

Campus Extras

College receives two new science grants

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Meredith's science program seems to be blossoming, with the new building on the way and two new grants bestowed on the institution.

Dr. Maureen Hartford's emphasis on undergraduate research helped establish the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP). Meredith College recently received a grant from the Glaxo Wellcome Foundation in the amount of \$600,000. This grant will be used to underwrite the start-up phase of the new program.

After Glaxo showed interest in the program's initiation, Meredith approached the company with a full proposal. Having found financial support with the grant from Glaxo Wellcome, a major research company in Research Triangle Park, the faculty can now begin planning the project. The money will actually become accessible in August of 2000, and the faculty will begin recruiting students for the program in spring of 2001.

According to Anita Gunn Shirley, director of grant and program development at Meredith, the program will "allow undergraduates to get

involved with research and with faculty in the sciences."

While the UROP will begin with efforts focused only in the sciences, the long term vision is more broad. A college-wide research program, with efforts focused in all disciplines, is the goal within the next three years.

Students will be provided with the opportunity to interact with the staff at Meredith, gain experience in research methods and techniques, expand their own knowledge in their particular area of interest and be more prepared when moving

on to graduate school.

An additional component of the UROP is an enrichment and mentoring component for middle-school girls. Starting in the summer, middle-school girls will come to Meredith College for two weeks of enrichment and mentoring in the sciences. Undergraduates involved in the program will not only be offered guidance from faculty, but will also have the opportunity to offer guidance to a younger generation.

The second grant that Meredith received is the grant from the N.C. Department of

the Environment and Natural Resources, who approved a \$58,898 request for a solar-electric charging station and an electric truck on campus. The station will be used for 10 new electric golf carts, beginning this fall.

Carolina Power & Light has also taken part in this grant by donating an electric vehicle charging station to be placed on campus but for public use.

Meredith college faculty and staff hope that these new solar electric charging stations will also help educate students about reducing fuel emissions and increasing fuel efficiency.

Women's arts belong at Meredith

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The King of Oregano and his daughter Carrotina were in the spotlight in Johnson Hall Rotunda on Friday, Apr. 14. Yet they owe all their success to a higher being, to the hands that were maneuvering their actions. Students like Nichole Cantwell, the designer of Carrotina, and a member of the theatre department's puppetry class, were expertly moving puppets they designed through the scenes of the play *The King Pinch of Oregano* at the April Arts Celebration, a day honor-

ing Meredith's Center for Women in the Arts.

The Center, which focuses on the importance of arts, sciences and humanities, encourages students to pursue careers in the arts or to simply enjoy them. For the past five years, Meredith has spotlighted the Center during April Arts Celebration, a day where departments representing all aspects of the arts come together to commemorate collaborative learning. Last Friday, the yearly celebration was held again, an event coinciding with the High School Day of Dance and

Junior Visitation Day in addition to leading up to Saturday's presidential inauguration.

"On this one day we try to bring the arts to students in an informal and friendly way," said Dr. Jean Jackson, vice president for Student Development. Jackson, along with art professor Dr. Rebecca Bailey, music professor Dr. David Lynch, theatre professor Catherine Rodgers and dance professor Alyson Colwell-Waber, comprise the committee that began the Arts Celebration.

Passers-by could hear music performed from the Meredith College Chorus and the flute ensemble, watch dance pieces by dance majors and catch a scene from the play *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. Across campus, people watched guest artist Clyde Jones sculpt alligators with wood and a chainsaw.

The Center rotates on a four-year cycle of dance, theatre, art and music with attempts to inform the campus by providing guest artists, performances, exhibitions and workshops. This year is the "Year of Theatre."

In the future, "we will be looking for ways to enhance that view beyond the community of Meredith in the arts," said Jackson.

Junior Crystal Turnage, a dance major, said, "It was wonderful timing with lots of people going in and out. It's really important to have the arts right in the center."

Campus Briefs

Tipper Gore to speak on campus

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Tipper Gore is tentatively scheduled to make a visit to the Meredith College campus on Tuesday, Apr. 25. She will speak to the Meredith community at 5 p.m. in Jones Chapel. The event is free and open to the public.

Gore, wife of U.S. Vice President Al Gore, is a well-known advocate for families, women and children. Her work has focused on issues such as mental health, children's health, education, homelessness and physical fitness.

For the past several years, Gore has been invited by Meredith senior classes to visit the campus as a special speaker. Due to schedule conflicts, she was unable to accept the previous invitations; however, she recently announced that a visit to the Meredith community on Apr. 25 would be possible in conjunction with a trip she is making to North Carolina for her husband's presidential campaign.

Gore co-founded and chaired Families for the Homeless in 1986 to raise awareness of homeless issues. She also serves as co-chair of "America goes back to School," an initiative launched by the department of education to work with students, parent and teachers to promote a better learning environment among our nation's children.

Library offers surveys

SUSAN SQUIRES
Library Services

During the week of April 24 to May 1, the library will be asking you to tell us what you think about the library—its collection, staff and services. There will be surveys at the circulation desk of the library, at the entrance to the dining hall and in Cate Center.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey and return it to the library. We want to know what you think.

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