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Leadership Event Gives Students Chance to Run the World

By Melyssa Allen

Have you ever read the newspaper and thought to yourself, “Things would be different if I ran the world”?

This fall, Meredith students got the opportunity to find out exactly what the world would be like if they were in charge when the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development offered a global simulation game. The event was sponsored by the Sloan Family Leadership Program.

The game, called O.S. Earth Global Simulation, simulates the global economy for a 30-year period. Participants representing various nations, international organizations and industrial powers try to solve the world’s problems while also making trades in an attempt to raise their own status. The game was invented 30 years ago and has since been played by more than 400,000 people.

A major part of the game centered around a global catastrophe that was predicted to occur. Participants were not told what the disaster would be or how much it would take to prevent the event.

“The disaster has not occurred yet,” explained game facilitator Dawn Jacob. “You have the resources to prevent it but it will take everyone working together.”

Countries, organizations and corporations were able to donate anything of value to disaster-prevention effort. However, they had only five minutes to decide and they needed to balance “being too stingy with resources with being overly altruistic and using up too many resources,” Jacob said.

In the Meredith simulation, the “world” needed to gather 175 points to avert the disaster, and only 173 points were raised.



Students participating in a global simulation worked together to solve world issues.

A video presentation showed the results of the crisis—a massive water shortage in Asia—that resulted in an outbreak of disease that killed 45 million people world-wide.

Despite the result, Jacob told the group they could be proud that the game at Meredith was the only simulation she had ever facilitated where every country and corporation donated.

“I congratulate you on [everyone’s] donating,” Jacob said. “You were able to work

together and take on your share in a way I’ve never seen in a game before.”

At the game’s end, participants discussed their game strategies and what they had learned.

Michelle Scott, ’06, said that the game changed the way she thinks about global issues.

“There are more things that a country must balance than I realized,” Scott said. “I realize now how very hard it is for countries to work together when there is little incentive to do so.”

Newsmakers

Art instructor **Georgia Springer** organized a quilting day to support hurricane victims. A group of 13 Meredith students, alumnae, staff and members of the Art Department's Textile Study Group collaborated to make eight bed quilts for people displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Each quilt bore a handmade label reading "Made With Love, Meredith College Quilting Day, Raleigh, N.C., October 22, 2005." Participating were Cynthia Johns, Emily Soldin Howard, Carol Wood, Karen Sampson, Donna Pilkington, Jane Hunt, Amy Losordo, Susan Fennell, Linda Hudson, Emily Hudson, Lynda Collins, Peg Gignoux and Georgia Springer.

Diane Ellis, professor of human environmental sciences, was selected by Who's Who Among American Teachers to be in their 2005 listings. The teachers selected by this organization are in the top five percent of all teachers and professors in the nation.

A photograph by Assistant Professor of Art **Shannon Johnstone** has been chosen as the cover art for a new novel, *If You Want Me to Stay*, by Michael Parker. The book was published on September 15. Johnstone, who has been on Meredith's faculty since 2002, recently earned the Southeastern Camera Award for "Best in Competition" in the N.C. Photographers Association Annual Exhibition.

Christie Hill has been named director of graduate admissions. Hill is charged with leading and managing the functions of admission into Meredith's John E. Weems Graduate School. Prior to joining the Meredith staff, Hill was associate director of recruiting for the executive MBA program at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business.

Holly Schmidt, '05, has received first place in the International Photo Awards in the category "People: Other" in the non-professional division. Schmidt holds a Bachelor of Arts in art with graphic design and photography concentrations. She received this photography award for her senior thesis, "Suspended, A Photography Installation."

Kevin Michaelsen is Meredith's new director of financial assistance. Michaelsen will assist Meredith students and oversee the distribution of scholarships, grants and other forms of financial assistance. He previously served as senior associate director of financial aid at Hamilton College.

Author Timothy Tyson Visits Meredith

By Betsy Rhame, '01

According to historian and author Timothy Tyson, many stories are left out when historians compile information to be included in textbooks. Meredith Associate Professor of Sociology Lori Brown calls this a "whitewashing of history."

Tyson was determined not to let the world forget about the brutal murder of a black man by three white men in Tyson's hometown of Oxford, N.C., in 1970. In his book, *Blood Done Sign My Name*, Tyson brings this crime and the events leading up to it back up for discussion.

A few Meredith professors made his book required reading in their classes, including Brown in her CORE 100 class. On November 17 Tyson met with the

with students about the social and historical context of race relations in North Carolina.

"I think it was very powerful for them," Kenyon said. "It helped them struggle with these issues because as social workers they will have to."

Tyson also attended a continuing education course on autobiography, biography and memoir led by Suzanne Britt, assistant

professor of English. Tyson's mother, Martha Tyson, is a member of the class. On the day of his visit, Britt said, "We talked about the race issue in the South and in [Oxford]."

Meredith's alumnae book club read Tyson's book, and his mother, Martha Tyson, spoke about life in Oxford and her son's



Timothy Tyson

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class to discuss his book and race relations issues as they related to the CORE curriculum. During that class Tyson learned that some students knew some of the characters in his book. Students learned that Tyson knew stories about many of the students' hometowns.

For many of her students, Brown said, it was their first time reading a book and then getting to meet the author.

"That's a literary experience most students haven't had," she said.

Tyson also visited Assistant Professor of Social Work Gail Kenyon's Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals class to talk

writing career at October's alumnae book club meeting.

On November 16 Tyson led the discussion at a Campus Dialogue of Diversity event on race relations that was open to the Meredith community.

Charletta Sims, director of commuter life and diversity programs, who was responsible for arranging Tyson's visit, thought his visit helped bring more awareness about racial issues to campus.

"[It showed] how learning from the past helps us plan for the future," Sims said. "If you don't ever have dialogue you never get to the core."

Rory Kennedy Brings Message of Social Change to Meredith

By Karen Dunton

On November 30, Meredith College welcomed award-winning documentary filmmaker Rory Kennedy to campus. Kennedy's visit was the inaugural event of Meredith's Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Presidential Lecture Series.

"Rory Kennedy seeks to open the minds and hearts of her viewers," said Meredith President Maureen Hartford.

During her lecture Kennedy discussed the impact documentary films can have on social concerns including poverty, domestic abuse and AIDS.

"To motivate people to act, you must give a voice to those in need," said Kennedy. "Telling these stories makes the statistics real...they are real people facing real tragedies."

Throughout the lecture, Kennedy presented clips of her work including *American Hollow*, *A Boy's Life* and *Pandemic: Facing AIDS*.

"My hope is that I have grown from all of these experiences. This is something I love doing and I think it makes a contribution," said Kennedy.

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Students who attended the convocation said they understood Kennedy's message.

"I am very glad that I was able to hear her speak," said Christine Clark, '09. "She's raising awareness about the issues prevalent in society. People can no longer deny what is happening if it's right in front of their eyes."

Clark's classmate Mimi Bridgers, '09, was also impressed with Kennedy's work.

"I could tell Rory Kennedy put her whole heart into her work, not only her work but the people and families that were in the films," said Bridgers. "She makes everything that you hear about in the news and the media real."

Lectures in this year's Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Presidential Lecture Series are designed around "Our World, Our Responsibility:

Contributing to Positive Change Around the Globe," the campus' theme for 2005-06. This theme aims to provoke campus-wide discussion on issues of global importance, and encourages people to develop their own ways to address these issues in their communities. For more information, visit www.meredith.edu/owor.

Meredith Community Joins Together to Raise AIDS Awareness

By Melyssa Allen

According to the Center for Disease Control, by the end of 2004, approximately 11,000 North Carolina residents were living with HIV—a number that is nearly five times the student population at Meredith College. Statistics like this one are part of the reason that Meredith dedicated a week of events to draw attention to the AIDS pandemic.

Meredith's Unity Council, which is part of the Student Government Association, sponsored World AIDS Awareness Week, November 28-December 1.

World AIDS Awareness week coincided with an on-campus lecture by documentary filmmaker Rory Kennedy.

One of the films that Kennedy discussed during her November 30 lecture was *Pandemic: Facing AIDS*. The film, which was shown at Meredith during World AIDS

Awareness Week, examines the global AIDS crisis. Her film features people dealing with AIDS in five countries around the world.

"The thing that stuck with me most [in filming *Pandemic*] were the people I met," Kennedy said. "One of the most important issues I learned about was the stigma of AIDS. People said it was harder to live with the stigma than the physical effects."

Kennedy said working on the film gave her hope.

"What I know is that AIDS can be beaten," Kennedy said. "[The fact] that we are not doing everything in our power to fight AIDS is unacceptable."

The series culminated with a candlelight vigil on World AIDS Day.

A group of approximately 25 students, faculty, staff and community members participated in the vigil, which included a

moment of silence that Unity Council Chair Recey Blake, '07, said was meant "for those living with AIDS and those who have lost their battle with the disease."

Campus Minister Sam Carothers offered a prayer that urged those gathered to "speak with conviction on behalf of those stricken with this disease, that necessary facilities, support systems and medical resources would be accessible to the victims of AIDS in all parts of the world."

Carothers also said "in the midst of our activity around this cause, let us not forget that this tragedy has a very human face." A vivid illustration of the human face of the AIDS pandemic is the AIDS Memorial Quilt, two panels of which were on display at Meredith November 30-December 1.



Meredith's soccer team finished the season with one of the best records in its history.

Five Meredith Soccer Players Receive National Recognition

The Association of Division III Independents has named Meredith College freshman Karen Taylor its Rookie of the Year. Taylor and four of her teammates are members of the All-Independent Women's Soccer teams.

