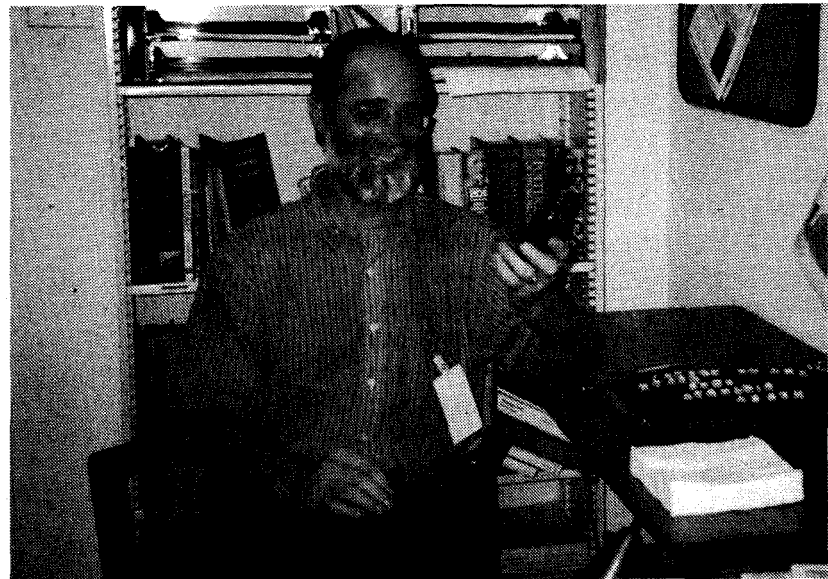


Campus Extras

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Novak abducted as surprise for birthday



Thursday, September 26, Dr. Michael Novak celebrated his birthday. To assist him in the festivities, the History/Politics Department had Novak abducted by "Agent Scully" on his way back from the library and taken to the History/Politics lounge. Once in the lounge, students and faculty of the History/Politics department sang "Happy Birthday" to Novak in Czech.

Photo by Jill Green

Alcohol Awareness Week: October 6-10

All week: A roaming bulletin board will be placed in a different location each day beginning in the Cate Center on Monday.

Monday, Oct. 6: Red Ribbons from Mothers Against Drunk Driving will be passed out at lunch, on commuters' cars, and at residents' hall meetings.

Tuesday, Oct. 7: Continuation of Red Ribbons. Also, the "Brick Wall" will be begun with each brick representing someone who has died in an alcohol related accident. For more information, contact Stephanie Helms Harris in Commuter Life and Special Ser-

vices at 829-8633.

Wednesday, Oct. 8: "Dead Day." To participate, call Allison Carter at 829-2292 for more information by Friday, October 3.

Thursday, Oct. 9: "Mocktails with C.A.B." in 2nd Floor Cate Lounge at 8 pm in conjunction with "Coffee with Friends."

Friday, Oct. 8: Roaming bulletin board ends its journey in the Counseling Center. The Brick Wall will be completed.

Coming in November: The Governor's Highway Safety Expo. will visit the Meredith campus on Thursday, Nov. 13.

Candidates vie for the At-Large race

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Guest Writer

The At-Large race is the only race, other than the mayoral race, that people in the Meredith district will vote in. The At-Large race may determine if the city council will maintain its conservative majority that favors Mayor Tom Fetzter's agenda. The incumbents are Marc Scruggs Jr. and Julie Shea Graw. There are six challengers for the two seats: Thomas Wayne Allen, Greg Cowan, Ken Dickson, Stephanie Fanjul, Ernest Lee, and Karen Moyer.

Incumbent Marc Scruggs Jr. (R) is the manager of Briggs Hardware. He heads the Economic Development Committee of the city council. He supported switching from two-year council terms to staggered four-year terms. He wanted to make part of the Fayetteville Street Mall vehicle accessible. These two proposals failed, but he backed the opening of police substations around northwest and northeast Raleigh.

New proposals that Scruggs supports include giving builders incentives to build affordable housing in upscale areas.

Julie Shea Graw, the Democrat incumbent, is an at-home mom who uses her PTA connections for voter support. She likes to concentrate on small issues that directly affect the people, like phones in parks, storm-

water drainage, sidewalks, stop signs, and road stripping. She wants to control Raleigh's growth, promote a mass transit system, pass more strict home heating regulations, and support more funding for the arts. She also voted for more funding for Raleigh's sports arena.

There are two major contenders, other than the incumbents, for the At-Large seats. Republican Ken Dickson is an accountant and has been assistant state auditor and an agent in the US Secret Service and S.B.I. His agenda is much like that of Fetzter's—they both support tax cuts with increased services. Stephanie Fanjul (D) is director of the state Child Development Division and helped develop NC's Smart Start program. She wants to control growth, develop a mass transit system, support city arts funding, protect the environment, and unite neighborhood and business interests.

Sources for the News and Observer say that Fetzter and the Republicans are supporting Dickson to take Graw's spot, while the Democrats are supporting Fanjul to take Scruggs's seat.

For more information about Wake County elections, contact the Wake County Board of Elections at 856-6240, or at their web site: <http://wakecounty.state.NC.US>. Elections are Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Educate your peers and yourself

SANNE MARTIN
Assistant Director Counseling Center

The Peer Education Program is sponsored by the Meredith College Counseling Center, and the center is located in Carroll Hall, next to the Health Center. The program is designed with flexibility, job experience, and peer education in mind.

The idea is to provide a forum for students to share what they have learned while at Meredith. It allows a student to join and end her membership as she wishes, and to design her own activities while she is involved. Activities might include leading or co-leading a presentation, researching or advertising for someone else's presentation, designing brochures, writing handouts, or completing a variety of other self-initiated tasks related to peer education. In other words, everyone benefits!

Last year, Linda Hawkins was a peer educator.

"I appreciate the Peer Education Program because it gives the student an opportunity to give back a little of what she has gained through her time at Meredith," Hawkins said.

"For me, those gifts included acceptance of and appreciation for others. I welcomed the opportunity to speak with fellow students and faculty members on diversity. I was excited about the great turnout and the audience participation.

"The section was educational for everyone. We had a safe, non-threatening environment to learn and practice in. I believe the primary goal was reached, this goal being to encounter people who are very different and very similar to ourselves and to learn from and delight in each other," said Hawkins.

Healthy eating was another successful presentation given by a student whose major was nutrition. The program welcomes students to participate with their own ideas. For example, a communications major could give a seminar about effective communication or public speaking. A psychology major could speak about healthy relationships.

The opportunity to become a peer educator is open to all students. It also is a way to practice giving presentations to a live audience of peers and to gain valuable experience outside of the classroom.

Some students may have participated in a similar peer mentor program in high school. This program works much the same way.

Please contact Sanne Martin, assistant director of the Counseling Center, to inquire about peer educators at 829-8427.

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