

## News Briefs

compiled by Addie Tschamler

• Authorities reported Mon. that a Delaware man with a troubled marriage brought his children to the Outer Banks where he was believed to have shot them inside a van and set it on fire. He then turned the gun on himself in nearby woods. Douglas Mont, 35, was found near the family's burning van that contained the charred bodies of the children.

• Scientists reported Mon. that the concept of race may not mean anything beyond the level of skin. This conclusion is emerging from studies undertaken by a Stanford University researcher and others on genetic diversity in human populations. Evidence from the studies show no link between genetic variability and skin color.

• Two of the most powerful unions in American labor announced Mon. they have agreed to merge. The combined unions, the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union and the Amalgamated Clothing and Textiles Workers' Union, will be called UNITE, the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees.

• A new hearing is under way in Raleigh to decide the fate of convicted murderer James Edward Thomas. Defense attorneys said Mon. in Wake Superior Court that childhood abuse suffered by Thomas helps explain how he came to murder and sexually assault a boarding house manager in 1986.

## No more Cornhuskin' parties on Frat Row

by Melissa Cloer

An informative forum that discussed the reasons why Meredith students will not be allowed to attend fraternity parties during Cornhuskin' was held on Thurs., Feb. 16 in 101 Ledford.

Catherine Davis, senior class president and Programming Board chair, opened the forum by recounting events with serious consequences that have occurred at these parties. She stated that fraternities broke certain rules, such as violating fire codes, abusing alcohol and vandalizing property, at parties attended by Meredith students. Davis made it clear that North Carolina State University made this decision to prohibit Meredith students from attending parties on Fraternity Row during Cornhuskin'.

Walter Knott, president of NCSU Inner Fraternity Council, came to the forum to explain the university's decision, beginning with the social policy

that each house has. He said that the fraternity houses on Fraternity Row must shut down by 1 a.m. and under-

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age drinking in the houses is prohibited. He also said that if the fraternity houses do not follow the social policy they will be fined. He also explained that by hosting these parties, the fraternities are taking major risks because they are held liable for anything that could happen to Meredith students while they are on the Fraternity Row property.

Knott said that these rules apply to all fraternities and no houses on Fraternity Court will host Meredith girls during Cornhuskin' again. But those fraternities off campus, such as Delta Chi and Delta Sigma, do have the choice of hosting Meredith.

Someone asked why only Meredith students in particular were being excluded from Fraternity Row parties. Knott claimed that the fraternities must be in charge, but when 300 Meredith College students show up, the guys are out numbered and can't keep everything under control.

Davis ended the forum by asking for ideas for functions after Cornhuskin'. Students suggested many ideas, like renting out Dorton Arena and having a band play, organizing different functions for the classes and having karaoke at the breakfast. Davis invited students to offer suggestions they might have to the Programming Board.

## Meredith students have a "major" good time

by Marsha Tutor

The Second Annual Meredith Majors Fair was held on Wed., Feb. 8, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Wainwright Conference Suite of Belk Dining Hall. The Meredith Majors Fair, sponsored by Career Services, was designed to be a convenient, efficient and informative way for students to learn about the many majors offered at Meredith and what kind of jobs are available with these majors.

To make students realize that learning does not have to be such a tedious process, the fair was designed to be fun and enjoyable. Career Services set up a Student Advisory Committee to help make the fair fun. The Student Advisory Committee consisted of Amanda Price, Kristen Young, Courtney Stallings, Clyda Wood, Jennifer Johnson, Paige Brown, Amy Harper, Nanette Rigda, Jenny Pevehouse, Allison Phillips and Alyce Turner. There was also one meeting of the Faculty "Brainstorming" Team, consisting of a variety of faculty members.

During the fair, the "Bathtub Ring" sang in Belk Dining Hall and was broadcast over MCTV. Door prizes, including decorated mouse pads from the math and computer science depart-

ment and a gift certificate from the Outback Steakhouse, were given away.

There were many different computer systems set up at this year's fair. Dr. Micahel Novak, a member of the history and politics department, set up an Internet system. Career Services set up Sigi Plush, a computerized, interactive career guidance program. This program is available for use by students in the Career Services lounge to help students determine what career is right for them.

The Career Services Department had a "one-stop-shop" system at the fair to make it easier for students to declare their majors. There was a specific table set up for the Registrar, and an authorized faculty member from each department was at the fair to sign the declaring students' paperwork. While some students declared their major at the fair, the main purpose of the fair was to inform students about the various majors offered at Meredith College.

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