Taylor, a Raleigh native and St. David's School graduate, led the Angels with 11 goals and five assists, good for 27 points. She was the DIII Independent National Player of the Week twice in the 2005-06 season.

"She is an outstanding attack player," said Coach Paul Smith. "She was creative off the dribble and gave us another scoring option." Junior defender Margot Childs made the All-Independent first team, while Taylor and junior midfielder Mary Grace Moon were named to

the second team. Sophomore forward Nicole Boucher and freshman defender Jackie Maloomian were selected for the third team.

"I'm excited for our program," said Smith, whose Angels finished 13-5-1 for one of the best records in school history. "It shows that other schools around the country respect the season we had. Mary Grace and Margot were great leaders for us, Nicole scored 11 goals and Jackie was our top marking back. I'm very proud of all of them."

The Meredith College soccer team participated in a post-season tournament for the first time in the program's history. The team accepted a bid to the Association of Division III Independents East Regional Tournament in November. —Steve Barnes

MBA Students Earn High Scores on Major Field Test

Graduates of Meredith College's Master of Business Administration program scored better than 80% of other MBA students from colleges and universities across the nation on a recent standardized knowledge assessment test.

The assessment test was given in fall 2005 to graduating MBA students to assess mastery of graduate business concepts and critical thinking skills. The distribution of total scores placed Meredith MBAs in the 80th percentile when compared to over 3,500 test-takers from more than 80 other institutions.

In addition to the exceptional overall score, Meredith MBA students demonstrated superior performance in specific assessment areas, including outcomes in the 95th percentiles in the fields of Marketing, Finance, and Management Accounting. The students also posted scores in the 90th percentile in Management and 80th percentile in Strategic Integration.

The outcomes are a result of standardized assessment testing by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Major Field Tests. The graduate version of the test evaluates mastery of academic concepts and assesses critical thinking and reasoning ability within knowledge areas. ETS provides comparative assessment data for evaluation and comparisons among colleges and universities nationwide. Meredith has been administering the test in its MBA program for the past 18 months, and students graduating in both the spring and fall 2005 classes tested at the 80th percentile overall.

For more information on the MBA Program, visit www.meredith.edu/business/mba.

—By Melyssa Allen

Meredith Alumna's POW Photo Exhibit Published in Book Form

In 2002, photographer Jamie Howren, '89, and writer Taylor Kiland created a photography exhibit exploring the lives of 30 former Vietnam-era prisoners of war.

The exhibit, "Open Doors: Vietnam POWs Thirty Years Later" illustrated the current lives of former POWs through a series of black-and-white portraits and accompanying written profiles that captured the individuals' personalities. It debuted in August 2002 at the Museum of History and Art in Coronado, Calif., and has since been exhibited throughout the country.

The "Open Doors" exhibition has now been collected in book form. The book, also titled *Open Doors: Vietnam POWs Thirty Years Later*, has been published by Brassey's, Inc. and is available through Amazon.com and Borders.

Howren holds a Bachelor of Arts in art with a concentration in photography from Meredith. "Open Doors" was featured in the Fall 2002 issue of *Meredith Magazine*. For more information, visit www.coronadohistory.org.

—Melyssa Allen

Summer Reading Book Announced

The Pulitzer Prize winning *No Ordinary Time* has been selected as Meredith's 2006 Summer Reading Book. The book, by historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, will transport readers back in time to the White House during World War II.

The book is subtitled "Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II," and covers the partnership between the president and first lady.

Meredith's Summer Reading Program selection is designed to connect with the College's 2006-07 theme, which is "The Status of Women: Our Future, Our Responsibility." The yearlong series of speakers and events will examine the status of women from political, economic and social perspectives. *No Ordinary Time* was chosen because of its focus on Eleanor Roosevelt's influence on the president, and the way she changed the role of first lady.

"The book provides a view into the U.S. presidency at a critical time for women—a time where women were finding options that had not previously been available to

them before World War II," said Meredith President Maureen Hartford, who chaired the committee that selected this year's book.

In the book's preface, Doris Kearns Goodwin writes that Eleanor Roosevelt "shattered the ceremonial mold in which the role of the first lady had traditionally been fashioned and reshaped it around her own skills and commitments to social reform."

Discussions of the book will also focus on the changing role of women during World War II, a time in which a large number of women entered the workforce for the first time.

Kearns Goodwin will speak at Meredith on Thursday, Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. in McIver Amphitheater, as part of Meredith's Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Presidential Lecture Series.

—Melyssa Allen

Frank McCourt Visits Meredith

Pulitzer Prize winning author Frank McCourt discussed his new book *Teacher Man* in Meredith College's Jones Auditorium on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

When he came to the end of his 30-year teaching career McCourt began to reflect on his life in the classroom. McCourt said he decided to write the book to tell the truth about what happens between teachers and students in the classroom. He wanted to describe the wide range of emotions that teachers feel, for example, "the exhilaration...when we all discovered some truth at the same time."

"There are things going on in the classroom that only the teachers know about," McCourt explained.

Though sometimes teaching was difficult, overall his job satisfaction was high.

"Maybe I could have done other things but I am glad I did this," he remembered thinking.

McCourt received the Pulitzer Prize for *Angela's Ashes*, and is also the recipient of the National Book Critics Circle Award, the American Booksellers Association ABBY Award and the Los Angeles Times Book Award.

This event was co-sponsored by Meredith College, Quail Ridge Books and Wake Education Partnership.

—Betsy Rhame, '01



A collaboration by photographer Jamie Howren, '89, (left) and writer Taylor Kiland has resulted in a new book.

Meredith Holds Winter Commencement

By Melyssa Allen

More than 100 students officially became graduates of Meredith College during winter commencement exercises held on Saturday, December 10, at 10 a.m.

The commencement address was given by Triangle Community Foundation President Andrea Bazán-Manson, whose comments focused on the graduates' responsibility to be philanthropists for their communities.

Calling 2005 the "year of Katrina," Bazán-Manson said she saw Hurricane Katrina as a lesson that made her realize her own power to make a difference.

A native of Argentina, Bazán-Manson moved with her family to New Orleans at age 14. She described this experience and how it has shaped her life and career.

"My story is not unique—we all have stories that spur us to act," Bazán-Manson said. "I know Meredith College has prepared each of you for your role in the community. Because you have the privilege of education, your voice is stronger than many...you must use that voice and stay involved."

Bazán-Manson ended by challenging the graduates to "revisit your own history and define your own mission statement. It can be a better world [if it is] filled with your thoughts, your role and your philanthropy."

About the Graduates

Of the 112 graduates who completed their degrees in August or December 2005, 15 percent were finishing graduate studies through Meredith's John E. Weems Graduate School, and 20 percent of the undergraduate degree recipients were 23+ students.

Meredith conferred Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education and Master of Science in Nutrition degrees.

Undergraduate degree recipients were represented by speaker Magdalena Marida Mihalache, who earned a Bachelor of Arts



New graduates cherished their diplomas during winter commencement.

in psychology. Graduate degree recipients were represented by Adrenna Lane Jarrett, who earned a Master of Business Administration degree. Both student speakers discussed the importance of character.

Mihalache said, "We have a duty to make a positive impact on the world...this requires courage, honor and conviction." Jarrett said "Success is shared with those who helped us along our journey...success is measured in your character and commitment."

President Hartford ended the ceremony with her traditional remarks to the graduates. She called the years during which these students were earning their degrees "a time of change and a difficult few years for this country."

"Change has not deterred you from achieving your goals. I hope and believe that you are building a brighter future for all of us," Hartford said. "All of us here at Meredith look forward to hearing about the change you make in the world."

Alumnae Giving Challenge Underway

After the overwhelming success of last year's \$30,000 alumnae challenge, three generous benefactors have decided to create an even larger challenge of \$50,000. These three benefactors will match the gift credit of any new or increased gift an alumna makes to The Meredith Fund. The \$50,000 challenge means that if an alumna who has never given before makes a gift of \$50, the donors will match a \$50 credit to Meredith. The alumna donor's record will be credited with a gift of \$100. Last year, Meredith received more than \$40,000 in new and increased gifts. As of January 11, Meredith has received over \$30,000 in new and increased gifts from alumnae. If you missed the challenge last year, there is still time to take advantage of it. Questions about the Alumnae Challenge? Contact Jane Mitchell, director of The Meredith Fund, at mitchelj@meredith.edu or (919) 760-8060.

Alumnae E-Newsletter Launched

Meredith College now has an electronic newsletter for alumnae. The new newsletter, titled *the LUX*, communicates current information on the Alumnae Association and the College as well as dates for events on campus and in other areas. Like the *a.list*, *the LUX* is published three times per year. Sign up to receive this electronic newsletter by visiting www.meredith.edu/alumnae. Contact the Office of Alumnae & Parent Relations at (919) 760-8548 or alumnae@meredith.edu.

Want to Reserve a Room at Meredith?

The Campus Events Office manages reservation requests for most rooms on the Meredith College campus. This office is also in charge of scheduling use of Jones Chapel for weddings and the Alumnae House for special events. For information on rates and availability, call the Campus Events Office at (919) 760-8533.

Volunteers Needed for Admissions

The Meredith College Office of Admissions is seeking alumnae admissions volunteers who want to share their experience and help to spread the word about Meredith College. Admissions volunteers assist in Meredith's student recruitment efforts by attending college fairs and writing letters or emails to prospective students. For more information on alumnae admissions volunteers, contact Admissions Counselor Megan Deane, '03, at deanemeg@meredith.edu or call 1-800-MEREDITH.

