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Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder Speaks on 'Women and Leadership' at Centennial Convocation

by Jessica Cook

On Monday, February 24, the centennial closing ceremonies were held in Jones Auditorium. The featured speaker, United States Congresswoman and former presidential candidate Patricia Schroeder, delivered an address entitled "Women and Leadership."

The ceremonies also included the presentation of the senior class gift, a reproduction of the original architectural plans for Baptist Female University. In addition, Dr. Jean Jackson, Director of the Meredith College Centennial Commission and Associate Professor of English, was honored by a resolution passed by the board of trustees commending her on her extraordinary work during the centennial. After the presentation of the award by Dr. John Weems, President of Meredith College, Jackson received a standing ovation.

Schroeder opened her address by refuting the secondary role in history attributed to women by many textbooks. The congresswoman said women were the first voyagers on the Mayflower to go ashore at Plymouth Rock. Martha Washington, stereotyped as a home-loving needlepoint enthusiast, was actually a shrewd businesswoman who spent miserably cold winters in camp with her husband and the Continental Army. Schroeder also described the genius of Harriet Tubman; knowing that a written map of the underground railroad, a network of people and their

address who helped slaves escape to the north, would almost certainly fall into enemy hands, Tubman incorporated the stops of the railroad into secret codes that were sung.

According to Schroeder, the United States is the "least family friendly" of many other countries. For example, the U.S. has an alarmingly high rate of family violence and a terrible child care crisis that promotes discrimination against women in the workplace and threatens the country's future. Schroeder said "a country that doesn't care about its children doesn't care about its future."

Schroeder stressed the necessity of women taking an active role in leadership in order to solve these problems; she told the audience of Meredith students not to worry about qualifications for running for office. The representative remarked the Anita Hill hearings should have dismissed all concerns about the stringency of qualifications for Congress. She said the way to change legislature is by supporting candidates with pro-family platforms through campaign contributions.

Schroeder ended her address with a rousing joke; four people, a perfect man, the Easter Bunny, Santa Claus, and the perfect woman were driving to Washington. They had a flat tire and decided put of the four people the perfect woman should fix it. Why? Because the other three were figments of your imagination.

College Receives Money to Establish Memorial Reward

by Jeannie Morelock, Office of Public Relations

Meredith College has received a gift of \$35,000 from Mr. and Mrs. C.E. "Ed" Vick, Jr. of Raleigh. The gift will establish the Lucretia Dean Vick Travel Award in memory of Mr. Vick's mother Lucretia, a 1925 graduate of Meredith.

The student who receives this award will be selected by the faculty and will use the award to underwrite tuition and expenses in a Meredith-sponsored International Studies program of her choice.

Mr. Vick and his wife Laura Anne are long-time supporters of Meredith. Mr. Vick is a past president of the Meredith Board of Associates and is currently president of the Board of Associates' Advisory Council. He was recently elected second vice president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. Mr. Vick is president of Kimley-Horn and Associates in Raleigh. Jennifer Vick Catellani, Mr. and Mrs. Vick's daughter, is a 1988 graduate of Meredith.

Look for Pictures of Security on Page Five of This Edition of the Meredith Herald !

Student Government Association Invites Student Body to Second Student Forum

by Ann Hiott

Attention Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, Re-entry and Graduate students: **SGA is having a second OPEN FORUM March 19 from 5:00-6:00 in the President's Dining Room (Bring your trays downstairs).**

Last semester SGA heard concerns about Male Visitation, Honor Council penalties, security, Visitor Parking, Freshman Curfew, call downs, the Dining Hall and Le Greenhouse. The year is far from over, and SGA is holding a second forum to follow up on these concerns and to hear any new student concerns. At this forum, you will be reaching the SGA Executive Committee, the Student Life Committee, Senate, the Honor Council, the Commuters, Residence Hall Board and Elections Board. Consequently, these groups will be reaching you. SGA has some interesting information to share with you.

Everyone is welcome to bring questions and insights to the SGA Forum, or just come and listen. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Ann Hiott at X7848.