

News Briefs

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- Convicted murderer and rapist Kermit Smith was executed at 2 a.m. Tuesday in Central Prison. Smith was the seventh person executed by North Carolina since the death penalty was reinstated in 1977, and the first white person to be put to death for killing a black person. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear Smith's case Monday, ending his hope for a reprieve.

- Judge Lance Ito agreed Monday to allow Simpson's lawyers to cross-examine for racial bias the first detective on the scene where Simpson's wife and one of her friends were found slashed to death. The detective said he found a bloody glove on Simpson's property. Simpson also asked if he could address the jury.

- Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, 104, the mother of the 35th president of the United States, died Sunday. Kennedy died at the Kennedy family home in Hyannis Port, Mass. of complications from pneumonia. According to a family statement she was surrounded by her family.

- Duke University basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski told his team Sunday that he would not return as their coach this season. Krzyzewski, who underwent back surgery in October, will return next season, officials say.

Angels glide gracefully over loss

by Shannon Peterson

The Meredith basketball team lost to St. Andrews College 58-54 in a tough offensive and defensive matchup Jan. 19.

The lead see-sawed back and forth between both teams, with the Angels leading St. Andrews by a one-point margin at the half. St. Andrews came back on the court with fire in their eyes, knocking the Angels out of their defensive set in the second half.

Freshman Kim Irby commended the Angels on hustling in the first half, but Coach Carl Hatchell said the game got away from his team when they failed to perform defensively.

"We lost it when we didn't block out on defense. We were close to winning," he said.

The Angels now hold a 6-4 overall record for the season. Team members are: Kim Irby, Carla Black, Meredith Jones, Sarah Bennet, Leslie Roberts, Angela Schaffer, Amy Harper, Julie Dean, Tree O'Todle and Kristie Guatney.

Meredith will play their next home game Jan. 31 when they host Guilford College. Gametime is set for 7 p.m. in Weatherspoon Gymnasium.

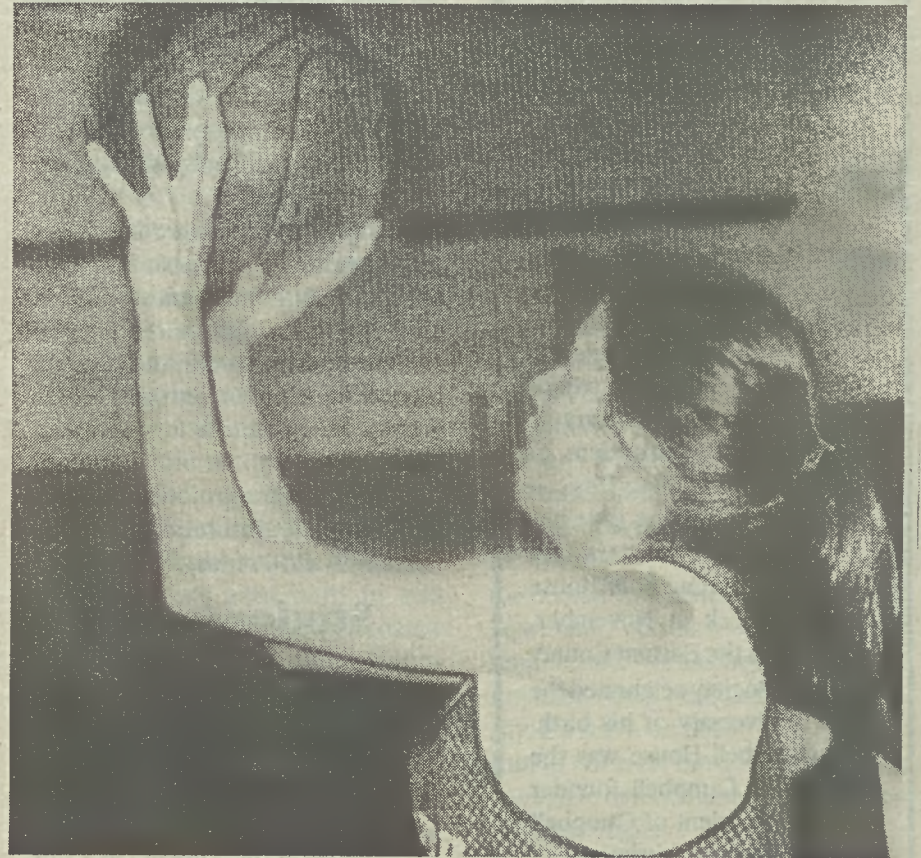


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This Meredith shooter lines up a shot during basketball practice last week. The Angels have a 6-4 record this season and will play their next home game on Jan. 31.

New group programs Meredith

by Arinn Dixon

There is a relatively new organization on the Meredith campus. Last year the presidents of the Meredith Recreational Association, the Meredith Entertainment Association, the Association of Black Awareness, and other programming groups sat on the executive board of the Student Government Association (SGA). This year things changed a bit. Instead of being a part of SGA, the presidents formed the Programming Board.

Advised by Cheryl Jenkins, the Programming Board tries to work toward quality programming at Meredith. "The board gives the leaders of the organizations on campus a chance to get together and collaborate on ideas," Chairperson Catherine Davis explained. "We look for ways to bring the whole campus together in such a way that will benefit the student body."

The board certainly does its share of work. At the meetings each organization gives a report on how its particular programs are working. If one group is hav-

ing problems, the others will offer opinions and advice for improvement based on their own experiences. The leaders share their schedules of upcoming events which keep programs of different groups from overlapping.

One of the main goals of the new Programming Board is to plan events that will encourage students to stay on campus. "The big thing we are working on now has to do with the Open Houses for male visitation. We are trying to plan programs that will make students want to bring their guy friends to Meredith."

The big news now is that the Programming Board is holding elections for members during the campus-wide elections which kick-off February 13 and continue on through the first week in March. To run for a position on the board, the candidate must be a rising junior or senior and must have a grade point average of 2.25.

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is always something different, whether it be planning and preparing for special events or creating new menu items.

O'Briant says he is always open for suggestions from the students.

"I am not unapproachable. I am always willing to meet with students to get their ideas and input," says O'Briant.

When asked if he has any advice for Meredith students, O'Briant says, "Don't be too occupied with what you are going to do when you graduate. Study, make good grades, but don't be too concerned."

O'Briant tries to make what he does creative and fun for himself as well as for the people he serves in Belk Dining Hall. He said, "I am always looking for new ways of doing things to relieve the day-to-day aspect of campus dining."