



## NPR's Edwards talks politics at convocation

**□ National Public Radio's most popular morning host shows up for Founder's Day.**

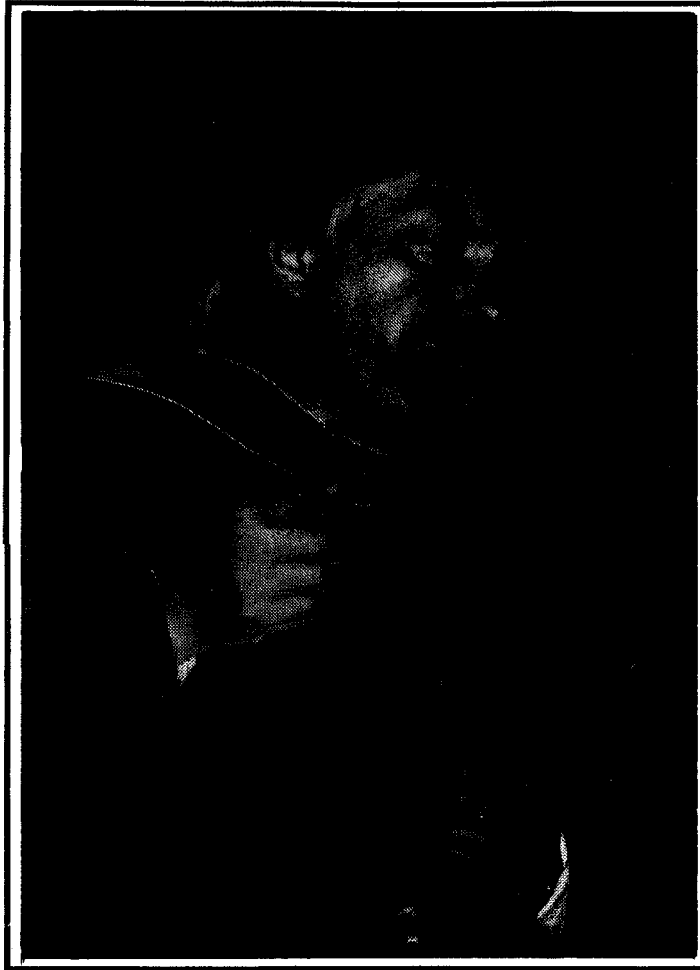
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The host of one of the nation's leading programs in public radio said that journalists today have only themselves to blame for the deterioration of the profession at the annual convocation on Monday honoring the founders of the College.

Bob Edwards of National Public Radio's *Morning Edition*--a show that reels in 8.9 million listeners every week--spoke on current political events and the responsibilities of the media.

His speech did not follow a structure that many audience members had anticipated, but instead it gave members an opportunity to engage in his political topics--making them feel more like callers on his show.

Having worked in broadcast journalism his entire life and conducted over 800 interviews for *Morning*



NPR host Bob Edwards talks about the downfall of journalism at Founder's Day Convocation in Jones on Monday.

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## Rabid fox on campus?

**□ Police and Animal Control traipsed campus last night in search of fox.**

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On Monday, a potentially rabid fox was sighted by several Meredith students near

the back gate of campus, according to Campus Police.

Campus Officers William Moore and Tracey Stevenson investigated the scene according to Officer Wendy Honeycutt.

Honeycutt said that the fox's behavior was unusually aggressive.

When officers approached the fox, it was "coughing like a

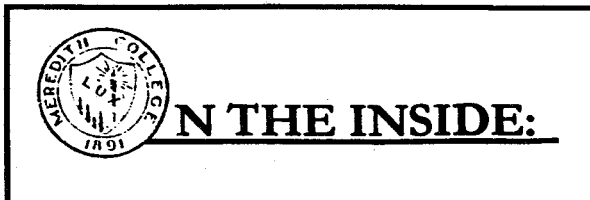
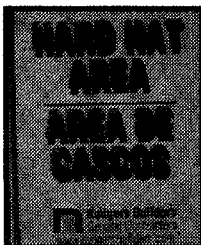
cat...with a hairball," Honeycutt said.

The officers speculated the fox had rabies and called Animal Control.

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## Recycling program to begin in two weeks

**□ Area colleges are calling Meredith for advice on how to build recycling program.**

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Last semester, the *Herald* featured recycling tips each week for students from Dr. Carol Hazard's Environmental Resources class.

What started as the planning stages for a recycling program for the College succeeded and earned a \$10,000 grant from Solid Waste Management of Wake County and laid the groundwork for a recycling program that will start within the next few weeks.

"As soon as the bins get here, this recycling program will get started," Hazard said.

There will be bins in individual rooms, outside of dorms, and outside of the Cate Center.

Work-study positions in recycling are available. People are needed to empty out bottles and take out the biodegradable bags to the bins outside. "It will pay more than the regular on-campus jobs," she said.

Another stem off from this program is the composting process that will start. Belk Dining Hall will start composting their scraps and sending them off-campus to a farm in Orange County.

This is a program that Duke University has been participating in for years. Also, the Nutrition department will have a demonstration compost bin and will dump their scraps on campus to have compost for

flowerbeds.

Community service and service learning are becoming crucial parts of college curriculum. The new general education model that has been adopted for Meredith includes hours needed for graduation.

Wake County charges a tipping fee per ton of trash that is dumped into landfills. Meredith sends 17.5 tons of waste material per month to the landfill.

The tipping fee is \$30 per ton, which adds up to almost \$4500 per year. The bad news is that this fee is going to double very soon, making the new program right on time. "The more we reduce our waste, the less the bill for trash," she said, "and that will save big money in the long run."

"Meredith is taking a leadership role for future recycling programs at surrounding schools," Hazard said.

Peace College, Shaw University, and St. Augustine's College all have contacted Meredith to find out how to implement programs of their own.

The eight students in the Environmental Resources class interviewed significant campus personnel, surveyed students, conducted a pilot study, and filmed 15-second commercials promoting recycling. In November, Hazard submitted an abstract of the program to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"Not every abstract submitted was accepted," Hazard said. But they were lucky and were

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