

## Forum provides Meredith chance to discuss proposal

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For weeks now, much debate has arisen over professor of politics Dr. Clyde Frazier's book proposal "Is Masculinity Obsolete?" On Wednesday, Mar. 29, the Meredith community, including Frazier, had the chance to voice their opinions.

Around 100 people from on campus, including faculty members, administration, staff and students, filled Kresge Auditorium last Wednesday afternoon. In the middle of the forum, those who were standing in the back had a chance to find seats closer to the front.

The department of history and politics and the department of sociology organized the forum. Frazier, as well as a four professors, Dr. Ann Burlein of the religion department, Dr. Mary Kay Delaney of the education department, Dr. Carol Hazard of the chemistry and physical science department and Dr. Rhonda Zingraff of the sociology department sat on the panel. Dr. Bob Vance, head of the religion department, was the moderator for the forum.

The forum opened with his-

tory and politics department chair Dr. Michael Novak's explaining that this forum was held at the mutual requests of Frazier and the faculty as a way for all of the Meredith community to give their input on the proposal.

The forum setting encouraged all in attendance to be civil to one another, and Vance encouraged everyone to respect the opinions of others.

Vance structured the forum carefully, watching the clock at each minute. Frazier received five minutes to summarize his proposal and his views. Then each panelist had ten minutes to respond to the proposal and give her opinion. After each panelist finished, Frazier took two minutes to respond to the panelists in general. They, in turn, had two minutes to respond to him. Vance then allotted time for the students and faculty to ask questions or make comments to any of the panel members. Following the questions, Frazier made a brief conclusion.

Burlein explained a form of scholarly feminism that focuses on the difference between

physiological sex and gender. Delaney, an anthropologist, spoke to the concerns she had about the proposal, citing stereotypes of both males and females. Zingraff provided a handout to those in the room and used graphs and charts to point out the progression of gender differences throughout history.

Most present agreed that the forum, although sparked by controversy, went smoothly. Many who attended found it informative and thought-provoking. Freshman Beth Stephenson said, "It was neat that we go to a school where this kind of discussion can take place."

Frazier himself thought that "the best thing about [the forum] was that it focused on what I was trying to say." He noted that he appreciated the structure of the forum but would have liked more time for everyone there to express comments and concerns.

Copies of Dr. Frazier's proposal are available and he said that he welcomes feedback.

## Students plan picnic honoring Hartford

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As all Meredith students are aware, an important event is upon the college: the inauguration of its seventh president, Dr. Maureen Hartford. With all of the planned luncheons, dinners and celebrations in her honor, Meredith students just had to get in on the action.

On Wednesday, Apr. 12, students will show their support of Hartford in the form of a 60s-themed picnic. Why the 60s? That is when Hartford attended UNC-Chapel Hill.

Of the various committees responsible for planning inaugural events, the Student Involvement Committee planned the picnic.

The picnic will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the site of the old Beehive, or as many current students refer to it, the Meredith beach, between Heilman and Brewer residence halls.

Students and faculty should come with their stomachs empty and their minds ready for diversion.

To satisfy hunger, hamburg-

ers, chips and ice cream will be served in plentiful portions. For those who want to show off their shagging abilities, a disc jockey will play 60s music nonstop throughout the evening.

Want to see what Hartford herself and society were really like in the 60s? Check out the History and Politics Club's display, which may even contain a few surprises for Dr. Hartford. And what 60s gala would be complete without the presence of hula-hoops and, of course, Twister?

All students--resident and commuter, graduate and undergraduate, traditional and non-traditional-age--are invited to the free picnic, so come join the party! Eat, dance, get tangled up with your friends and honor Meredith's new president. Students will be pleasantly surprised at the fun they will have.

What better way could there be to spend an evening at Meredith?

## Business students hear speaker

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Carol Taylor, a commercial real estate broker for Anthony & Company, spoke to business students on Monday.

She took the students on a tour of the old Wonderbread factory just across the street from Meredith. The factory is currently being converted into a small strip mall. Taylor is the project manager for the development.

Dr. Rose Lippard, Business 480 instructor, said that each semester she asks a successful business woman in the Triangle to speak to the class. "It encourages students to start thinking about what they want to do. They may not realize what opportunities they have until they hear from someone else."

"When I saw Ms. Taylor's picture in the Triangle Business

Journal, I knew she would be a perfect guest," said Lippard. She also said that she thought it would be beneficial for the students to see what was happening just across the street.

Taylor explained her background which varied from teaching to being an office assistant at a law firm and how she got into commercial real estate, then gave the group a tour of the new facility under construction.

She said that she leased the building to a nail salon, a bakery, a hair shop and a sub shop, adding that and there is still space.

Playmakers, which has already opened, is a cafe that serves food during all hours of operation and although it does serve alcohol, there is a limit to how much a customer may be served.

Lippard said the facility is much larger than it appears, with underground parking and an elevator.

Julie Shramm, who is a senior majoring in business management, said that she enjoyed the experience because Taylor did not know exactly what she wanted to do from the start but found her passion through trial and error.

Kelia Hester, another senior in the class majoring in business administration and human resource management, said that she realized that we all have to start somewhere and work up the ladder.

Business 480 is an internship in which students work 10 hours a week and get class credit for their work.

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## Academic Awards Convocation

Monday, April 10, 2000

Jones Auditorium  
10:00 a.m.

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Monday, April 17, 2000

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