Meredith Hosts October Blues-Fest Featuring Music Maker Relief Foundation Artists

By Melyssa Allen

Meredith's Jones Auditorium stage was transformed into a blues club on October 20 during the College's October 2005 Blues-Fest.

Tim Duffy and his Music Maker Relief Foundation artists brought the blues to life for the Meredith College community. Artists Macavine Hayes, Captain Luke, Whistlin' Britches, Cool John Ferguson and New Orleans street musicians Slewfoot & Cary B. performed during the event.

Duffy's discovery that many blues musicians were living in poverty led him to found the Music Maker Relief Foundation.

"There is not one type of popular music that is not affected by this music," Duffy said.

Music Maker Relief Foundation, Inc., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the true pioneers and forgotten heroes of Southern musical traditions gain recognition

and meet their day to day needs. Music Maker's aid and service programs improve the quality of recipients' lives.

Duffy said the foundation "is not giving a hand out, but giving a hand up" to musicians through a sustenance program, by providing professional development and organizing cultural access events.

In its 10 years of existence, the foundation has helped create 50 CDs of blues music.

"If you follow your heart and help your fellow man, faith can move mountains," Duffy said.

Meredith alumna Amy Nolan, '00, serves as programs coordinator for the foundation. Nolan told the audience that it is "great to have a job where you can change people's lives."

Meredith Assistant Professor of Art Melinda Fine, who leads the College's convocation committee, said the Blues-Fest was designed to provide entertainment.



New Orleans musicians Slewfoot and Cary B. were among the October Blues-Fest performers.

"We didn't want a lecture...we wanted to focus on celebration instead," Fine said. "We wanted to give something fun and meaningful to Meredith and the community at large."

Sociology Class Uses Harry Potter to Teach Real Life Issues

By Betsy Rhame, '01

Lori Brown, associate professor of sociology, took a new approach to teaching Principles of Sociology during the fall semester with some help from Harry Potter. By talking about his fantasy world, students learned more about their own society.

"[Author J.K. Rowling has] created another world that has some of the same problems we do," Brown explained.

This approach resonated well with Brown's students.

"Reading Harry Potter allows the reader to pinpoint examples of key sociological issues and compare how they interpret these issues to how our society tackles them," said Cori Walker, a teacher candidate who took the class as an elective.

Walker thought the class was a "great way to see how similar our society is to the magical society of Harry Potter."

The class, SOC 230, still covered all the subject matter of an introductory sociology class, but put much of the material in the context of Harry Potter's world.

"You can use that information to understand how society works [and] why things are the way they are," said Brittany Allred, a sophomore biology major.

In class students listened to lectures and participated in discussions. Outside of class students were responsible for more than just reading their sociology textbook for the next class. The 72 class members read two books from the Harry Potter series and watched selected Harry Potter films during the semester. In an online message board students were

constantly discussing the material outside of the classroom. At any one time, there were multiple sociological discussions happening, growing as each student commented.

"By using the message boards, you actually discuss more than you would in class. You can get more feedback from your classmates," said Allred.

In this way, the technology of the active class web site enhanced the students' learning.

"It's always exciting for teachers to see their students talking about [class material]," Brown said. "I'm just amazed at the power of this. With the technology I really think this is the direction to go."

This course, which was developed over the summer of 2005 by Brown, was taught this past fall for the first time. Brown is teaching it again this spring.

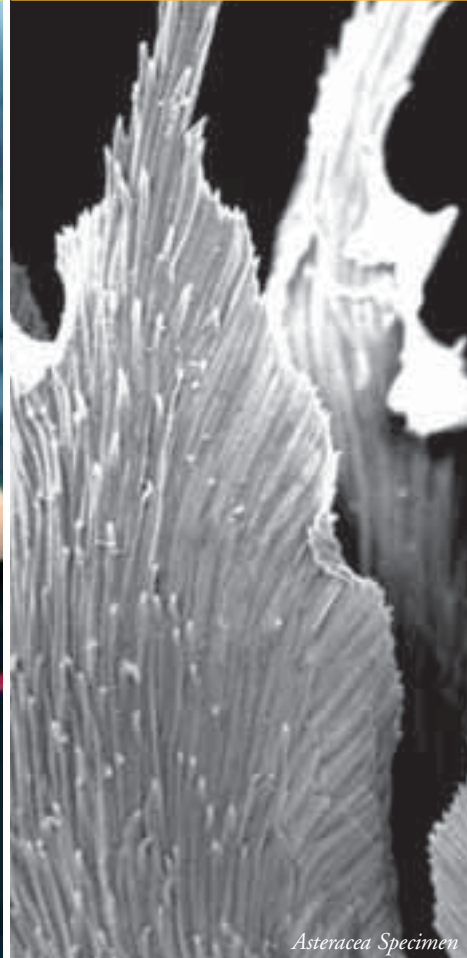
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By Melyssa Allen and Kristi Eaves-McLennan



CWSM Dedication



Asteracea Specimen



Marium Ali, '06

In the three years since opening an 80,000 sq. ft. science and mathematics facility, Meredith College has intensified its efforts to increase the number of women pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Among the latest in the College's endeavors to support women in these fields is the launch of a Center for Women in Science and Mathematics that promises to expand Meredith's outreach and generate new partnerships for students and faculty.

In a recent visit to campus, world-renowned physicist Jocelyn Bell Burnell described her experience as a female scientist as similar to “being left-handed in an aggressively right-handed world.”

“You can do it, but it is harder and it costs,” Burnell said. Her comments were part of the opening celebration for Meredith’s new Center for Women in Science and Mathematics (CWSM), held on October 27-28, 2005.

Burnell—who was involved in the discovery of pulsars, which opened up a new branch of astrophysics and led to her male supervisors

being recognized with a Nobel Prize—said she was pleased to be at Meredith for the formal opening of a Center that will support women in scientific fields.

“I don’t often speak to an audience that is so predominately female,” said Burnell.

One measure of success for the CWSM will be if an audience full of female scientists is someday considered not an aberration but the norm.

Housed in Meredith’s Science and Mathematics Building, the Center will promote research, connections and partnerships between Meredith and the community. The

Center is expected to give the College an advantage in attracting more grant money to expand the mentoring programs, summer camps, and other science and mathematics outreach efforts offered at Meredith. Meredith students will also benefit from a lecture series and new programming that will be sponsored by the Center and will be guided by the members of the local scientific community who comprise the Center's advisory board.

The Center's establishment is further "evidence of the College's commitment to educate women and girls in science, mathematics and technology," said Virginia Knight, dean of Meredith's School of Natural and Mathematical Sciences.

One of the most visible symbols of Meredith's ongoing efforts in these areas included opening an 80,000 sq. ft. Science and Mathematics Building in 2003, which features specialized labs and equipment like a scanning electron microscope that have allowed students and faculty to increase the complexity of their research efforts.

Meredith is working "to ensure that women's accomplishments in these fields will

be noteworthy but their gender is not," said Meredith President Maureen A. Hartford.

Thanks to the College's dedication to the future of women in the fields of science, mathematics and technology, Meredith's reputation continues to rise among the academic community, according to John



Biology major Lauren Thie, '07, researches the egg-laying habits of Asian Tiger mosquitoes. She plans to become a doctor and work in an international setting.

Mecham, head of the biology department.

Mecham cites the "high percentage of our qualified student applicants who were admitted and received fellowships to graduate programs and to professional schools, the large number of visitations by faculty and graduate students from local universities, and collaborative outreach programs between Meredith and other programs" as evidence of Meredith's strong reputation in the sciences.

Students majoring in the sciences, mathematics and computer science report being encouraged by Meredith's efforts to actively support women in the sciences.

"By promoting careers in science and mathematics and establishing opportunities for girls at an early age, Meredith is promoting a change that will effect generations of successful females," said Jill Palchinsky, a biology major from Cary, N.C.

Molecular biology major Marium Ali, '06, of Karachi, Pakistan, sums up the need for the College's continued investment in science and mathematics programs most succinctly.

"There are not a lot of women in science, so we need all the support we can get," said Ali.

MEREDITH COMMUNITY CELEBRATES THE DEDICATIONS OF SMB WINGS

As a part of the Center for Women in Science and Mathematics launch, the College dedicated the east and west wings of the Science and Mathematics Building on October 28, 2005.

The west wing is the Bovender Wing, named for Lucy Wyatt Bovender, '41, and James W. Bovender, generous benefactors of the College during their lives. This wing houses the mathematics and computer science departments.

The east wing, which houses biological and environmental sciences, chemistry, physics and geoscience, is named for J. Rufus Hunter, a member of Meredith's Board of Trustees for 30 years who served as board chair from 1929-1941. The former science building on campus, now Martin Hall, was formerly named for Hunter.

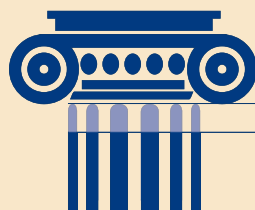
"The Science and Mathematics Building has set a new standard for our buildings on campus," President Maureen Hartford said. "I hope Dr. Hunter would be pleased to know his legacy and his name will continue

to be associated with the sciences at Meredith. Lucy Bovender was an education major. I can't help but imagine how proud she would be."

The Center for Women in Science and Mathematics is part of the Centers of Excellence and the School of Business aspect of The Campaign for Meredith. This component represents \$3 million of the Campaign's \$33.5 million goal. To support The Campaign for Meredith, visit www.meredith.edu/giving.

