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Le Greenhouse Hours

Extended

by Karen Howell

On October 23rd, SGA held an open forum in an attempt to gather student concerns, as well as share information that we had gathered. a recurring topic was the social life at Meredith or lack there of. Students expressed concern that there was no a centralized place to congregate. A small step which we decided upon was extending the hours of Le Greenhouse in order to provide a place for students to go and visit (and eat). SGA spoke with Thad O'Briant, and he agreed to extend the hours on an experimental basis.

On January 14th, Le Greenhouse began staying open until 11 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights. To start, the normal menu will be in placed - items such as hamburgers, french fries, sandwiches, and baked goods. For now, these extended hours will last only for a month. After the month test-period, ARA will evaluate the response and determine if there is enough use to justify the extended hours for a longer period of time. If this venture proves successful, additional menu items such as pizza, milkshakes, and frozen desserts may be added if there is enough interest to justify such equipment acquisitions.

So, if you students really want a place to go and eat after the dining hall closes, gather your friends and head over to Le Greenhouse. If we ever hope to have a more social-oriented student center, we need to show that there is a need for such a place by using the facilities that currently exist.

Freshmen Curfew Abolished

by Mary Snow Burnette, Student Life Committee Chair, and Amy LaVoy, Publications Editor

On January 14, 1992 the Student Life Committee made history at Meredith College by abolishing the longstanding freshmen curfew.

The idea for relinquishing freshmen curfew came from the Residence Hall Board to the Student Life Committee last November. Karen Howell, RHB chair, came before the Committee with the proposal. The proposal stated that the curfew policy, which began as a way to "encourage responsible behavior among all students," had lost its original purpose, and should therefore "cease to exist beginning with the Fall semester of 1992."

The rationale behind the proposal stated that the policy is "hypocritical" because it punishes those students who are supposedly showing responsible behavior by returning to campus, while students who stay out all night are not only unsafe, but unpunished.

Dorothy Sizemore, Dean of Students, was quoted in the rationale as saying that the original reason for the curfew "was to allow the students an acceptable excuse for returning to campus to study as the hour grew late." However, the rationale went on to say, with a curfew of one and two in the morning, using it as an excuse to return to campus is "no longer valid."

In summing up the proposal, Karen Howell stated, "The Student Life Committee is concerned about the

welfare of the students. Freshmen Resident Assistants tell stories of numerous girls staying out all night sleeping in parked cars in a parking lot at State or on a couch at one of the fraternities. The irresponsible behavior is obviously the fault of the student, but the College should do all that it can to help the students. By eliminating the curfew policy, the college would be encouraging students to return to campus no matter the hour."

After hearing the proposal, the Student Life Committee held amazingly little discussion before they voted to accept or reject the proposal. In what could only be described as an "extremely close vote," according to Mary Snow Burnette, Student Life Committee chair, the proposal passed.

After passing the proposal, the Committee sent it to the Senate for approval. The Senate passed the proposal before Christmas and sent it back to the Committee, who then sent it to Dr. Sandra Thomas, Vice-President for Student Development. On January 14, Dr. Thomas announced to the Committee that the proposal had passed, and freshmen curfew was no more.

Next week: Interviews with Student Life Committee members and members of the student body on their thoughts and feelings about the end of freshmen curfew.

Meredith Remembers Dr. King

by Neasha M. Bryant

During a week-long celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and work, Meredith commemorated the American martyr's achievements with a prayer breakfast and a worship service Wednesday morning. Wednesday would have been Dr. King's sixty-third birthday.

Students in the Meredith Christian Association and in the Association for Black Awareness organized the prayer breakfast. Rev. Corothers gave a moving sermon on what he thought Dr. King's vision of the American "Melting Pot" would have been today. The Association for Black Awareness coordinated Wednesday's worship service, with Mr. Vernon Malone as the speaker. Mr. Malone is the Chairman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners and a former Chairman of the Wake County Board of Education. His eloquent speech entailed a reflection of how much minorities have achieved and of America's current shortcomings with reference to human equality. The service was followed by a reception in which students, faculty, and staff were welcome to meet Mr. Malone.

MIA International Week

January 21-24

International Exhibit

Belk Dining Hall

January 21, 1-3 p.m.

International Street Fair

in front of the library

January 22, 9 p.m.

International Movie

Projection Room

January 23, 4:30-6:15 p.m.

International Food and Show

Belk Dining Hall