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News Briefs

- The Israeli government approved a "broad understanding" which was worked out with Palestine Liberation Organization. The plan calls for governing the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho. A written version of this agreement could be ratified this week as Israeli and Palestinian delegations resume peace talks in Washington.

- Hurricane Emily reached Class III status before reaching Cape Hatteras, N.C.

- Mayoral candidate Tom Fetzer, who is running on a platform of cutting taxes, failed to pay more than \$6,000 in 1989 federal income taxes on time. The IRS filed a tax lien against his property. Fetzer said he did not have enough money to pay his taxes that year.

- The Atlanta Braves begin their second critical NL West series in a week against the San Francisco Giants. The Giants lead the Braves by four games.

- The Toronto Blue Jays regained the AL East lead by beating the Oakland Athletics 4-2.

- The battle continues between local CBS affiliate WRAL-TV and Cablevision of Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill. WRAL executives claim they should be paid for allowing their shows to be retransmitted on Cablevision. Cablevision refuses to pay for shows that are free on regular broadcast.

- William W. Crane IV, lead singer for rock band Ugly Kid Joe, was charged with felonious assault after allegedly urging 10,000 concertgoers to join him in attacking the security guards.

Coneheads visit campus for Raft Debate

by Sonya Borders

Opening Convocation Monday was marked by high attendance. The first event in this series was the Raft Debate, which Meredith hopes to present annually.

Last year an ad hoc committee was formed to evaluate the effectiveness of convocation and how to generate student interest. According to Dr. Cindy Edwards, moderator, this year's series is an attempt to meet the interests and suggestions of students.

The Raft Debate opened with seven Meredith professors stranded at sea in a sinking sailboat with one life raft. Each professor had two minutes to convince the audience that his or her academic discipline was the most important, thus enabling that individual's survival.

Alisa McCollum, junior, attended convocation because she felt it combined some of the better professors and programs at Meredith into one exciting event.

Many freshmen enjoyed convocation. However, some felt that it was not necessary to have required attendance. Windley Peterson, freshman, said, "I thought it was OK; especially from what I had heard



photo by Laura Davenport

about previous convocations. I would have enjoyed it more had it not been mandatory."

Upon entering Jones Auditorium, the scene was set with a sailboat that covered half the stage and its crew of Dr. Michael Novak, History Department, Dr. Garry Walton, English Department, Dr. Jim Johnson, Business and Economics Department, Dr. Fran Page, Music Department, Dr. Virginia Knight, Mathematics Department, Dr. Julia O'Brien, Religion, and Dr. David Heining-Boynnton, clinging

to the sides of the boat for their lives.

Johnson mocked the stereotype of business majors being dry. He explained the 'monetary value' of a business degree.

Novak, who spoke as the voice of history, explained how history encompasses everything from Chaucer (without the memory lines) to biology (without the dissection).

Walton, who almost knocked

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Soccer gains popularity at Meredith

by Kate Stewart

Meredith's newest competitive sport got off to a good start this week as 28 people tried out for the soccer team.

Tryouts were held Wednesday through Saturday. Twenty players were chosen for the team Saturday. Coach Jose Cornejo said, "I am impressed with the level of talent and skill of those who tried out for the

team." Cornejo was also pleased with the number of students who tried out.

Mainly freshmen and sophomores tried out for the soccer team. Most played soccer while in high school.

Those who tried out for the team were very enthusiastic. Scottie Eustis, sophomore, said, "I really am excited!" Eustis also said she was impressed by the performance of those who tried out. Eustis added that she

almost did not come to Meredith last year because Meredith did not have soccer.

Coach Cornejo graduated from Averett College and was an Assistant Soccer Coach at North Carolina State for three years. In addition to coaching soccer at Meredith, Cornejo also teaches P.E. at Hale High School.

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