

# Dr. Bernie Sandler Presents this Year's Presidential Lecture

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On February 20, Meredith hosted Dr. Bernice Sandler as a continuation in the Meredith College Presidential Lecture Series. This event, held in honor of Founders' Day, addressed students and community members about the history, importance and legacy of Title IX legislation. Her talk focused on the origins of Title IX, dwelling on personal and secondhand accounts of female discrimination during the late 1960s and 1970s. The passing of Title IX has left a tremendous mark on female education and athletics since its passage in 1972 under the Nixon administration.

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Before the lecture, a question and answer forum was held in Jones auditorium, attended by a sizeable audience of students and faculty. One of the faculty members in attendance, Director of Theatre Kathy Rodgers, expressed her concern about the complacency in the new generation. Rodgers asked if there was any guidance that Dr. Sandler could share with young people over this issue. Dr. Sandler responded, "I don't think there's an easy answer. What I hear from my younger friends and acquaintances is that many young women think that there is no more discrimination in employment and it's not true. There still is."

"They are more interested in body issues like sexual harassment and sexual assault because they have less control there," Dr. Sandler continued, "And those are very big issues among younger people in many places now. I think most of the legal battles have been won- not all because we don't have the Equal Rights Amendment."

Title IX began as a research project for Dr. Sandler after experiencing gender discrimination in 1969. While working at a university, she applied for a promotional position that had five different slots available to fill. Yet, deep down she knew that would never be eligible to hold any of the positions because of her gender. Questioning why, a colleague answered, she "came on too strong for a woman." This led to an interest in discovering the facts behind female discrimination in secondary and higher education. Eventually having her research placed in the

hands of the Department of Labor, they conducted an investigation of this issue.

Soon, the results of these studies were coming in from women describing how these discriminatory policies have placed serious barriers between them and their goals. These results were channeled into the creation of Title IX legislation, and soon representatives in Congress began joining in on the conversation. Key figures in the House of Representatives and the Senate began creating a bill that would ensure gender equality and legal protections so that all females would receive educational, social and athletic opportunities that were once only available to men.

After much research, compilation and petitioning, the bill known as Title IX passed Congress and was signed into law in 1972. The bill itself took three years to go into effect, yet not all schools fully complied with the new law. Today, while not being as serious as pre-Title IX legislation, there is still a need for reform within the treatment of gender discrimination. This law is widely recognized as a foundation for women's equality in all aspects of education.

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In the forum, Dr. Sandler explained, "We have a long way to go and I think the subtle ways women are treated differently is very important. [...] Once you know them, they don't hurt you. They don't affect your self-confidence. When you do something at a meeting and you don't get any attention and a man may get the credit, then you know that that's a phenomenon and that's not you. That's why it's important to know that list [of subtle ways], because you can see it happening." More information on the subtle ways of gender discrimination can be found on Dr. Sandler's website at <http://bernic-sandler.com/>.

## CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

via Enews

*Housing Intent Forms - If you have not already done so, please submit your Housing Intent form to the Office of Residence Life! Even though they are late, we still need your information in order to put you into the lottery number system. Thank you!*

Contact Linda Bridgers, [bridglin@meredith.edu](mailto:bridglin@meredith.edu)

*SPECTRUM- T-shirts/Elections/Ally Week! - Don't forget to come to Spectrum's Meeting this Friday at 10am in Martin 113!*

*We will be talking about selling our new T-Shirts!*

*Electing the Officers for the 2013-2014 year!*

*And talking about all the big plans we have for your big event, Ally Week. If you are interested in becoming an Officer or have any questions please feel free to email [spectrum@email.meredith.edu](mailto:spectrum@email.meredith.edu)*

Contact Bailey Dunn, [dunnbail@email.meredith.edu](mailto:dunnbail@email.meredith.edu)

*LAST CHANCE for LEADERSHAPE - This is the last week to register for Leadershape. Registration is \$100 and this cost covers all your meals for the week, transportation, your T-shirt, and all activities. Come in to the Office of Student Leadership and Service to register today!*

Contact Caitlyn DeBona, [debonaca@email.meredith.edu](mailto:debonaca@email.meredith.edu)

*Nutritionist Available for Students on campus! - Stop by the Cate Center to see our Healthy Diets information Tuesday, February 26th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and enter to win a gift card for \$25 to Whole Foods or Quail Ridge Books! We'll quiz your nutrition knowledge, and you can learn about the Nutrition Counseling services being offered at Meredith. We look forward to seeing you there!*

Contact Sherri Henderson, [hendersh@meredith.edu](mailto:hendersh@meredith.edu)

*Senior Salute - Seniors!!! Cap and gowns will go on sale Monday, February 25th in the bookstore. Jostens will be here February 27-28 in Cate Lobby from 10am-4pm to take announcement orders.*

Check our Facebook page for more announcements.

Contact Mary Ann Reese, [reesem@meredith.edu](mailto:reesem@meredith.edu)

*Join RHA 2013-2014 - I am excited to announce that applications are ready for RHA 2013-2014! Since it's a new year all positions are open for applications.*

*Below are the links and go to our facebook page for a short description of each position. Applications are due by April 1st to 129 Vann or to [rha@email.meredith.edu](mailto:rha@email.meredith.edu)*

*Next year I know that RHA is going to be even better than it has been this year, which is going to be hard because we have killed it this year. We won three awards at NCARH, we redefined publicity, and have made head ways in making RHA more efficient with the merge of Apartment Association and the introduction of an improvement line in our budget.*

*I can't wait and I hope that everyone applies.*

Contact Francesca Bugler, [rha@email.meredith.edu](mailto:rha@email.meredith.edu)

## LOCAL EVENTS

*Band Together's Last Band Standing at the Lincoln Theatre  
Four Carolina-based bands will compete for a cash prize at the Lincoln Theatre on Saturday night. Proceeds go toward Band Together's Partnership with the Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities.*

*St. Paddy's Run Green and After Party*

*Saturday, March 2 will hold the 5th annual St. Paddy's Run Green 8K race and after party. The event will be "green" and earth-friendly. The race will end around 4:15 pm and the after party will be connected with Tir Na Nog and the 200 block of South Blount Street until 10 pm.*

*Other Events:*

*Oaks and Spokes Bicycle Festival- March 1-10, 2013  
(downtown Raleigh; all events are free to attend)*

*Alistair McClymont: Every Thing We are Capable of Seeing- Contemporary Art Museum (downtown Raleigh; every Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. [Mon., Wed.-Fri., 11am-6:30pm; Sat.-Sun., noon-5pm]; admission \$5)*