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Feminism not an 'f' word to Stone

The journalist challenges Meredith.

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"He's the real Forrest Gump," said Dr. Garry Walton, professor of English and director of the Honors program.

Chuck Stone, Spearman Professor of Journalism at nearby UNC-Chapel Hill, addressed the annual Honors Convoca-

tion Monday morning in Jones auditorium. He also spoke with students and faculty at a drop-in luncheon as well as meeting with *Herald* staff members.

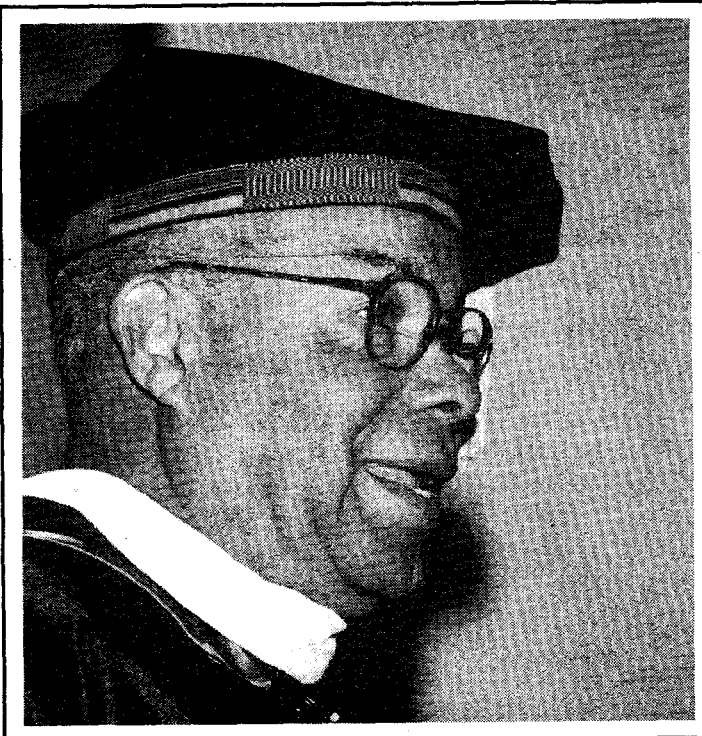


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tion Monday morning in Jones auditorium. He also spoke with students and faculty at a drop-in luncheon as well as meeting with *Herald* staff members.

Senior Deanna Whaley, communications major, was one who met with Stone at that time. "It was amazing that he would sit down with 10 college students and talk to us," she said.

Stone has been a part of many historic events throughout his career as a journalist. He was the first African American hired to do commentary on television. He has done everything from being in the Kennedy White House press

corps to writing the "Black Power" speech delivered by Adam Clayton Powell. Stone's presence in historic events and the pictures that record them are the reasons Walton compared him to the 1994 movie character.

Jokingly, Stone said, "I am so old that 12 good friends of mine have stamps in their honor."

Along the way he has become a strong proponent of feminism, evinced in the title

the feminist facets of his beliefs. Indeed, though some have disparaged him with the myth that only women can be feminists, he believes that "the ability to be a feminist depends as much on reproductive anatomy as having the right to freedom depends on one's skin color."

Junior Julie Rasmussen, Honors student, said that she learned that men could be feminists, too. "It was refreshing," she said.

Rasmussen also liked his attributing his feminism to the women influences in his life, saying that shows how important women are in shaping futures.

He has advocated his feminist stance by writing around

40 columns about women, speaking to countless audiences about the parity of power and marching in parades like Take Back the Night, which will be held at NC State on Oct. 26

"Women should hold leadership positions across the board according to their proportion of the population at large," he said.

And the current proportion of women in the U.S. population is 51 percent. There is nowhere near that number of women in major leadership positions in the U.S.

According to Stone, there are several things women need

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Faircloth gate to close at 10 p.m.

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Starting Oct. 18, the day that classes resume after Fall Break, the Faircloth Street gate will close at 10 p.m. Currently, the gate closes around midnight.

In addition, beginning at 10 p.m., any car coming through the front entrance with a male inside will be stopped and checked by the guard at the gate house. This policy stands for any day of the week, both weekdays and weekends.

Campus Police Chief Frank Strickland said that the goal of the new policy is to "eliminate guys on campus that we don't know about."

Strickland noted, however, that cars with only females will not be stopped until the usual time, which is 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Strickland made this decision after two unauthorized males were found on campus last Thursday evening when Campus Police did a random car check.

Police arrested one male

both for drunk driving and for possession of marijuana. Another male, who has a long record, ran from Campus Police. He had no driver's license and was driving a stolen car. There are now four warrants out for his arrest.

"This is the type of individual we're trying to keep off campus," Strickland said.

The SGA Executive Board, as well as the Association for Meredith Commuters and Campus Health and Safety Committee, made of faculty and staff members, supports the decision of the Campus Police.

Many students were surprised by the change, but when they discovered why the new policy was implemented, they understood and agreed with the new policy.

Natasha Farrington, resident junior, said of the gate's closing earlier, "It's a great idea just for the safety of Meredith students."

"We want to know who's on campus," said Strickland.