were able to meet 100% of the need for the freshmen applying for financial assistance." The "need" is based on a formula developed by the Office of Education which analyzes a family's or student's income

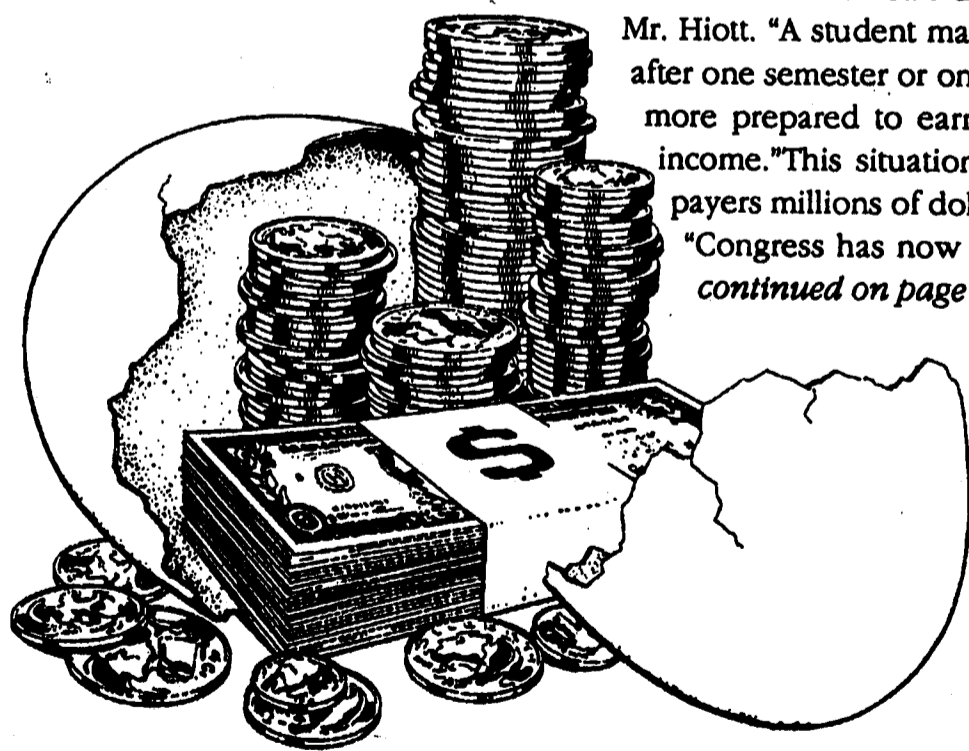
and assets. It may not be as much as they hope to get, but Meredith is able to give them what they are entitled to. At Meredith last year, about 1,200 students applied for financial aid. Only half followed through, and now approximately 650 students are receiving some type of aid.

There are two categories of financial assistance. 'Need based' is determined by completion of the Financial Aid Form (FAF) printed by the College Scholarship Service. These students may be eligible for loans and grants. Competitive scholarships are given to students who show exceptional talent, promise, and achievements. "A student does not apply for these individually," says Mr. Hiott, "the school determines who is awarded scholarships."

Grants and scholarships do not have to be paid back, but loans do. Most educational loan payments are deferred until six months after graduation or termination of study. If a student drops out, or falls below full time status, she must begin repayment. "Nationwide there has been a tremendous problem with educational loan defaults," states Mr. Hiott. "A student may leave school after one semester or one year not any more prepared to earn a substantial income." This situation costs the tax payers millions of dollars each year.

"Congress has now instituted new

continued on page 5



Next Week is Religious Emphasis Week

The Gospel According to You

As part of Religious Emphasis Week, folk singer Ed Kilbourne will present a collection of gospel stories transposed into contemporary settings and entitled "The Gospel According to You" on Monday, November 5 at 10:00 a.m. in Jones Chapel. Later, a dinner/dialogue will be held at 5:30 in the Chapel Common Room.

On Tuesday, Ed will present a concert in Jones Chapel at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 6, he will conclude "The Gospel According to You" in Jones Chapel at 10:00 a.m. A luncheon/dialogue will be held in the President's Dining Room at 12:00 noon.



Ed Kilbourne performs during Religious Emphasis Week

Continuation of Alcohol Awareness Series

"Party Smart"

By Janie Mullis

Alcohol Awareness Week, Nov. 5-9, is being characterized by the theme "Party Smart."

Plans for the week include a picnic in the courtyard during dinner hours on Thursday, Nov. 8. During the picnic, classes will compete for a \$50.00 cash prize in a "mocktail" competition. The object is to create the best non-alcoholic beverage. The contest will be judged by faculty members.

Two special guest speakers from the Koala Center have been invited.

One speaker, a nurse, will discuss the effects of women drinking while pregnant. The other speaker will focus in drinking and driving.

There will also be a shocking exhibit of a car totalled during an accident involving an intoxicated driver.

According to Dede Dry, a member of the committee that organized Alcohol Awareness Week, "Our goal is not to discourage drinking; however, it is to teach students to be responsible if they are going to drink."

Inside:

2 Editorial: Legitimate Politics and the Public Good; letters to editor

3 Gantt seeks student support; Helms campaign uncovers gay Gantt supporters, claims dirty politics

6 Student Focus: Jennifer Worster; Activists protest animal testing, dump Gillette

7 News from the nation's capital: Bush vetoes civil rights bills, Helms' NEA amendment defeated