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REDEFINING THE MEANING OF HOME

Meredith Helps Rebuild in Mississippi

By Betsy Rhame, '01



Photo by Shannon Kelly

A group from Meredith College traveled to Gulfport, Miss., January 2-8 to assist with rebuilding efforts resulting from Hurricane Katrina. The group joined with the North Carolina Baptist Men's Association, which has promised to serve the city of Gulfport by rebuilding over 600 houses in two years. Once a category five hurricane, the storm made landfall on August 29 as a category three with sustained winds at over 170 miles per hour. The storm surge was 28 feet and water flooded six miles inland. With the combination of the storm's large size and its intensity, the Mississippi coast was the hardest hit. Katrina was the deadliest in the state's history, with 1,300 Mississippi residents killed. The owners of nearly half of the state's houses have filed for disaster assistance. Gulfport residents are trying hard to build back their town, and are frustrated with the small amount of media attention the Mississippi Gulf Coast has received. The group consisted of 12 Meredith students, five faculty/staff members, a student and staff member from Peace College, and two members of a local church. Meredith Magazine assistant editor Betsy Rhame, '01, describes what the group experienced during the service trip.

All day while we worked, a pile of household items outside the back door of a home affected by Hurricane Katrina grew. There were dishes, family photos, a table, and other odds and ends deemed salvageable by the owners of the home, two brothers named Errol and Herbert. I spent most of the afternoon going in and out that back door with a wheelbarrow of debris to empty on the trash pile by the street. Once, when I passed something caught my eye.

A framed drawing of a house was stained and dirty sitting on top of the table, but it was one of the few possessions still intact. When I stopped to take a closer look I saw a poem written above the picture in calligraphy. It read:

Home

*It is only a roof, four walls and a door.
With luck, it has windows, a chimney and floor.
If you fill it with faith, goodness and cheer,
It spills over forever with love most dear.*

—Wendy Lyn

In essence, that poem speaks truth. But for Errol, Herbert and all the other hurricane victims we had the privilege to meet in Gulfport during the week of January 2-8, home as defined in this poem does not exist. It's something people in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana are trying to get back to, but it's a slow process.

Herbert and Errol live in a neighborhood in Gulfport two and a half miles north of the Gulf of Mexico. Yet because of the low elevation of the land, their house was flooded with four feet of water during



Photo by Shannon Kelly



Photo by Meredith Cowart

Betsy Rhame, '01 (left) and Meredith Cowart, '09, participated in the Meredith service trip to Gulfport, Miss. The trip was one of the College's hurricane relief efforts, which also included fundraisers.

Hurricane Katrina. For three days after the storm until the water receded, they and their neighbors were forced to travel by boat or not travel at all. Like almost all of their neighbors, the brothers lost most of their possessions and their home was deemed uninhabitable.

On day two of our trip, my work team of 10 was given the job of cleaning out the ruined items in the home and in the yard, taking up bathroom tile, removing kitchen appliances and cabinets, and knocking out walls that were covered in mold.

Herbert, home the day my team worked on his house, was suffering from four cracked ribs caused by an accident on his bicycle the week before. He sat in his chair in the front yard near his FEMA trailer, the temporary home he and Errol shared. He smoked cigarettes while he watched us carry load after load of ruined items from his home to the trash pile. He watched us carry his whole life to the curb to be picked up and hauled away, yet his expression was blank. It told me nothing about how he felt. But once, after a student carried an armload of items from a

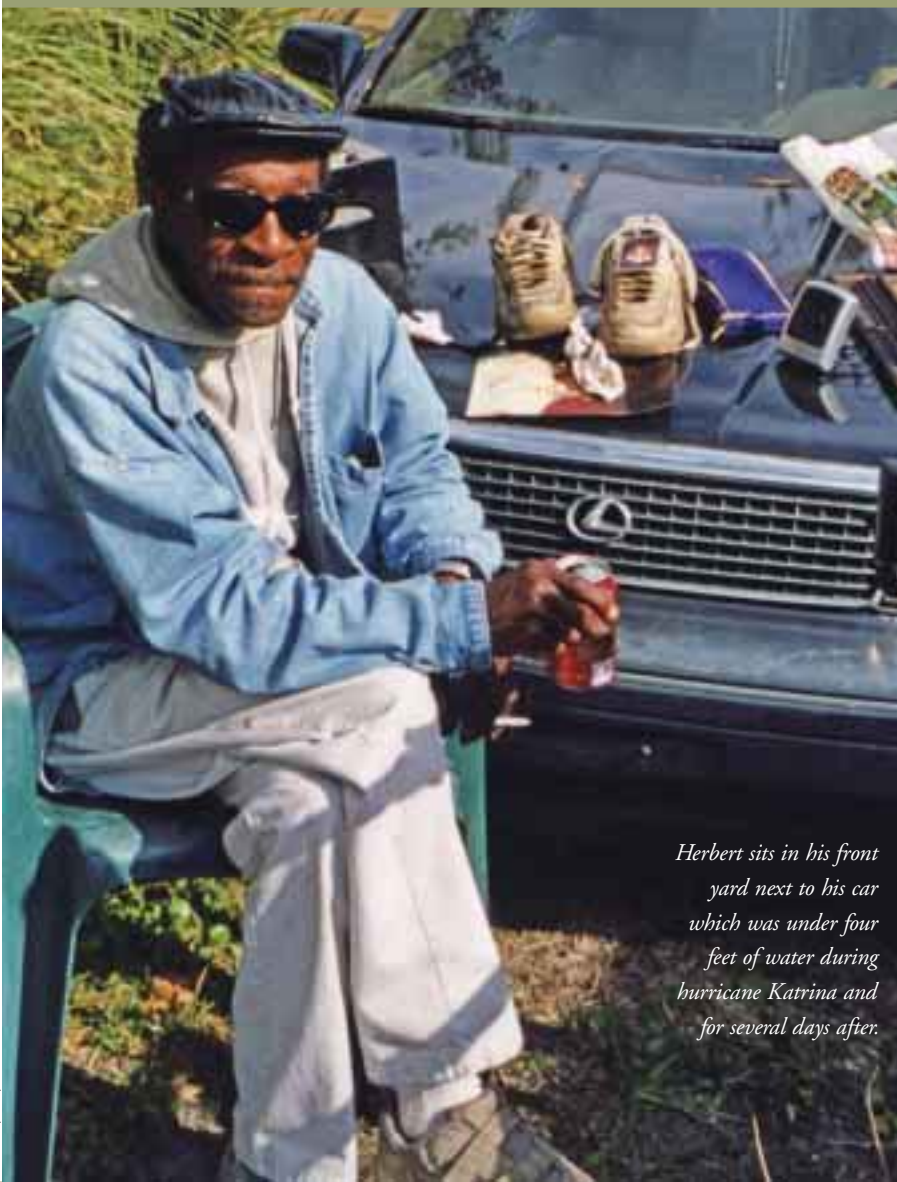


Photo by Betsy Rhorne

Herbert sits in his front yard next to his car which was under four feet of water during hurricane Katrina and for several days after.

closet inside, he got up from his chair after she went back in the house, perused what she had tossed away, picked up a belt and kept it. I'm sure he didn't know I saw that, but I did and I won't forget it. Seeing that did something to me.

Later on I took a break and sat down with Herbert to talk with him about the hurricane and what it had left behind. He'd lived in Mississippi his whole life, except for one year while he worked in Ohio. He and his brother, and their mother before her death, had lived in this house since 1968. He was surprised by the destruction brought by Katrina. It was much more than he expected. If he'd have known what the storm would be like he wouldn't have tried to stay and wait out the storm. He told me he should have left but the water came up too fast and he couldn't. He had to settle for waiting out the storm at a neighbor's house. Herbert said if another hurricane came to Mississippi he would evacuate.

So then I asked him, "Have you ever considered beginning again somewhere else rather than rebuilding your home here?" His answer was simple.

"This is home."

Herbert's sentiment was echoed time and time again by other Gulfport residents we met during the week. Another Mississippi native, Helen Walker, told me she and her husband considered moving away from Gulfport after

FACULTY MEMBER SPENDS HOLIDAY HELPING HURRICANE VICTIMS

Like many Americans, Carla Ross, associate professor of communications, watched as Hurricane Katrina became a powerful storm and turned toward the Gulf Coast. She worried about her former colleagues at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast (USM Gulf Coast) in Long Beach, Miss., where Ross was once a student recruiter and faculty member.

"I still have lots of friends down there," she said. "I've moved all over the place so that's home to me. I was grieved by what happened."

Ross said her stomach churned as she watched the news coverage of the storm and then saw its destruction on television.

She became worried when most of the media coverage turned to New Orleans and she couldn't

get in touch with her friends in Mississippi.

Then, when Time Magazine published an issue focused on Katrina and its aftermath, she saw what was once her condominium, but was now only a concrete slab covered in debris.

Once Ross got in contact with her former co-workers, she decided she needed to help them.

"Over half of the people on that campus lost everything," she said.

Ross visited Long Beach December 16-27 with over \$1,500 worth of gift cards donated by members of the Meredith community for stores like Lowe's, Home Depot and Wal-Mart so members of the USM Gulf Coast community could buy supplies to clean and rebuild their homes.

Ross anticipated that while she was in Long

Beach she would help friends by sorting through their belongings, Christmas shopping for them, and helping with clean up. However, Ross soon learned that the most helpful thing she could do for her friends was simply listen to their experience.

"Everywhere I went people wanted to talk about it," she said. "They wanted to share."

Because of her experience, Ross feels a bit differently than she did before the trip.

"It was such a blessing to help out. It gave me a purpose," she said.

Ross will continue assisting USM Gulf Coast and is hoping for more support from Meredith, and possibly even adopting the campus.

She said, "We can't do enough to help them down there."

