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Faculty Task Force members resign from frustration

By: Clarky Lucas and Betsy Stewart

The faculty representatives to the Meredith College Task Force resigned their positions last week, said a faculty member.

Dr. Betty Webb of the English department, Dr. Gwen Clay, head of the education department and Dr. Ginny Knight, head of the math and computer science department sent their resignation letter to all members of the faculty, the board of trustees and President John Weems.

The letter cited frustration with the changes in the task force's purpose. Originally the members were to "define Meredith's vision for the 21st century..." and to "develop an ongoing strategic planning process involv-

ing students, faculty, staff, alumnae and administration," said the representatives.

But this responsibility was changed. In a letter from the Board of Trustees Chairman to the task force, they were asked to now "focus on good ideas and suggestions, as opposed to focusing on assessments and evaluations."

"I think the original charge of the task force was an important one, and I hope that we will come back to that as a college," said Clay.

The task force had been reporting to the executive committee of the board, but they are now asked to report to a subcommittee of five members.

These conflicts, combined with

other factors, led the faculty representatives to resign.

Campus sources say that other members of the task force are considering resigning. "I support them in their decision, but we'll further discuss the fate of the task force in the October 2 meeting," said June Holland, president of the Student Government Association and task force member.

The task force was created last February in the midst of controversy surrounding the financial future of Meredith College. It consisted of three faculty members, three students, three administrators and three alumnae and was chaired by alumna Cindy McEnery.

President John Weems was unable to comment at this time.

A successful week for MEA

By: Ginny Bonkemeyer and Deanna Griffin

Do you like music? Do you like food? Do you like fun? If so, then you would have loved the past week from the Meredith Entertainment Association, which presented a picnic and Fall Fest '95 for Meredith students to enjoy. Heather Hudgins-McKean, MEA president said that both events were successful and students had a good time.

The MEA picnic took place last Wednesday and featured Shelly Sutton, from South Carolina, who entertained students from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Hudgins-McKean said that there was a big turnout for the event and everyone had fun. MEA committee sign-ups took place at the picnic and students were able to join MEA. The weather was very nice for the event and all students enjoyed the chicken and Rice Krispie treats. MEA sponsored door prizes such as free Cokes and soft pretzels at the Fall Fest.

The Fall Fest was this past Sunday from 12 to 4pm. There was a terrific turnout for this annual event, despite the threat of rain. Fall Fest '95 defined Sunday afternoons—friends talking while sitting on blankets in the grass, dogs chasing the wind, live music, food and activities all placed on the beautiful Meredith lawn. The list of activities included face painting, the ever-popular Moonwalk, balloon art, pizza, canoeing on the lake, volleyball and the velcro wall game called Fly Trap, which was a big hit. The band Fendal, from Wilmington, kept the crown alive and entertained. Senior Tori Taylor described her time at Fall Fest as "a great chance to take a break from studying and spend time with friends." The MEA crew cheerfully supervised all of the entertainment. Fall Fest co-chairs Marcie Davis and Kathryn Dukes sighed with relief as the day came to an end, and they saw that their long hours of work and dedication had resulted in a huge success.

Adcock's book to hit shelves in October

by Dina Di Maio

Betty Adcock likes the cover of her new book. It shows a sundial, a fitting symbol for this book of poems about time.

Due in October, *The Difficult Wheel* is Adcock's first book of poetry in seven years. In the September 17th issue of *The News and Observer*, Adcock describes this book as having a "preoccupation with time: time passing, time lost, time barely retrieved by memory." Adcock has written three other books: *Walking Out* in 1975, *Nettles* in 1983, and *Beholdings* in 1988. A perfectionist when it comes to her work, she says that the long span of time between books is mostly due to revision.

Adcock, Meredith's poet-in-residence, is teaching a class on writing poetry this semester. She says she started writing poetry when she was seven years old. Because she day-

dreamed often as a child, she writes poetry by "putting her daydreams into words."

Her advice to new poets: read. She says poetry has technique and craft. Comparing the writing of poetry to painting, she says that one does not paint a picture without learning how, without practicing, or without ever looking at another painting. She also advises aspiring poets to "teach themselves by reading" the works of other poets. Some contemporary poets she suggests reading are Mary Oliver, Rita Dove, and Marilyn Waniek; two North Carolina poets she suggests are Fred Chappell and Robert Morgan.

Adcock has won many awards for her poetry. In North Carolina she has won the Roanoke-Chowan Award for her book, *Nettles*, and the Zoe Kincaid Brockman Award. She also won the Great Lakes Colleges Association New



PUBLISHED: Betty Adcock's book *The Difficult Wheel* will be on the shelves in Oct.

Writers Award for her book, *Walking Out*. And just last year, she won *Shenandoah Magazine's* James Boatwright Award.

Adcock will be signing her book at the opening of the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill on October 1. She will also be reading from her book at the Regulator Bookshop in Durham, October 3 at 7 p. m.