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News Briefs

• Two former Nixon defense secretaries testified Monday before the Senate Select Committee on POW-MIA affairs that many U.S. aviators remained in enemy hands in Laos and were not returned with other prisoners at the end of the Vietnam War. This testimony is likely to escalate demands by servicemen's families that more be done to pressure the Vietnamese government for an account of the fate of the missing servicemen.

• President Bush campaigned Tuesday in Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Louisiana. Bush will be in North Carolina and Pennsylvania today.

• Four hundred corporate executives endorsed Bill Clinton Monday. This group is generally considered to favor Republicans.

• The Intimate Bookstore in Chapel Hill burned Monday. Fire investigators believe the cause of the fire was arson. Two other blazes occurred in Chapel Hill Monday night- within 2 1/2 hours of each other. A fire broke out in Cameron's in University Mall and at Food Lion in Eastgate Mall. Fire investigators declined to speculate on the other fire origins.

• Tess Elliot, the reigning Miss North Carolina USA, was killed Sunday when lines from her parachute got tangled around her neck and strangled her. Elliot had competed in the Miss USA pageant and was one of eleven semi-finalists. Elliot had taken up skydiving to overcome her fear of heights.

• In the National League, Atlanta continues to lead the West by eight games. Pittsburgh leads the East by seven. In the American League West, Oakland is up by nine, while Toronto leads by 4 1/2 in the East.

by Frances Pate

The weather on Sunday was a little dreary, but by no means did it dampen the spirits of those people who attended Fall Fest. According to Katherine Davis and Kim Clark, the two students responsible for the event, the day went well. Davis said she was "200% satisfied with the day" and Clark said "it definitely met [her] expectations."

There was a good turnout for the event despite the weather, and everyone seemed to enjoy the festivities. Taylor Armstrong, a freshman, said she thinks Fall Fest is "a great thing to do on Sunday afternoon." Her friend Tara Haymore agreed and said she thought it was great because everyone "can have a good time and socialize."

Besides socializing, students who attended enjoyed listening and dancing to the music of BS&M, a band out of Richmond, Virginia. Amanda Gemayel said about the group, "I love them! They're awesome!" Students also enjoyed ca-



photo by Liza Lietz

Kim Clark and Katherine Davis, co-chairs for Fall Fest, pose with members of BS&M.

noe rides, volleyball, hot dogs and hamburgers, and soft drinks.

Davis said that she had gotten a lot of compliments about Fall Fest from many of the people who attended, and she said she hopes it will be even "bigger and better next year." Davis and Clark would like to extend a spe-

cial thank you to everyone who helped out on Sunday. A lot of hard work had to be done for everyone to enjoy the day and evidently everyone did. Rebecca Sweeney, a sophomore summed it up when she said the day was "a total success."

Continuing Education grows during its 20 years

by Amity Brown

"I came back to Meredith in 1980, and I was so nervous about being in school again that I lost 14 pounds the first semester."

This was Sandra Close's experience when she returned to school. Close eventually became a full-time student and graduated from Meredith in 1986 with a degree in sociology. She is now the Assistant Director of the Re-entry Program.

In 1972, there were two re-entry students at Meredith College. Twenty years later, re-entry students make up 20% of Meredith's student population with nearly 400 enrolled this semester, according to Anne Dahle, Director of the Re-entry Program.

Along with celebrating its 20th anniversary, Continuing Ed has a new dean, Dr. Mary Johnson.

Dahle said re-entry students come to Meredith because the Continuing Education Program does not offer an adult-ed degree. Re-entry students graduate with the same degrees as traditional-age students. She said, "I think that's one of the things appealing to students. They want a Meredith degree."

The re-entry program, however, is not the only component of the Continuing Ed Program. The program also includes the Enrichment Program and the CRM Certificate Program, both headed by Penny Augustine.

The Certificate Program offers

the Legal Assistants Program (LAP) and the Cultural Resources Management. The LAP is a post-baccalaureate and is approved by the American Bar Association.

The Enrichment Program is unusual because it is open to both men and women and has gone from offering three classes in the spring of 1973 to offering 60 classes this fall. While these classes do not offer regular course credit, they do cover a variety of topics from Egg Tempera Painting to The New Shuttle Spacecraft: Endeavor.

Continuing Ed. opened in the

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