Katrina, but decided to rebuild the house they'd lived in since 1956. Then she said it too. "This is home."

The Walkers' home is situated in what Gulfport residents and relief workers call Ground Zero. It's in a place where the destruction is indescribable. No matter where you stand there is debris as far as you can see, and much further beyond that. The Gulf of Mexico could not be seen from the Walkers' house before the storm. Between their house and the water was a dentist's office, a church and a Waffle House, but those buildings are no longer there. The Walkers, like many others, had a hard time deciding whether to evacuate for the storm. Many of Gulfport's residents hadn't left during Camille in 1969 which had been the worst storm Mississippi had ever seen until Katrina.

Helen Walker wanted to leave. Her husband, Jimmy, thought they should stay. Finally, just hours before the first gusts of wind and

bands of rain, they got in the car with their corgi mix, Scrappy, and headed 170 miles north to their son's home in Madison, Miss. They thought they'd stay a couple days and then come back to Gulfport. Instead, they stayed with their son six weeks until they could get a FEMA trailer, which has been placed on a friend's land while their house is being rebuilt. The Walkers can live in their trailer another year but they hope to be back in their house much sooner.

It was good to feel like we were helping them get back home a little faster. That day my work crew removed light fixtures, ceiling fans, sheetrock nails from studs, and the ceiling. A few days later another Meredith work team removed the electrical wiring, the water heater and the HVAC unit, and finished removing the ceiling.

Each day we had a new project. The group of us from Meredith, Peace and a Raleigh church numbered 21, so we were sometimes

split to work more than one site per day. We accomplished a wide range of tasks that included sheetrock mudding and sanding, painting, removing tile, laying tile, and cleaning a house that had been flooded during the hurricane, rebuilt, and had then burned.

Perhaps the most important thing we did was listen to Gulfport residents tell their stories. Everyone had one, and they were all eager to share them. Some opened up when we asked them to tell us about their experience. Others simply saw the opportunity to share without our having to ask.

We heard many stories, and all were heartbreaking. Micha had over five feet of water in her house during the storm, which she had waited out at a friend's house in a part of Gulfport that got less damage.

"I lost everything," Micha told us.

We met Renee, who lived four blocks off the Gulf of Mexico, and when the water rose too quickly, she swam to a neighbor's house in chest-deep water with her two cats, which she reenacted for us.

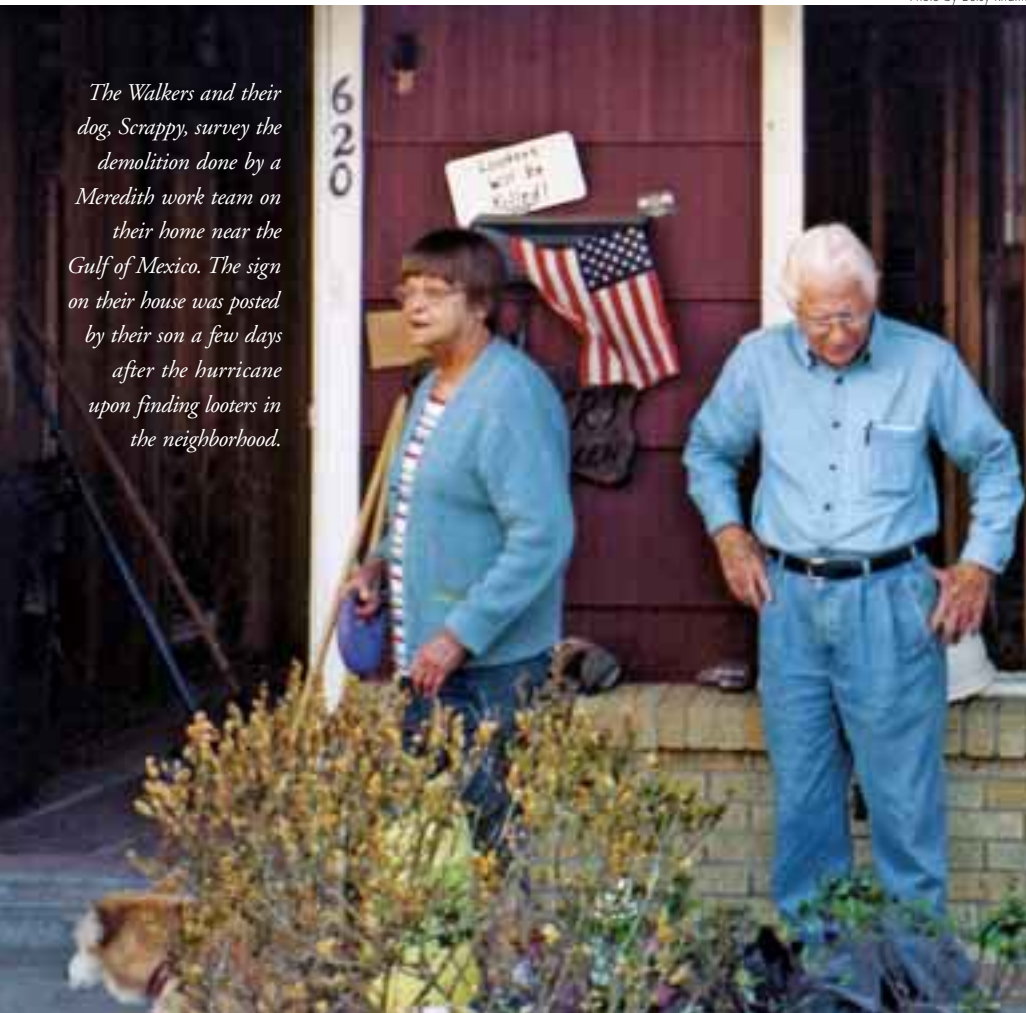
Even a retired couple seated behind us in a local restaurant just had to tell us what happened to them the day Katrina made landfall. When the water rose they broke through the roof from their attic and waited days on their roof for help.

We learned a lot from those we met. Sophomore Elizabeth Soles told me one of the most powerful lessons she learned was that "everybody is just really hopeful down there and it rubs off on you, [even though] you have everything and they have nothing."

I have to agree. One of the most powerful parts of this trip for me was how through service, my own definition of home was challenged and redefined. It will be a long time before many of Gulfport's residents have a home to call their own again. But in the meantime they have their resiliency. Their attitude of "we will get through this" spoke volumes to me. I discovered that, in almost every direction, children were still playing in their school yards, adults were still trying to earn a living, and people had a generally positive attitude despite all they had been through, and they welcomed us into their community, making Gulfport feel like home to me, too.

Photo by Betsy Rhorne

The Walkers and their dog, Scrappy, survey the demolition done by a Meredith work team on their home near the Gulf of Mexico. The sign on their house was posted by their son a few days after the hurricane upon finding looters in the neighborhood.



MEREDITH COLLEGE VOICES

Interview by Karen Dunton



After a 26-year military career, Captain C. C. Wiggins, '76, retired from the United States Navy Chaplain Corps on February 1. Wiggins was the first African-American female to achieve the rank of captain in the Chaplain Corps. She also received numerous awards and commendations during her service including the Legion of Merit medal presented during her retirement ceremony.

As she enters the next phase of her life, Wiggins has dedicated herself to continued support of Meredith College—its students, faculty and staff.

TIME AT MEREDITH “It was challenging being at Meredith as one of the first African-American students. We experienced the wedge effect—it was tough going in but in hindsight looks different. I now know that Meredith helped prepare me for an extremely successful life...including academic and social challenges.”

MILITARY BOUND “Early on I thought I wanted to go into the Coast Guard. I was advised to go to college and I was called to ministry during my time at Meredith. A Navy recruiter told me I could be a chaplain in the United States Navy. This would allow me to serve the ministry and my country...and if it involved water, I was interested. When I first joined, women couldn't go on ships. On my first ship, of the 1,200 person crew, there were not even 100 women. By the time I left, the ship had close to 300 women on board.”

COMMUNITY CONNECTION “When prospective Meredith students see that I am successful, this reflects back on Meredith's reputation. Once I bring them to campus they are sold on coming here. I carry application fee vouchers wherever I go and work Meredith into my public speaking engagements.”

CALLED TO SERVE “When I received the phone call about serving on the Board of Trustees for Meredith I knew that if I did this, I wanted to do it well. I am a really committed person...I wanted to serve but didn't want to just show up at the meetings. I am spending time on campus talking to students, feeling the pulse of the campus.”

President Maureen Hartford says of Wiggins, “C.C. brings the two worlds of Meredith together. Where we are now and where we are going...and she understands the importance of having someone like herself involved on campus.”

A MEREDITH WOMAN “When a student decides to come to Meredith College they have made a huge choice. I went to one of the best women's institutions in the world. You do not find the meek and mild at Meredith. These women are assertive, articulate, and thrive in their professions.”

Hometown Norfolk, Virginia • **Education** Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C. • Master of Divinity, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N.Y.

• **Military Career** Captain, United States Navy Chaplain Corps • **Appointments** Board of Trustees, Meredith College

• **Hobbies** Running and traveling • **Plans** Doctorate in Business Administration, Old Dominion University

CLASS NOTES

Compiled by the Office of Alumnae & Parent Relations from August 2005-January 2006. Information may be edited for space limitations and content restrictions. Listed above each class year are class agents who serve as liaisons between alumnae and the College. They are elected by their class every five years at reunion. Submit class notes to class agents or online at www.meredith.edu/alumnae. Deadline for Class Notes in the next *Meredith Magazine* is May 1, 2006.

