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## News Briefs

• The United States and the Allied forces launched another attack on Iraq Monday. This was the third attack in six days. Bush administration said the next military move will be planned by President-elect Clinton.

• William Jefferson Clinton will be inaugurated today as the 42nd president of the United States.

• A Washington Post-ABC News Poll found that 53% of those surveyed were either "excited" or "optimistic" about the Clinton administration. Forty-five percent said they were either "concerned" or "scared." The survey also found that Bush leaves office more popular than anytime in nearly two years.

• The Dallas Cowboys and the Buffalo Bills will square off Sunday, Jan. 31, in Super Bowl XXVII. Kickoff is 6:18 p.m. EST. Dallas is favored to win by 7.

• Comedian George Burns turns 97 today. He celebrated over the weekend by performing at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada. He said he plans to be in show business "until I'm the last one left."

• The Duke Blue Devils played back-to-back games last weekend. Duke defeated Iowa 65-56 and lost to Virginia 77-69. In the recent AP Top 25 Poll, North Carolina was third, Duke sixth, Virginia eleventh and Georgia Tech sixteenth.

• After prolonged uncertainty and media-hype, NBC decided to keep Jay Leno as host of the Tonight Show with David Letterman leaving the network to take over CBS' 11:30 p.m. time-slot in direct competition with Leno.

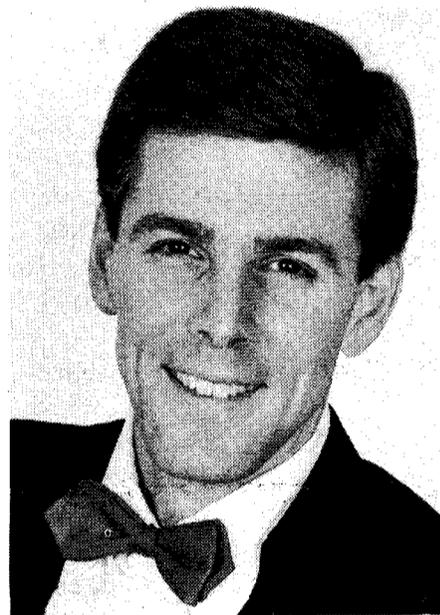
## Campus prepares for magic of Religious Emphasis Week

by Amy Shepard

Religious Emphasis Week (REW) is always an exciting time of the year. This year's REW will continue this tradition of excitement. David Garrard will be leading us in a "magical" week of services and activities beginning Monday.

Garrard was inspired by his father, a minister in Atlanta, when he performed a simple trick with an egg and a handkerchief. He built on his interest throughout the years by attending meetings of the Georgia Magic Club and by frequently visiting a specialized magic shop.

As his interest grew, so did his contacts. He learned slight-of-hand tricks from Atlanta magician Cal Tooles, larger illusions from Abb Dickson, and showmanship and presentation from Felix Snipes.



file photo  
David Garrard, magician, will be featured during Religious Emphasis Week.

After Garrard earned his Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1978, he continued to live there with his wife (and sometimes assistant), Stephanie, and their children, Claire and Tyler.

Garrard is now a successful magician. He has been performing in America since 1969 and has also performed in Europe, the Bahamas and Bermuda. He is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, the Society of American Magicians and the Louisville Magic Club.

You can see Garrard as he shows us how to worship God through magic on Monday, 10 a.m., Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., and Wednesday, 10 a.m. You will also have a chance for a luncheon dialogue with Garrard at noon on Monday, Jan. 25, in the President's Dining Room. Don't miss these exciting opportunities.

## Students address cultural diversity, question campus policies at forum

by Kate Stewart

A forum on cultural diversity at Meredith was held last Thursday in Kresege Auditorium.

The purpose of the forum was to promote discussion about diversity on campus and to address the concerns of the student body about diversity.

The forum was led by Rhonda Smith, Jennifer Hartig and Nadia Ali. Hartig said she was very pleased with the number of people who attended the forum, especially the faculty members. Hartig also said there is a lot more to be done on this issue and added that the leaders of the

forum will try to use the information they gained from it and may plan another forum.

One of the first topics discussed was the presence of many diverse groups at Meredith and how the needs of those groups are being met. Questions varied widely as to how the school was meeting the needs of groups such as gay students, international students, and senior citizens.

Some other questions raised dealt with the lack of diversity among the Meredith faculty and with how the academic curriculum often does not address ethnic issues. A forum participant observed that Meredith has tried to recruit minority faculty mem-

bers but with little success. As for the curriculum, another participant noted that adding diversity to the course selection requires a lot of extra effort by professors, especially since publishers do not help the faculty find

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