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Faculty Continues Alice in Wonderland Tradition

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On February 6th, the Meredith community will have the opportunity to experience an event that hasn't happened since 1987. On this night, the faculty of Meredith will present the Centennial production of Alice in Wonderland, a production that happens only once every four years. This tradition began on March 15, 1924, when the faculty invited the student body to a night of entertainment but did not tell them what is was going to be. The students were delighted at their professors' elaborate costumes and acting ability, but the real fun was trying to figure out who was who. The faculty still puts on this magical production, and students flock to see who will be Alice or the Mad Hatter.

This special production will take place in Jones Auditorium. Because seating is limited, it will be on first-come-first-serve basis. The house is expected to fill up quickly, so go early to get a good seat! In case of overflow, there may be extra seating in either Jones Chapel or Kresge. The play will be broadcast there if that is the case. The production is free to students and faculty.

What? Centennial production of Alice in Wonderland

When? February 6, at 8:00 p.m.

Where? Jones Auditorium

Fee? Free

Seating Policy: First-come-first-serve!

Dr. Weems Recounts Tales of Trip

by Jessica Cook

George Bush isn't the only president who has recently been globe-hopping; Dr. John E. Weems, president of Meredith College, journeyed to Hong Kong, India, the Seychelles Islands, South Africa, Africa, and Monaco on October 22 - November 9, 1991. The trip was presented to Dr. Weems by the Meredith College board of trustees for his 20 years of service to the college.

Weems traveled with 60 people from around the United States and Canada in a luxurious private airplane. He remained in each location for either three or four days before proceeding to another, and he enjoyed the fact that most flights were only six hours.

Weems described Hong Kong as resembling "midtown Manhattan." He said the city was "crowded like New York," and the streets were lined with small businesses.

Cape Town, South Africa was Weems' favorite city on his journey. He declared there was "no down side" to the city, describing the "perfect weather" and fantastic national parks. In South Africa, Weems also visited the Cape of Good Hope, where he explored a national park filled with exotic, lush plant life.

Often, Weems' "vacation" seemed more like an exciting adventure, an Outward Bound experience with first-class touches. In Kenya, Weems lived in a tent for four days beside a river populated with crocodiles and hippopotamuses. He saw two crocodiles kill a zebra that was crossing the river, and hippopotamuses grazing on the riverbank periodically brushed against his tent. He said going on safari in Kenya was the best part of his trip, and he even had a close call with an elephant. Soon after he had



Photo courtesy of Dr. Weems.
Dr. Weems and "friend."

left the camp to continue on his journey, an elephant tore through the camp, upsetting tables and china. Adding to the adventure was a snorkeling expedition in the Indian Ocean. While on the Seychelles Islands, Weems tried snorkeling for the first time; he expected his guides to keep him safely close to shore. However, they took him nearly a mile into the sea for snorkeling over a coral reef.

While exploring India, Weems said he noticed striking differences from American culture. He said the country was "overwhelming" and that it was impossible to apply American values and ideals to the Indian culture. For example, his tour bus would have to stop to avoid hitting cows sleeping in the road. Weems added that poverty was extensive and many people lived without real shelter; however, he noted the relative nature of poverty and said it was incorrect to apply the American definition of poverty to Indians.

Although Weems had a memorable trip, filled with enjoyment and adventure, he said, "It's always good to get back."

Rape of Mother Earth:

Recycling and Meredith College

by Tracey Rawls

On Meredith's campus almost all of the students have witnessed it. Rape. Not a rape of a person, but rape of Mother Earth.

We've all seen it happen or, heaven forbid, done it ourselves. Throwing away an aluminum can or newspaper simply because trashing is easier than recycling. We are taking something away from Earth by not recycling. Therefore, it is time to learn what we, as a campus, can do to save Earth: recycle.

At Texas A&M University a group of students in the Texas Environmental Action Coalition (TEAC) started a pilot recycling program using "dormitory recycling kits." The kits included recycling bins, liners, and a recycling guide explaining how to prepare materials and where to take them in town.

To finance the operation, the students contacted local businesses and asked them to "sponsor" a recycling bin for \$25. In turn, the business could have its name and any other information on the bin.

The pilot program was very successful. All dorms are participating and campuswide recycling is now being implemented. The students won the Outstanding Recycling Award from the Recycling Coalition of Texas for their dorm kit.

A similar program exists on Meredith's campus. The program is called "Meredith Recycles." Only copier, computer and notebook pa-

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