'29

Mildred Mullis lives in Morganton, N.C., where she enjoyed teaching and working in school libraries. She set up the first school library at Hillcrest Elementary School and Forest Hill Elementary School.

'30

Elizabeth Apple Sharpe lives with her husband, Charles, with whom she celebrated 61 years of marriage in January.

'41 65th Reunion

**Annie Laurie Overton
Pomeranz**

Jeanne Freeman Carver has a new baby cousin, Helen Gray Bennington.

'42

**Catherine Wyatt Hudson
Joyce McIntyre Rudisill**

Mary Helen Gatlin Senter is proud to become a great-grandmother to baby Helen Gray Bennington.

'46 60th Reunion

**Helen Hall Bosse
Jean White Finch
Nancy Harris Shaw**

'51 55 Reunion

**Mary Bland Josey
Anne Fouche Styron
Betty Ann Hall Wilkinson**

LeGrace Gupton Benson is a visiting researcher focused on Haitian studies at University of California at Santa Barbara. She has a new grandchild and great-grandchild.

'54

**Lyn Bonahue
Doris Allen Litchfield
Jane Williamson Teague**

Jean Morton King and her husband, Charles, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2005.

'56 50th Reunion

**Jean Hicks Perdue
Catherine Atkins Pickler
Betty Vance Raft
Mary Jon Gerald Roach
Nancy Drake Savage**

'60

**Frances Ward Brooks
Lillian Brandon Dinklage
Emily Campbell Tuck**

Elizabeth Barnes has retired from teaching theology and ethics at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (Va.). She is back home in N.C. with her two grandsons. She acts as mother since their mother has passed away. She delights in their requests for her homemade buttermilk biscuits. *Stuart James Burroughs* lives in Chapel Hill, N.C., and enjoys being near her grandchildren. In 2004, she had a book of poetry published called *Beyond the Hills*. *Barbara Smith Jones* has been the organist and choir master at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Dade City, Fla., for 28 years. She feels like she truly works in heaven. *Ann Allred Miller* and her husband have retired from their teaching positions at Earlham School of Religion in Richmond, Ind. One of the books she used in class was *The Story of Discipleship* written by Meredith classmate, Elizabeth Barnes. *Betsy Moore Thigpen* is retired after 34 years in the Virginia Beach Public School

System, serving as teacher and principal. She is an elder in the Presbyterian Church and stays busy with her grandchildren and club memberships. *Willilou Mason Walters* and her husband, Bob, have lived in Greenwood, S.C., for nearly 25 years and remain active in their civic, political and religious activities. She also enjoys her three children and two grandchildren. *Nan Owen Wilson* and her husband are retired and living in southern California volunteering with their church and playing with their four grandchildren. She gets together with *Rosie Edwards Sundeen*, who she says is just as fun as ever.

'61 45th Reunion

**Carole Hamrick Johnson
Peggy Ratley McNeill**

Cauline Howell retired from teaching in Madison, Wis., and now lives with her twin sister in Graham, N.C. She previously taught at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. *Quincy Stewart Inman*, *Kay R. Brotherton*, *Lilmar Gatlin Taylor-Williams*, and many other members of the class of 1961 put together a quilt as a prayer chain for *Ann Stallings Early*. Each stitch in the quilt represented a prayer or message to Ann. (Look for more in the Summer 2006 *Meredith Magazine*.) *Lilmar Gatlin Taylor-Williams* has a new baby cousin, Helen Gray Bennington.

'62

**Peggy L. Crutchfield
Pattie Steen Fleming
Brenda Payne Millar**

Betsy Proctor Dupree is taking Italian classes at Meredith after visiting her daughter and son-in-law in Rome and falling in love with Italy. She recently visited her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren in Great Falls, Mont. She is a grandmother of twin boys and a real estate agent. *Mary Ogie Baugham Ennis* retired after 21 years with N.C. Board of Nursing in 2002 and enjoys volunteering at Mayview and St. Mark's Methodist Church in Raleigh, N.C. *Diane Price Fleming*

earned her Ph.D. in English and has taught at Louisburg College in N.C. *Helen Neblett Johnson* and her husband, Freddie, retired from Building Together Ministries in 2005 and she is now becoming a successful potter. *Brenda Payne Millar* retired from Wake County Public Schools in 2000, but continues volunteering in the schools and church. She and her husband, Allen, went skiing in Utah and attended the Sundance Film Festival. *Judy Bullard Sanford* will retire in May 2006 after teaching 25 years at two different church preschools. She has been the director of the River Hills Church Preschool in Lake Wylie, S.C., for the past 15 years. She will travel with her husband upon retiring and play with her five grandchildren. *Daphne Clark Stone* moved with her husband, Curtis, out into the country overlooking the Mayo River in Spencer, Va.

'65

**Mary Ann Britt Hopkins
Sally Howard Moore
Lynn Beth Myers
Diane Drake Truelove**

Betsy Denson Deal and her husband are the owners of a tree farm in N.C. and one of their trees was on display as the official Christmas Tree at the White House. (Read more on page 16)

'66 40th Reunion

**Rachel Owen Bivins
D. Phyllis Duncan
Paula Lowry Herren**

Beverly Brown Branch volunteers with Meals on Wheels and the local food bank since she retired from elementary school teaching in 2003. She enjoys her grandchildren and traveling with her husband to places like the Panama Canal to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. *Sandra Flynt Canipe* is the minister with preschoolers and children at First Baptist Church in Greensboro, N.C. She enjoys reading cookbooks, gardening and storytelling. *Nell Wilkerson Chesley* is a professional artist selling her oil paintings at art fairs around the country. She moved to Richmond

White House Christmas Tree Has Meredith Ties

By Melyssa Allen



The Deal family with First Lady Laura Bush (center).

The Official 2005 White House Christmas Tree had ties to Meredith College. It came from the Smokey Holler Tree Farm, of Laurel Springs, N.C., which is owned by the family of alumnae Betsy Denson Deal, '65, and Meg Deal, '91.

The National Christmas Tree is presented by the Grand Champion grower of The National Christmas Tree Association. This is the ninth time a North Carolina tree has won this competition, but the first North Carolina tree to win since 1997. The Deals won at the state level in 2002.

The Deals started their Christmas tree farm in 1972 as a hobby. At the time, Betsy Deal's husband, Earl, worked in N.C. State University's Forestry Department and she taught school. Now, their daughter, Meg, a tax partner in Raleigh, helps with bookkeeping and their son, Buddy, manages the farm.

Buddy Deal "made it his goal to have one of our trees in the White House," Betsy Deal said. "For tree growers, this is a dream come true."

The tree was presented to First Lady Laura Bush on November 28, 2005. The First Lady "was a very gracious lady," Betsy Deal said. "She put us all at ease and was very cordial."

On November 29, the Deals helped start the decorating process, but had to return to their Christmas tree business before it was complete. The Deals also provided trees for the White House private residence and the Oval Office. On December 28, they returned to see the completed tree. Three Meredith alumnae went along – Betsy Deal, Meg Deal and Patricia Griffin Denson, '65.

"My parents and my brother presented the tree as a gift to the nation, as a symbol of peace and hope," Meg Deal said. "This great honor is the culmination of years of hard work and determination."

Va. after living in St. Paul, Minn., for four years. *Kaye Howard Cloniger* has traveled to all seven continents since retiring from teaching high school art and humanities. She has paintings in art shows and poetry being published soon. *Phyllis Duncan* received her MBA from Pfeiffer University in 2000. She has worked at Progress Energy as a financial analyst for the past 29 years. *Laurie Cree Farrell* retired from teaching elementary school in the Springfield School District in Illinois. She volunteers with Meals on Wheels, the Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library, and Springfield Area Arts Council. *Jane Wilson Finger* retired from Lincoln County Schools as a kindergarten teacher for 20 years and elementary counselor for 10 years. She volunteers at Boger City United Methodist Church and Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse. She enjoys knitting and crocheting prayer shawls as well traveling, reading and her grandchildren.

Jeannie Hooks Gibbs teaches language arts and is the academic coach at Edwards Middle School. She enjoys traveling, gardening and shag dancing. *Marshall Moore Marchman* worked in public schools as a classroom teacher, substitute teacher and media aide. She is active in committees for the Blacksburg Baptist Church and an officer of election. *Nancy Barnes McCleenny* spent 24 years as the mycology and mycobacteriology specialist at the Stanford Hospital Clinical Microbiology Lab. She currently is the associate director and microbiology lecturer at the Clinical Lab Science Internship program at San Francisco State University. *Shirley Tarleton Napier* has retired after 25 years working for the State of North Carolina. She enjoys genealogy and writing stories from her childhood and about her family. *Anne Roberts Cook Samsel* worked for 33 years at the N.C. Employment Security Commission and now volunteers at the soup kitchen. She enjoys genealogy and gardening. *Janet Grogan Shepherd* teaches at the Summit School in

Winston-Salem and does not have plans to retire soon. She is the choir section leader for 35 years now and plays the piano. *Lee Smith Spong* taught in Connecticut for 33 years and now volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and is a docent on Charleston, S.C., garden tours. *Martha King Tucker* is an active volunteer with March of Dimes and American Cancer Society as well as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, serving as the president for two years of the Beta Beta Chapter. She lives in Columbia, S.C., and remains active in the S.C. Daylily Society. *Patsy Hurst West* retired from education as a N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction specialist and child development instructor at Cape Fear Community College. She does private consulting in reading and literacy and volunteers in church activities, garden club and environmental causes.

