

## News Briefs

by Addie Tschamler

• A biochemist from Chapel Hill, Martin Rodbell, has won the Nobel Prize for medicine. Rodbell is a recent retiree of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in RTP. Rodbell made discoveries in the 1970s and 1980s about the earlier stages of disease in humans. He will share the \$930,000 prize and the honors with Alfred G. Gilman of Texas who made independent strides in the same area as Rodbell.

• Lt. Raoul Cedras, the Haitian general who has ruled Haiti for the past three years after he executed a successful coup to exile elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, stepped down from power Monday. President Clinton said in a nationally broadcast speech Monday night, "The job in Haiti remains difficult and dangerous. We still have a lot of work to do."

• R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. will introduce its new Salem Preferred brand of cigarettes, which was created to smell better than the stale smell of cigarette smoke. The cigarettes will contain a food additive in the paper of the cigarettes, which emits a pleasant smell. R.J.R. will introduce the cigarettes into the military market first and has made no mention of when Salem Preferred will be available for public purchase.

• Over 1,500 airmen and 56 aircraft from Pope Air Force Base are scheduled to leave by tonight to return to the Persian Gulf to protect Kuwait from Iraqi movements near the northern border of Kuwait. Aircraft from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base will be deployed to the gulf also, as part of a 36,000-person American force President Clinton will deploy in hopes of waylaying another Iraqi attack on the small country.

## Meredith senior prepares to face the classroom

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"Zealous," the English major said when describing herself. "Zealous for a lot of things, life in general." That's easy to see.

For Teaching Fellow Frances Pate, being zealous is a necessity. Just recently, Pate has begun her observation and student teaching in English at Athens Drive High School. In light of this fact, Pate had to give up many of her previous activities at Meredith. In previous years, Pate held two offices in the Meredith Entertainment Association, worked two years with the *Meredith Herald*, held office as vice president of the Colton English Club, served as treasurer and secretary of the Silver Shield, and maintained a class office last year.

"I've tried to be an active part of Meredith," said Pate, who's from the "home of the pickles," Mt. Olive, NC.

"For the first time I've taught myself to say no. This semester, it's important to dedicate my time to my students."

But student teaching has been no break from the normal lectures and tests. Pate described her teaching experience as "very emotional." Lately she's been feeling anxious and thrilled and constantly wonders if she's doing the right thing, "especially after a long night of making lesson plans," Pate commented.

So, why would anyone want to go through this rigorous training to become a teacher?

Well, let's go back a few years. Pate, whose mother and sister also attended Meredith, had two very influential English teachers from fourth through twelfth grade who inspired her to become a teacher. She got to know them "year after year as teachers and as friends," Pate said.

They gave her tough assignments, but, according to Pate, there were benefits. She became a hard worker and learned to love English literature.



Pate said that another big influence in her life has been her grandfather. "He's given me many helpful hints because he knows what it's like to live. I look up to him because he's helpful, concerned, wise, and a good spiritual role model."

Pate hopes to keep teaching even after her four years as Teaching Fellow is over, although, "I haven't ruled out other things," Pate said. After working on the *Herald* and having an internship at the publications office of a corporation, Pate said that she began to realize that journalism is an option. She also hopes to incorporate journalism into her teaching of English eventually.

Pate said she decided to major in English because it is such a broad sub-

ject. She feels that she can incorporate so many things into her teaching, such as geography, for example, when discussing world literature. "I can teach students how to speak and to write." Pate feels that writing is the "most wonderful form of expression. I think it is important that we learn how to express ourselves."

As a teacher Pate says that she will enforce two strict rules in the classroom. "Above all," Pate said, "I will ask that students respect others - meaning the teacher, each other, and other's belongings. It also means not speaking out in class without raising their hands."

Secondly, "students should be prepared, prepared to take on the day's challenges, prepared to learn or to act out Shakespeare," or whatever it might be, Pate said.

As a teacher, Pate hopes to contribute many things to society as a whole. "I hope to prepare students for the rest of their lives and help them become life-long learners," she said. "I hope to help them become well-rounded citizens."

Pate feels that there are many problems in the school today, but the greatest problem, in her opinion, is student apathy.

"Students don't seem to take education as seriously as they should," Pate said. In order to help rid society of this problem, Pate said she hopes to teach students in a way that will make them learn to love learning.

In five years from now Pate sees herself teaching somewhere and possibly married. Pate said, "Hopefully I will be doing something that makes me happy, but to be completely honest, I can't see past next week!"

### Note from the Editor:

I would like to take the opportunity to address an issue that has been running through my head for the past two weeks. I want to apologize for the editorial about security that ran on Sept. 28. I am making this apology for myself alone because I feel it is necessary. I stand behind all of my reporters and their right to express their opinions as they see fit in editorials. I believe that the reporter who wrote the editorial has a right to her opinion, but some fine people at Meredith, our security guards, were hurt. The reporter did not intentionally hurt anyone, and what she wrote expressed what she was feeling at the time. Her feelings cannot be wrong. I appreciate all the things security does on campus, and I am sorry if anyone was hurt by the opinion expressed in the editorial. However, my reporter has a right to express her opinion, and, as her editor, I stand behind her. If the fault for printing the editorial lies with anyone, that person is me.

- Christina Peoples