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Controversial Campus Crusade passes

Student leaders decide.

JENNY COSTA News Editor

For quite sometime there has been concern about off campus organizations promoting themselves on campus, particularly evangelical organizations such as Campus Crusade for Christ International.

Students no longer have to wonder whether the organization is legal at Meredith because as of 8 p.m. Tuesday night, senate passed a proposal for the organization in a 7-6 vote, according to senate chair Hope Parrish, a junior.

Laura Minnotte, a senior who has just received a staff position with the organization, says that before she left Meredith she wanted to see the issue resolved.

She says, "I want students to

have the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ."

And that is the mission of the organization: "to communicate the truth of Jesus Christ and the gospel in a sensitive, relevant manner to every student on campus as well as providing opportunities for students to grow in Christ... and be equipped through active training for a lifetime of Christian service."

There were also some adamant concerns about the organization from the campus administration.

Parrish said that she received statements in opposition to Crusade that she read in session to the senate from Dr. Maureen Hartford, President of Meredith College, Dr. Jean Jackson, Vice President for Student Development, Dr. Allen Page, Head of the Religion Department, Dr. John Creagh, professor of communication, and Sam Carothers,

Campus Minister.

She said the theme of these concerns centered around whether the group would embrace the diverse atmosphere on campus. She also noted that religious intolerance was a large concern because there had been reports of individual Crusade members who had insulted other religious groups.

However, the insensitivity of certain individuals does not represent the organization as a whole as Michelle Summers, who has worked with Crusade for two and a half years, explained. "Our purpose is to offer students a forum where they can discuss what it means to have a personal relationship with God. If they are not interested, we do not go after them. We merely provide information for students seeking to know more."

Parrish praised the senate for its commitment; "I am proud

of senate f o r respecting the system and going through a f a i r process to resolve this issue.

This is huge, it is a test of the strength of our student government."

Katie Vreeland, a junior senate member, recognized the grave importance of the issue. Apart from the concerns of the administration, "I didn't feel we had discussed enough of the details such that I could make an informed vote in favor of the organization. This is not the French Club."

When informed of the decision by the senate, Hartford

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Feminist theologian to speak in Chapel

Her mission is women's rights in a country that will not listen.

CHRISTINA HOLDER Associate Editor

This February, Miami Mayor Joe Carollo threw a cardboard tea canister at his wife's head during an argument that produced a golf ball-size lump. Last week he was convicted of a misdemeanor, the standard in the American court of law.

But on the other side of the world, the rules are not the same. In fact, in Pakistan, they are the opposite.

In the predominantly Muslim country, what Americans would call domestic violence is instead interpreted as an "honor killing" by the men of the country, who have the right to kill their wives and daugh-

ters at the mere hint of immoral behavior.

And it involves much more than throwing a cardboard box at a woman's head.

It involves something more along the lines of drenching a woman with kerosene and setting her aflame.

Such was the fate of 16-year-old Fauccia Bibi, a Pakistani teenager who was accused of being unfaithful by her husband's family.

Now Dr. Riffat Hassan, a progressive Muslim woman and feminist the-



Dr. Riffat Hassan promotes women's rights in Pakistan and all over the world.

ologian, offers the fire extinguisher.

Hassan will be visiting the Meredith campus on Wednesday, April 4, 2001 at 10 a.m. in Jones Chapel to speak on the honor killings of Pakistan and women's rights. Under her country's system of law, honor killings

are spurred by nearly anything a woman does to displease her husband or father. Such actions as committing adultery

to walking with a man other than her husband warrant an honor killing according to the majority of Muslim men.

According to an article in the Los Angeles Times, Muslim men defend their right to the honor killings by the ideology that women are replaceable, but honor is not.

Hassan first recognized the plight of Muslim women when it became personal to her during a ten-year study of the Koran while teaching at Oklahoma State University.

Through her study she discovered that many of the laws that come out of the Islamic tradition are heavily influenced by some interpretations of Christian scripture.

For example, three beliefs emerging from one interpretation of the book of Genesis are that women are subordinate to men because God created Adam first, that women are devious because they caused

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