'67

Nancy Farabow Showmaker retired from 20 years of teaching and 10 years as her husband's real estate assistant. She enjoys being a paid caller for Carolina Value Thriftstore on behalf of the National Kidney Foundation. *Betty Brewer Webb* received the Tar Heel of the Week award from *The News & Observer* for her passionate leadership of Meredith's "A Tide of Hope" tsunami relief effort to help Sri Lanka. **If you are interested in serving as a class agent, please contact the Office of Alumnae & Parent Relations at (919) 760-8548 or alumnae@meredith.edu**

'68

**Lynn L. Dodge
Suzanne Guthrie
Letchworth
Clara Safrit Wade**

Ginger Owens Long is now a National Board Certified school counselor at Brevard Middle School, Brevard, N.C. She is the first school counselor to achieve this recognition in Transylvania County Schools. She also serves on the N.C. School Counselors Association Executive Board.

'69 **Shera Jackson Hube**
Louise Watson Lamm
Martha McGinnis
O'Donnell
Gwen Whitehurst Ward
Donna Patricia Wood

Mary Neil Senter King is the first woman City Council member in Raeford, N.C. She also has a new baby niece, Helen Gray Bennington.

'70 **Sue Hammons Cook**
Jeannie Lindsay Martin
Karen Watson Watts

Ann Robertson was awarded the Distinguished Community Service Award for outstanding civic community activities and pro bono charitable services by National President, General Presley M. Wagoner, of the Daughters of the American Revolution during the State Annual Conference. She also toured Indonesia and China and is a Raleigh board certified specialist in Immigration law.

'71 **35th Reunion**
Anne Bryan

Margaret J. Tharrington retired from Wachovia Bank after 23 years and is the senior vice president and credit manager at Synovus Bank in Jacksonville, Fla.

'74 **Phoenix Chen Haydon**
Meg Pruette Peet
Linda Keith Ray

Phoenix Chen Haydon is serving on the Meredith College Board of Trustees. *Katherine Vessells* along with *Ann Lowery Shivar* and *Kay Hall Norman* visited Italy in September 2005.

'76 **30th Reunion**
Kathy Viser Kalmbach
Susan Goodwin
Thornbrough
Kathleen Bailey Wyche

Sally Stockton Compton is a design consultant at Home Depot in Post Falls, ID. *Debbie Garver Kaylor* teaches first grade at Graham A. Barden Elementary in Craven County, N.C. *Phyllis Jarrell Pike* is the studio director at KB Homes in Raleigh, N.C. *Reya Blount Roller* serves as a community liaison and social worker at Commonwealth Home Health in South Boston, Va.

'77 **Virginia Patrick Avery**
Anne Edge Dale
Joyce Nethery Kemmerer

Beth Steagall Christenbury is the director of purchasing at Davidson College. *Martha L. Davis* retired from the U.S. Air Force after 24 years of active duty. Colonel Davis was presented the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious service at her retirement ceremony in Va. *Margaret Odell* is the associate professor of religion and has written *Ezekiel*, a new book published by Smyth & Helwys in the Bible commentary series.

'81 **25th Reunion**
Donna Lemmons Boyette
Susan Kellum Levin

'82 **Linda Carter**
Laney Hodge Edwards
Lesa Seay Howard

Steffani Hoffman Webb is the director in the major division at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City, Kan.

'84 **Kimberly Elliott Dittmann**
Evelyn Booth Hughes
Amy Dement Lowe

Dianne Powell Jones is the marketing manager at Raleigh Radiology. *Cynthia A. Lawson* is the associate and interim director of admissions at Francis Marion University in S.C.

'85 **Zan Delner Bunn**
Autney Reavis Nelms
Linda Lee Page

Tracey Cox Smith lives in Danville, Va., with her husband and two sons. She is pursuing her Master of Education at Averette University.

'86 **20th Reunion**
Lynn Siceloff Joyner
Nancy Shore Sawtelle
Kelley Milstead Woggon

Susan Ross Goins-Eplee is pursuing her Master of Nursing at the University of Virginia School of Nursing. Previously she was the hospital chaplain at the University of Virginia Hospital and Cancer Center.

'87 **Kelli Barefoot Stroud**
Donna Wilson Thagard
Dana Pierce White

Shonagh McQuade Hillegrass is the alumni relations director at Campbell University. *Sheila Vaughan Seagle* enjoys being a stay-at-home mom for her two children, Ireland and Jayden.

'88 **April Wall Rightmyer**
Linda Froneberger Sturgill

Mary Snow Hill is the director of physician services at Williamston Clinic Corp. in Williamston, N.C. She earned her MBA from East Carolina University in 2003.

'90 **Deanna R. Harris**
Suzanne Hage-Houyoux
Lisa Woodruff Roberds

Jennifer English Matthews is the office manager for Minchew Motors in Wallace, N.C.

'91 **15th Reunion**
Laura Peedin Moushey
Nancy Cole Reece
Melissa Lynne Loving
Wilkerson

Toni Tadlock Clegg is a financial advisor with Capital Wealth Management, Inc. in Cary, N.C. She has been a financial advisor for six years. She also enjoys her three dogs, one of which she adopted on graduation day almost 15 years ago. *Traci Narron Dewey* is a domestic engineer, strategic planner, lifestyle co-coordinator, in other words, a stay-at-home mother for her four children and fifth on the way. *Sara Gilbert* has worked for Heery International for 10 years as the project manager for planning and design projects. *BJ Davis Goodman* lives in Munich, Germany, because of her husband's promotion. She is a stay-at-home mother to her four-year-old daughter and is slowly learning German. *Tara Faulkner Graham* loves being a stay-at-home mother for her two children, Brendan and Maria Kate. *Kim Corcoran Moore* enjoys her two girls, Meredith and Suzanne, who are in kindergarten and preschool. *Nancy Roark Renfro* won the SPAM contest at

her local fair in Johnson City, Tenn. *Amy E. Sauls* is the president of the Mid-Atlantic Marine Educators and she lives in Emerald Isle, N.C. *Bentley Bland Shuller* manages Sweet Pea Kids in Wake Forest, N.C. *Kristin Peek Thomas* moved back to Raleigh and works for R.H. Donnelley. *Julia Skelton Tingle* received her real estate license and works in Fayetteville. Her husband, Bruce, was deployed again to Iraq in September 2005.

'92 **Lesley Williams Faulkner**
Jennifer Edge Hale
Elizabeth Stilwell O'Daniel

Cheri N. Leonard is the senior technical project manager for PayPal, an eBay Company in San Jose, Calif. *Abbie Howell McNeil* accepted the role as director at the Samaritan Gardens Community Health Center in West Palm Beach, Fla. The clinic provides low cost medical care and is a mission partnership with the First Baptist Church of West Palm. *Heather Powers Russell* moved to Connecticut because of her husband's job in New York City. They are adjusting to life outside of the South.

'93 **Courtney Marks DiFruscio**
Alison Camille Grainger

Kelly Phillips Erb presented courses for attorneys at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute titled Taxation Affecting Decedent's Estates. She is an associate at The Erb Law Firm, PC and president of the Roxborough Development Corporation for 2006, which is dedicated to promote community planning and development in the Roxborough area. *Holland Coward Muscio* owns Ballooney in Atlanta, Ga. She creates the balloon arches that the Georgia Tech football players run through as well as balloon chandeliers for conferences and decorations for the Atlanta Symphony. *Danielle Berube Perry* teaches preschool at St. Francis of Assisi in Raleigh, N.C. *Kimberlee Haslam Roberts* is an account manager at Snelling Personnel Services.

**'94 Amy Shepard Galvan
Jennifer Williams Gaskins
Alicia Virginia Morris**

Angeliki Konstandinides Howe works for GlaxoSmithKline as the QA scientist with automation validation. *Lara Hendley Preslar* works at South Piedmont Community College as a developmental mathematics instructor.

**'95 Beth Morris Nance
Stacey Young Penn
Catherine Davis Rideout**

Truly Ager starred as Sarah Brown in the musical production of *Guys and Dolls* at St. Bart's Playhouse in New York City. *Kim Dobrzyn* is a lieutenant serving in the U.S. Navy. She has spent much of her career in the Marine Corps as a medical planner and most recently in Iraq helping to plan medical evacuations of casualties in volatile cities. *Jennifer Hall* received the 2005 APEX Award for Publication Excellence in Design and Layout from the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists in RTP, N.C. *Teresa Latham Kever* is a clinical research nurse for the Carolinas Cord Blood Bank at Duke University. *Melissa Gold O'Neal* is the only OB/GYN in Williamston, N.C. working at Roanoke Women's Healthcare. She earned a Doctor of Medicine at East Carolina University. *Lorelei Watts* is working on a M.A. in Gerontology from Appalachian State University.

**'96 10th Reunion
Perri Sutton Mathews
Molly F. Shepherd
Amy J. Harper Watkins**

Tonya McGee Slagle is a dental hygienist for Mead L. Slage, D.D.S. in Buxton, N.C. *Leigha Williams* is a veterinarian at Brown Creek Animal Hospital in Polkton, N.C.

**'97 Heather Dinklage-Travis
Jennifer Lyn Koener
Amy Rooks**

Angie Harris serves as the assistant dean at the University of Richmond. *Holly Corno Massey* is the controller at Delta Dental Plan of N.C. *Shelley Phelps Russell* is a human resources associate at

Biogen Idec. *Elena Reeves Spencer* is the office administrator for the law firm Nodell, Glass & Haskell, LLP.

