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Vice president goes renaissance for a weekend

by Christina Peoples

Meredith's vice-president for Student Development used her Meredith alumni connections to lead her to a special weekend full of political figures and celebrities over the Christmas holidays.

"I was fortunate to have the time to do this," said Dr. Jean Jackson. "It was a reminder for me to be open to the opportunities that come along."

Jackson received a call after Christmas from fellow Meredith alumnae Woody Dicas ('74) who asked her if she would like to coordinate volunteers for Renaissance Weekend, a fam-



President Clinton greets friends upon arrival in Hilton Head for Renaissance weekend.

ily oriented series of seminars, said Jackson.

Dicas had volunteered for the project before, but did not have the time this year, said Jackson. The White House had also called Dicas' sister Martha ('71) about the position, but she was busy moving and could not volunteer. The sisters recommended Jackson for the job.

From Dec. 29-Jan. 1, Jackson volunteered to help coordinate the weekend at Hilton Head, S.C. Renaissance Weekend began 15 years ago and involved only a small group of friends. This year approximately 1,000 people attended, said Jackson.

The weekend offers a series of seminars on a variety of topics, such as issues of the economy and the question of morality in government. This



Dr. Jean Jackson got to spend a great deal of time waiting for the president with some "cute" marines who were drivers in the president's motorcade.

weekend hosts leaders in state and federal government and some celebrities along with their children, so sessions are offered for the children as well.

The list of attendees is not made public, but Jackson heard that Judge Wapner from "The People's Court" was there, as well as Blair Brown from the T.V. show "Molly Dodd."

"The weekend includes people of influence from all walks of life," said Jackson.

Last year some of the volunteers were able to attend the sessions, but

Jackson was disappointed that was not the case this year.

President Clinton and his family attended this year's Renaissance Weekend. The White House sends an advance staff to any location where the president will appear, said Jackson. The advance staff includes a lead advance, motorcade advance, first lady

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Meredith searches for new dean of students

by Kristine Stagg

The search is almost over for the new dean of students with only three applicants left in the running, said search committee member Kimberly Doyd.

Over 90 applications were received from around the country, "which really says a lot about Meredith's reputation abroad," said Doyd.

The list has been narrowed to Patricia Daugherty, director of graduate student services from the University of Alabama; Liz Thurston, dean of students at Midway College in Midway Kentucky; and Sharon Kannon, director of the leadership and orientation program at Greensboro College.

The three candidates visited with faculty and students the week of January 16.

student life chair Stacey Young said that all the candidates were "very in-

terested in Meredith and Meredith's values."

Gordon Folger, director of career services, is head of the committee and

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says "each candidate has a lot of experience working with students and they are 'do-ers' rather than thinkers."

Dr. Jean Jackson, vice president of student development, appointed the committee last semester to search for the new administrator due to the retirement of former dean, Dorothy Sizemore.

The committee consists of Gordon Folger, Cheryl Jenkins from the office of student activities, Beth Meier of the counseling center, Kimberly Doyd from the dean of students office, and Stacey Young of the student life committee.

Committee members plan to meet the week of January 23 to discuss feedback from those who met with the candidates. They will then choose an applicant and take their suggestion to Jackson, who will make the final selection and bring it to President Weems for final approval, says Doyd.

It will not be an easy decision however.

"We have been thrilled with all three," said Doyd.

"It is a wonderful problem to have," adds Folger. "There is not a clear favorite."

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