

## Noted scientist Sylvia Earle to speak at Meredith on Friday

**Earle's visit is part of the "Human Face of the Sciences" series.**

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Staff Reporter

In keeping with the 2002-2003 campus-wide theme "The Human Face of the Sciences," renowned oceanographer and author Dr. Sylvia Earle will be the convocation speaker on Friday, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. in Jones Auditorium.

During her career, Earle has completed more than 50 underwater expeditions and spent more than 6,000 hours underwater. She also set the record for the deepest solo dive (1,000 ft.), which earned her the title

"Her Deepness" in the science community. In 1970, Earle and four other women lived in an underwater habitat for two weeks as part of the federally-sponsored Tektite project.

After earning her bachelor's degree from Florida State University, Earle continued her studies at Duke University, where she earned her master's and her doctorate. She has also received 12 honorary doctorate degrees.

Since she began her career as a phycologist studying algae in the Gulf of Mexico, Earle has held positions with the Cape Haze Marine Laboratories, the California Academy of Sciences and Harvard University. She currently

serves as the president and chief executive officer of Deep Ocean Technology and Deep Ocean Engineering in Oakland, Calif.

Earle is also an explorer-in-residence with the National Geographic Society and is the project director of the Sustainable Seas Expedition, a five-year project that will survey and photodocument the geology and the life forms in the deepest waters of the 12 federally supported marine sanctuaries in the country.

The National Geographic Society and the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-- of which Earle was formerly the

chief scientist--are sponsoring the project.

Earle is also an author, having written more than 125 published works. Some of her well-known works include *Wild Ocean* and *Sea Change*, as well as the children's books *Dive!* and *Hello Fish*.

Campus Minister Sam Carothers, a member of the College's convocation committee, said Earle was invited to speak because she "excels in her field of marine biology and undersea exploration."

He added that Earle is a "tremendous model for students to meet face-to-face."

## Students combine art and science with service learning in new exhibit

**Exhibit shows the fruits of art and science students' service efforts.**

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Meredith held an opening reception for the Unity of Art and Science photography exhibition in the atrium corridor galleries in the new Science and Mathematics Building on Jan. 12. The reception celebrated the work of students who took ART/BIO 946 last fall.

The exhibition was organized by Dr. John Mechem, head of the Department of Biology and Health Sciences, and Carol Hayes, a professor in the art department.

The gallery, located in the atrium of the new Science and Mathematics

Building, is open Monday through Sunday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The exhibition runs until March 16, 2003.

"The show focuses on the service learning component of the course and the photographs each student took of their organization," Hayes said.

She added that the show also features the class projects that use various techniques such as pinhole photography, Polaroid transfers, Polaroid time-zero manipulation, slide film and cibachrome prints, digital imaging and manipulation, sepia tone, handtinting, macrophotography and microphotography.

Hayes said the quantity of different techniques the students learned in one semester, the service learning component of the

semester, and the time students gave to the community are the most impressive aspects of the exhibit.

Twenty-five students volunteered their time at 14 different organizations. Among those organizations are the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science, Chatham Central High School, Carnivore Preservation Trust, William B. Umstead State Park, Lake Johnson Park, M and K Farms, Planned Parenthood of the Capital and the Coast, Rex Hospital, and Helping Horse Therapeutic Riding Center.

Students served 17- to 36- hours of service that included taking care of animals, photography of the institution, bilingual interpretation and office duties.

Jeneile Egbert and Laura

Williams both worked with the Carnivore Preservation Trust. Egbert and Williams helped care for animals by watering, feeding and cleaning cages. Annie Rand worked with Deep Creek Farm taking photographs to be used for their Web site to help create awareness of wildlife preservation.

A list of all students who volunteered their time in the community, and what their involvement entailed, is included on a poster in the exhibition.

"[The exhibit] displays the talents of the students, many of whom had never picked up a camera, and it shows how much we can and should give back to the community," Hayes said.

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