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Edition--Edwards stands as a warranted speaker on the profession.

He said that journalism "had deteriorated" since he had joined the profession because journalists today were learning in an environment that tolerated opinionated reporting and encouraged news organizations to seek profit.

"News organizations [today] are considered profit centers," said Edwards.

When he began his career as a journalist--first as an anchor at a small radio station in Indiana shortly after college and later as a TV and radio broadcaster for the American Forces Korea Network while he served in the U.S. Army in Seoul--Edwards said journalists knew they "were not supposed to make any money."

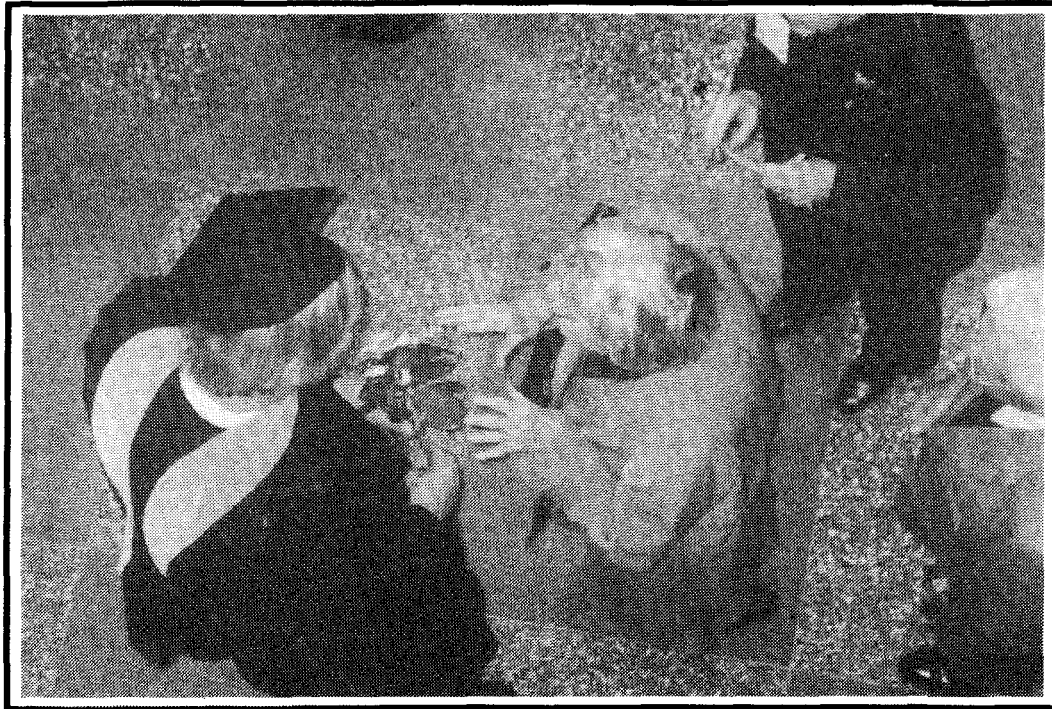
Today everything is different--with the major broadcasting networks vying for victory over viewers each day.

"You see more pundits than journalists," Edwards said.

He also said that he had "long held the belief that [reporters] pass on what they see" but no more.

"There shouldn't be a side," he said. "You're a reporter."

In his address, Edwards also encouraged citizens to "demand to know" the truth



Bob Edwards talks to former English professor Dr. Ione Knight at a reception following the convocation.

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and challenged journalists to use the 1966 Freedom of Information Act which guarantees the press corps access to all records from government agencies.

"Journalists are--for better or worse--the public servants," he said. "When journalists are shut out, the public is in the dark."

Edwards work on *Morning Edition* earned the program, among many awards, a George Foster Peabody in 1999 honoring excellence in radio and television broadcasting.

Control if we do see [him] again."

Moore suggested that if a student spots any animal on campus, they should notify Campus Police, especially at this time of year.

According to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, rabies usually infects wildlife like bats, skunks, raccoons, household pets and foxes.

Signs of infection include change in behavior, fever and loss of appetite. A few days after infection, animals become restless, agitated and may growl and attack any moving object.

