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Dr. Robert Bratcher:

## "How Can We Translate?"

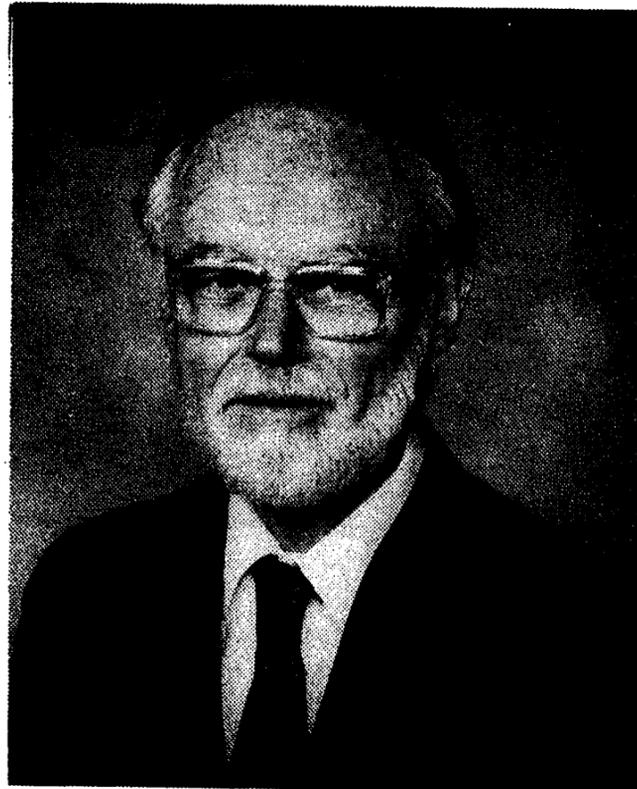
On Wednesday, January 16, the annual Mary Frances Preston Lecture in Biblical Studies will present Dr. Robert G. Bratcher, who will deliver the message, "How Can We Translate," at 10:00 a.m. in Jones Chapel. At 4:00 p.m., Dr. Bratcher will present *Translating the Bible: Trials and Triumphs*.

Dr. Bratcher's works reflect an effort to transcend cultural expressions of the Bible while being true to its religious message. One of his primary contributions is the work he did with the translation team for Today's English Version of the Bible. The timing of Dr. Bratcher's visit to Meredith may be of particular interest in light of the recent publication of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Dr. Bratcher is the translator of the

Good News New Testament, the New Testament in Today's English Version, being assisted in his task by a group of specialists. After approval by the American Bible Society's Board of Managers, the translation was published in September 1966. Since its appearance, more than 100 million copies have been distributed. Dr. Bratcher also chaired the team of seven scholars who prepared the translation of the Old Testament in Today's English Version. The work was completed in November 1975 and the complete Bible was published in December of 1976. Over 50 million copies of that Bible have been distributed.

Dr. Bratcher has written and edited many articles and books on Bible translation. He has been a member of several translation panels of the United



Bible Societies, a fellowship of more than 70 national Bible Societies. Lately he has served as a member of the Translation Committee of the Brazil Bible Society, in the task of producing a common-language translation in Portuguese, comparable to the Good News Bible in English.

Ordained by the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, KY, in 1943, he served as pastor of the Rising Sun, Indiana, Baptist Church and as a U. S. Navy Chaplain.

Dr. Bratcher and his wife June make their home in Chapel Hill, NC. They have two daughters and a son.

## Dance & Dialogue

Jack Arnold, a North Carolina native who has recently returned after three years with Pilobolus Dance Theatre, will be joined by Meredith faculty members Alyson Colwell and Annie Elliott in a presentation of "Dance and Dialogue." The evening of dance and conversation will take place in Jones Auditorium January 18 and 19 at 8:00 p.m.

Arnold and Colwell will perform two duets: "Sweep," a raucous and rowdy look at relationships, and the premiere of a new work set to music by Claude Debussy. Both duets were choreographed by Arnold. "Luna,"

created in 1984 by noted choreographer Jan Van Dyke and performed by Colwell, is a lyrical solo contrasting intricate gestures and broad brush strokes of movement.

Choreographer Annie Elliott will premiere a new solo, a stark statement about extinction.

Following the performance, there will be an informal dialogue with the artists about their dances.

Ticket prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for students and free of charge to Meredith students with a "Meredith Performs" card. For ticket reservations, call the Meredith Performs box office at 829-2840.

## Congress authorizes war

from wire reports

On Saturday, January 12, Congress voted to give President Bush the authority to declare war against Iraq.

The Senate approved the use of military force with a vote of 52-47. The 42 Republicans and 10 Democrats who voted in favor of the measure seemed convinced that economic sanctions would not force Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

The House vote was 250-183, with 164 Republicans and 86 Democrats supporting the resolution.

The measure gives Mr. Bush the authorization "to use United States armed forces pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution 678," which authorized member countries to use "all

necessary means" against Iraq if it did not withdraw from Kuwait by midnight, January 15, 1991.

Mr. Bush called the action taken by Congress an "unmistakable demonstration of the United States' commitment to enforce a complete Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait."

He also stated that war was not inevitable but warned that fighting may begin "sooner rather than later" unless Iraq begins a rapid, massive withdrawal from the tiny nation it overtook in August.

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