

Calendar Events

- The Raleigh Little Theater presents *She Loves Me*, a valentine about love and ordinary life, with music and lyrics by Harnick and Bock. Play dates are August 31 - September 17, 1995. Call 821-4579.
- The N.C. Museum of Art continues its "Movies on the Lawn" series with "The Lion King" during the weekend of Sept. 1-3, 1995. Single tickets at the gate are \$3 and the show starts at 9:00 PM.
- Pops at the Park with The North Carolina Symphony, a Triangle Labor Day weekend tradition, will take place again right here at Meredith College on Sunday, Sept. 3. The gates open at 4:00 PM and admission is free.
- Centerfest, downtown Durham's famed street festival, food gallery, visual arts and crafts show, runs Saturday, Sept. 16 (10 AM - 6 PM) through Sunday, Sept. 17 (noon- 6 PM). Call 560-2722 for more information.
- The Bull Durham Blues Festival, now in its eighth year, is a tribute to Durham's rich music heritage. This year's festival takes place at the old Durham Athletic Park and features such artists as Junior Walker and the All Stars and the Bobby Blue Band. The festival will be on Sept. 22 -23 from 6:00 PM until 12 midnight. Call 683-1709 for more info.
- The Thompson Theater at NCSU presents Agatha Christie's *Murder at the Vicarage* on Sept. 28-30 at 8:00 PM. Tickets range from \$4.00-\$8.50. Call 515-1100 for tickets.

Editorial: Accessibility for all

by Shadota' Hargett

I read a long time ago that we, as Americans, were created as equals under the law. And under that law we shall not be discriminated against, regardless of race, religion, creed, origin or handicap. Does that sound like something you've heard before? Of course it does, but what does it mean? **Absolutely Nothing!**

Now that I have gotten your attention, I feel the need to talk about a very important issue that is not taken seriously on campus, and that is wheelchair accessibility to ALL buildings at Meredith. It seems to me that this college has been less than completely committed to assisting disabled students. It is time for a change, don't you think?

As a disabled student, I know

all too well how difficult it is to get in and out of buildings on campus. Now some of you out there are saying, "What is she beefin' about, we have ramps. If Meredith is that bad why did she come?" or my personal fave, "Why doesn't she stop complaining and do something about it." Those are brilliant questions, in which case I would like to answer. What am I beefin' about you ask: the lack of attention given to making Meredith more accessible to wheelchairs. Yes, there are some sufficient ramps on campus but they are still not enough. Some of the ramps, like at Hunter and Jones, are dangerous because they're too steep. It becomes quite hard to maneuver a wheelchair in that situation. As far as Meredith being a bad school, it is not, but it needs to become more aware of the problems that we face. It is an institution that I love, but it has failed me and others by not properly seeing to our needs.

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Convocation:

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Although convocation is no longer a requirement for freshman, Elizabeth Lester, like many entered Jones out of curiosity. Lester said that at first she had "no idea what [convocation] was about" but after the "interesting" show she saw on Monday she won't mind returning in the future. Dr. Cindy Edwards, chair of the convocation committee, said she was very happy that the first convocation was a success and she is excited about helping students prepare to be "citizen[s] of the 21st century." Before becoming chairperson, Edwards served as a committee member for two years. She has much enthusiasm concerning the upcoming convocation programs which include Lori Molnar's lecture entitled "Aging—A women's issue" (Sept. 18) and a special appearance on Oct. 9 by Dr. Mark Plotkin, Ethnobotanist.

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