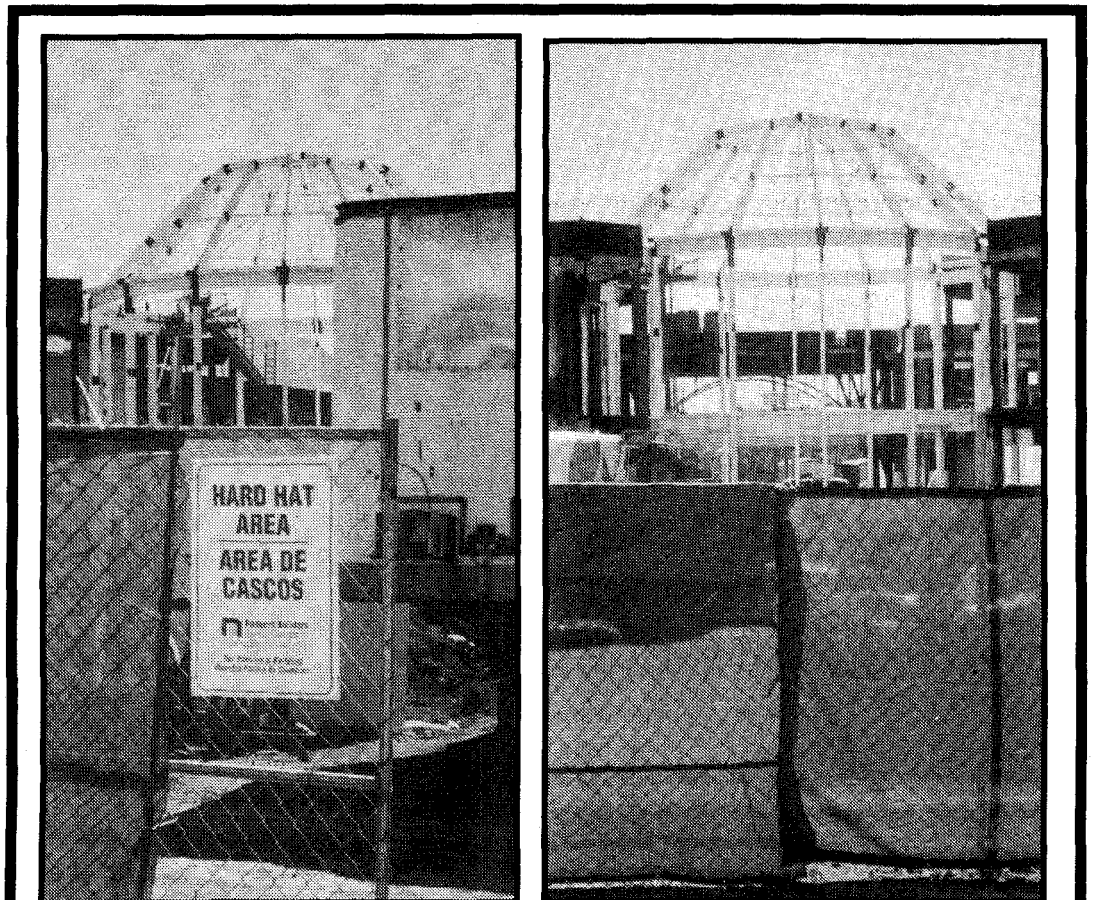
While signs of infection usually show up within a couple of months, it sometimes takes up to 6 months for symptoms to show.

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asked to attend the annual meeting. The AAAS held their Science Innovation Exposition in Boston, Massachusetts this past weekend. Hazard and two students from the class, Annette Snyder and Erin Callis, travelled to Boston to take part in a general poster session where companies, colleges and big names in research were represented from all over the country.

This was the first time that Meredith College has taken a part in this exposition, but Hazard hopes that this will continue. "My goal is to have Meredith students there every year," she said. "With Dr. Reichard's focus on the importance of undergraduate research, this was a great opportunity for students to see it first-hand".

TOPPING OFF



A view of the construction site of the new math and science building. Construction is on time according to Rodgers Builders.

The dome of building will be placed at a "Topping Off" ceremony on Friday at 12 p.m. to celebrate reaching the highest point of the construction.

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cers were called to campus to search for the fox; however, they were unable to find the animal. Animal Control then decided that setting up a trap would not be efficient because they could not ensure that other animals would not become entrapped, according to Moore.

"They also wouldn't know if it was rabid or not, unless they killed the animal," he said.

The fox was not spotted Tuesday, and Campus Police kept watch near the back gate and near the BG lot, according to Moore.

"We figure that he left campus, but we'll call Animal