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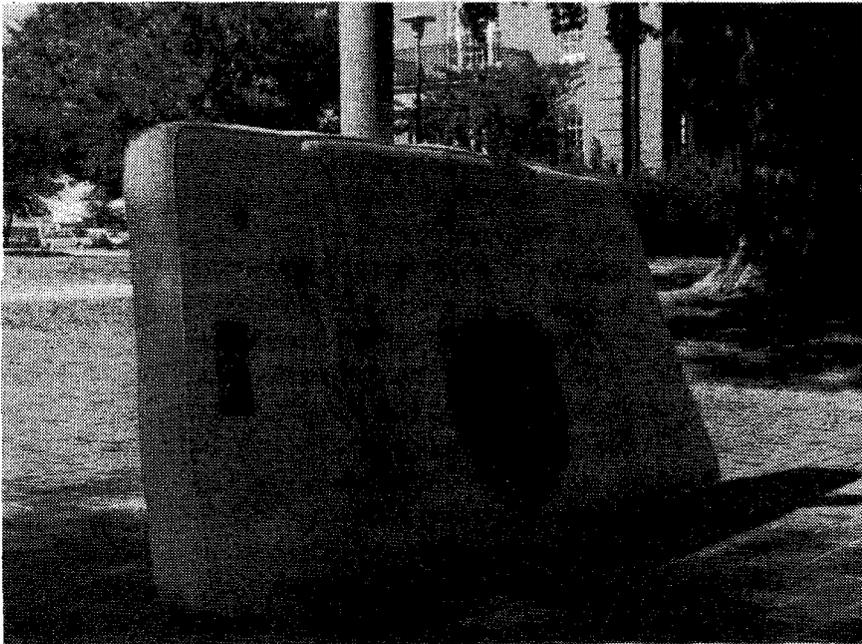


photo by Tara Young

To promote awareness of fire safety, concerned students requested that the burned mattress from second Heilman be on display in front of Carlyle Campbell Library September 28-October 1.

## Board of Trustees charts a new beginning

by Tracey Rawls

The Meredith College Board of Trustees moved the conditions for the election of its members from the charter to the by-laws at its September 24 meeting, according to President John Weems.

The charter does not say anything about the election of trustees. The by-laws say the Board of Trustees will send a list of nominations to the Baptist State Convention, which will then choose trustees from the list.

Last spring the Convention wrote a letter to the College requesting a

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photo by Steve Wilson

Board of Trustees Officers for 1992-1993: first row (l-r) Jean Cooper, Virginia Poe; second row (l-r) Claude Williams, Margaret Parker, George Griffin. (Not pictured: Earl Pope).

## Convocation speaker addresses the importance of poetry in society

by Christina Peoples

Poetry was once an integral part of society and it needs to be part of society again today, said former vice president of General Foods and now full-time writer, Dana Gioia, at the Honors' Convocation on Monday.

According to Gioia, poetry does not get much general recognition because most people think that it is an old-fashioned pastime for a few people, not an activity for the whole of society. People give poetry respect, but not participation, said Gioia.

Gioia said, "Poets feel like someone's great aunt in an expensive nursing home. Yes, we're well taken care of, but we'd rather be up and about."

Poetry has almost no active role left in society. The only people who really enjoy it, appreciate it for what it is and want more of it are children, said Gioia. They really listen to the rhyme and see the images poetry gives them.

Most of the time people talk to

each other, but they never really listen. Poetry is speech at its highest intensity, said Gioia.

According to Gioia, "The poet's role is to use words truthfully. Art mixes the bitter and the beautiful and provides a form that holds it all together. Poetry makes the truth not only bearable, but beautiful."

To appreciate poetry, we must change the way we look at it. Poetry is not written to be analyzed, but to be experienced. Unless you surrender yourself to the experience of the poem, "no other critical analysis is worth a damn," said Gioia.

Society, as it has in the past, must look to poetry and poets as the keepers of history, stories and traditions in the language of the people. Without poetry, poets and other writers, we lose the common identity and collective memory we have as a people, said Gioia.

"No people can know what they are, unless they know what they were," Gioia said.

### Epidemic Alert

#### Fast spreading flu -- Don't let it catch you!

Influenza Vaccine (Type A/Beijing, A/Texas, B/Panama)

Available: Carroll Health Center

Immunizations available:

Tuesday, October 12, 1993 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 20, 1993 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 21, 1993 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 22, 1993 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

No appointment necessary

Student fee -- \$5.00 (Check payable to Meredith College)

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