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## News Briefs

• Monday at a fund-raiser for the John Locke Foundation, House GOP Whip Newt Gingrich said President Clinton's economic plan will unnecessarily raise taxes, hurt small-town North Carolina and will not reduce government. He claimed Clinton's plan means "a bigger welfare state, more powerful politicians and a weaker and slower economy."

• The former chief fund-raiser for Paul Tsongas' presidential campaign has been charged with bank fraud and fraud. The charges against Nicholas A. Rizzo Jr. include depositing \$729,000 of Tsongas' campaign money into his own bank account. Prosecutors allege he used the money to repay personal loans and gambling debts.

• Peace Presbyterian Church of Cary paid \$850 for a full-page ad in *The Technician*, NC State University's student newspaper. The ad was entitled "In Defense of a Little Virginitiy" and tells students that the only safe sex comes after marriage to a faithful partner.

• Gov. Jim Hunt, with a 16-member team, went to Dallas, TX, to convince American Airlines to keep its Raleigh hub.

• Sunday NC State celebrated the 10-year anniversary of their NCAA title. Jim Valvano, former head coach of the team, was present at the game against Duke. The Blue Devils defeated State, 91-82.

• In other ACC play, North Carolina defeated Virginia, 78-58.

• In the AP Poll, Indiana is ranked first. From the ACC, Carolina is third, FSU sixth, Duke ninth, Wake Forest twelfth and Virginia twenty-second.

• David Letterman is going to stay in New York after he leaves NBC for CBS.

## Alumnae offer students advice on future

by Susan Finley

On Monday, Feb. 22, Meredith faculty, students, alumnae and guests observed the 1993 Founders' Day Convocation.

The ceremonies, which took place in Jones Auditorium, included a panel discussion on the topic "Girls' School or Women's College: The Meredith Experience."

The panelists of Meredith alumnae included Anne Clark Dahle, '54, Cynthia Griffith McEnery, '70, Karen Britt Peeler, '76, and Tracy Sternberg, '90. Dr. Betty Webb, '67, a member of the Meredith English Department, served as moderator.

In addition to this discussion, Dr. Daniel B. McGee and Dr. Donald D. Schmeltekopf, both of Baylor University, presented the *Alumnus Honoris Causa Award* to Dr. Stewart A. Newman, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Meredith.

Webb opened the panel discussion by inviting the audience to "participate in a conversation" with Meredith alumnae whose lives represent a variety of experiences in marriage, career, family and social background.

Webb reminded everyone that Meredith was founded with the intention of being a "female seminary of high order," where morals and and scholarship were the focus.

Webb pointed out that although panelists attended Meredith at different stages in the College's development, they share a satisfaction regarding their educations.

"What unites all of us is the conviction that Meredith served us well," said Webb.

Panelists emphasized academic reputation, size and close relationships between faculty and students as being among the benefits of a



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**Dr. Betty Webb, Class of '67 and English professor, lead the panel discussion at Founders' Day Convocation. The panel of Meredith alumnae discussed their Meredith experiences.**

Meredith education.

Sternberg attributed her decision to attend Meredith to the "opportunities to become a leader," and the chance to get to know professors on a one-to-one basis.

Other panelists agreed with this, including McEnery, who said her experiences at Meredith gave her "a reason to believe there were lots of things" she could do.

Dahle pointed out that she "experienced a warmth at Meredith" she did not encounter on other college campuses. Dahle also said that her hope was Meredith would "continue to build the confidence people need to go out into the work force."

Peeler added that at Meredith women "didn't have to compete" in the traditional ways, and there were "more opportunities to realize yourself."

Competition in the difficult job market of today was one of the concerns expressed by some of the panelists.

According to Sternberg, it is hard

"competing with bigger-name universities because others do not realize the quality of a Meredith education."

McEnery echoed this by saying that a present and future concern of hers regarding Meredith is whether or not the name of the College "will carry ... beyond the boundaries of the state."

The discussion concluded with the panelists' sharing some of their most valuable lessons learned at Meredith.

Sternberg said she valued the "ability to reprioritize at the drop of a hat."

Dahle added that she gained the "ability to learn to learn."

McEnery concluded that she benefitted most from learning "to communicate" both orally and in writing. She added that the Meredith faculty forced her to "push the envelope - they wouldn't accept the obvious."

Webb closed the discussion by pointing out the panelists' conversation regarding "Girls' School or Women's College" had proved that the debate was "moot."