**'98 Christy Lunsford Lemelin
Meredith Lovelace
Swindell
Ellen Havens Wentz**

Sheri Bizzell Graham teaches high school mathematics for Glynn County Schools in Brunswick, Ga. *Kimberly Highland* is the assistant product manager for Global Knowledge. *Dondi Pate Hobbs* teaches first grade at Hargrove Elementary in Sampson County, N.C. *Kathy Pilgreen Howard* is the economic developer and existing industry specialist for N.C. Department of Commerce. *Cookie Kirk* is a professor of music history at Gaston College in Dallas, N.C. She teaches History of American Music, History of Rock Music and Music Appreciation. *Melanie Rose McNeill* works in Iwakuni, Japan, as the literacy facilitator at the Department of Defense Dependents Schools. *Sara Miles Thynne* is a graduate student at University of N.C. at Greensboro.

**'99 Jamie Neff Ferguson
Candi M. Pinocci
Joanna Dale Wilson**

Katie Tucker Haltom teaches fourth grade at Guilford County Schools. *Andrea Elyse Martinez* is the dance department chairperson at Savannah Arts Academy in Ga. *Anu Sundaram Ramgoolam* lives in Mississippi with her husband, who is a pediatrician, and their son.

**'00 Holly Johnson Ingram
Erin Grant Parsons
Kelly K. Tetterton
Lesley Warren**

April Bussells DeBerry was chosen as Northampton County's Teacher of the Year for 2005. *Sabrina Hearst* moved to California from Hawaii and works for U.S. Coast Guard as an OS "A" school instructor. *Wynne Overton* serves as the assistant director of admissions at Salem Academy in Winston-Salem, N.C. *Meredith Morning Stricker* is an accountant for the Analysis Group in Boston, Mass.

**'01 5th Reunion
Hilary S. Allen
Leslie Gilliland Lynette
Christian C. Melvin
Missy D. Neff
Lesley M. Parr
Elizabeth Anne
Bondurant Spires
Wallis Kirby Stott
Elizabeth C. Warren**

Susan L. Ames, of Colorado Springs, Colo., works as a QA Analyst. *Heather Spell Arrington* lives in Greenville, N.C., working for East Carolina University as the associate director for student involvement. She is also the president of the N.C. College Personnel Association. *Laura Rose Humphreys* works part-time as an instructor in Meredith's Communication Department. *Jenna Leggett Leissner* manages recruitment and marketing at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Mid Atlantic Chapter in Charlotte, N.C. *Leslie Gilliland Lynette* manages personal and business banking at RBC Centura in Clayton, N.C. *Leslie Maxwell* is the communications coordinator for the Visiting International Faculty Program. *Elizabeth Morgan* is an interior designer at Whitaker Designs in Winston-Salem, N.C. *Mandy O'Brien* serves as a customer service manager at GE Consumer Finance in Merriam, Kan. *Amanda Puckett* works in Chapel Hill, N.C., as a project associate for the Capacity Project at IntraHealth International which works to improve healthcare in developing countries. *Melissa Denning Sevigny* lives in Tampa, Fla., as a child protection specialist at Tampa General Hospital. *Carrol Adams Warren* is a counselor at Johnston County Community College.

**'02 Jennifer Wilson Hanson
Amanda Knox Lyle
Cara C. Watson**

Lindsay Styron Allen is the senior designer/supervisor at Precision Walls Inc. *Amanda Griffin Bramble* graduated from Campbell University Law School in 2005 and is practicing family law in Williamston, N.C. *Susannah Grant* is a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at

Duke University Medical Center. *Katy Ehle Parrish* is a nursing student at University of North Alabama.

**'03 Dori White Franklin
Beth M. Jarvis
Sara Thornton**

Anna M. Aman is a third-year graduate student at N.C. State University School of Veterinarian Medicine. *Heidi N. Brown* works for Nationwide Insurance as a process management analyst. *Kelly E. Cain* works as campus staff for Campus Crusade for Christ at UNC-Wilmington. *Megan B. Deane* has returned to Raleigh, N.C., to work as an admissions counselor at Meredith. *Hassie Hughes* and her dog, Maybelline, have moved to High Point, N.C. She is lead copy editor for *The High Point Enterprise*. *Natasha Matheny* is in her third year of Pharmacy School at UNC-Chapel Hill and is engaged to be married in 2007.

**'04 Sandee J. Bizzell
Paige Kemmerer Kiser
Rebecca H. Lee**

Jacqueline Cash is a mechanical artist for McKinney & Silver. *Whitney C. Crowder* graduated from BB&T's Management Development Program in June 2005 and is now working as a mortgage loan officer for BB&T in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. *Courtney Harris Currin* teaches and is the cheer coach at Granville County Schools. *Lisa Hamilton* was featured in *The News & Observer* article "Purses with Purposes," for her collaborative work on stylish laptop bags for women. *Patty Shaver* is the graphics editor of *The Biblical Recorder*. *Laura Williams* received the Outstanding Youth award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals for her service to benefit Sri Lanka following the 2004 tsunami.

**'05 Kendra Keech
Christi McKee
Meredith Robertson**

Christina Alito is a job coach at UNC-Chapel Hill with the TEACCH program. *Majida Amchraf* is a case manager at The Arc of N.C.-Henderson and is a graduate student

in curriculum development with ESL. *Sarah Anderson* teaches Family & Consumer Science at Ligon GT Magnet Middle School. *Sarah Apple* works as a benefits assistant for BB&T Corporate Headquarters. *Megan Arnold* is a specialist at Disability Determination Services. *Gina Hollingsworth Autry* is a DNA database technician at the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation. *Andrea L. Averitte* works for Wilmington Nissan. *Kathryn Bailey* is the departmental assistant for the Meredith College Religion and Foreign Language departments. *Neph Bailey* teaches world history for Millbrook High School. *Paige Avery Barnes* teaches math for South Johnston High School. *Amy Beattie* teaches first grade at Washington Elementary School. *Jennifer Smith Bissette* completed her internship in design at SAS Institute, Inc., and now works with Phillips Architecture, PA as project designer. *Carmella Blackney* is a customer satisfaction coordinator at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Carolina. *Leslie Bloem* is a graduate student at N.C. State University in architecture. *Amanda L. Bordeaux* owns Amanda's Babysitting Service, LLC. *Emily Bottoms* is a graduate student at Appalachian State University in music/vocal performance. *Erica Brewington* works as a customer service representative at Handyman Network. *Beth Briggs* is a math learning lab administrator at Dan River High School. *Beth Brisson* teaches kindergarten at Durant Road Elementary School. *Audrey Bales Britton* is a graduate student at University of S.C. in environmental resource management. *Amber Brock* is a behavioral technician at Duke University Medical Center. *Victoria Bunch* is an English Language Assistant at l'Universite Catholique de l'Ouest in Angers, France. *Charlotte Burton* is a graduate student at East Carolina Univ. in counselor education. *Isabella Calin* serves as a real estate broker for Keller Williams Realty. *Lacey Carothers* is a designer at Precision Walls and is recovering from surgery. *Marty Carroll Cauley* is a habilitation technician at A Small Miracle.

Rachel Chilcot is in the Dietetic Internship program at Meredith College. *Christi Roberson Cainer* teaches at the Child Development Center at Virginia Tech. *Valerie Coleman* is a pharmacy student at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Pharmacy. *Renee Pequignot Coley* is a lead teacher at My Circle of Friends Enrichment Center. *Mary Conaghan* is the assistant property account manager at CBL Properties & Associates. *Lindsey Crawford* is an internet account manager at Tomega Communications. *Brittany Crumley* is a graduate student at East Carolina Univ. in child and family relations. *Jessica Davis* volunteers at the library. *Jordan Dickerson* is a pre-K assistant teacher at Primrose School of North Raleigh. *Kristen Duffer* teaches early childhood at Clarksville Elementary. *Ashley Ellis* is a clinical assistant at Quintiles, Inc. *Samaiyah Faison* is a specialist and coordinator at Resources for Seniors. *Cameron Fisher* is training to be a business banker for BB&T in its Management Development program. *April Ford* is a call center representative at State Employees' Credit Union. *DeLynn Taylor Forehand* works as an account executive at Welcome Wagon. *Katie Fuller* teaches kindergarten at River's Edge Elementary School. *Kelly Gaither* is a salesperson at United Supply. *Leann Sanderlin Garner* teaches science at James Kenan High School. *Whitney Worley Gower* buys and manages for The Bootique in Smithfield, N.C. *Sarah Gransee* is an admissions counselor at Meredith. *Karoline Grant* works as an operations analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston. *Stenisha Green* is a benefits technician at State Employees' Credit Union. *Jessica Hammil* works at the Duke Hospital Cancer Research Lab. *Ashley Lauren Hammond* is a certified pharmacy tech at Kroger Pharmacy. *Jennifer Harrower* teaches fifth grade at Four Oaks Elementary School. *Amanda Hatfield* is a graduate student at Lexington Theological Seminary. *Meredith Heinisch* is a technologist customer service representative at Labcorp. *Katie Henderson* is an architectural interior designer at JDavis Architects.

Meredith Inspires Alumnae to Experience Life Abroad

By Melyssa Allen

For two young alumnae, learning abroad didn't end after graduation. Amanda Fletcher, '03, and Amanda Beasley, '04, who have recently returned to the United States after spending a year working in New Zealand, can now call themselves true global citizens.

Beasley said, "The decision to leave the U.S. and live somewhere else for a year was life-changing, amazing and probably the best thing I've ever done for myself besides deciding to go to Meredith."

Their adventure abroad has its roots in Meredith's Study Abroad Program. The two met and became friends while on the Meredith Abroad summer program in Italy, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

They chose New Zealand because English is the country's main language but it was still a place with which they were unfamiliar. They lived in Auckland and Christchurch in order to experience life on New Zealand's North and South islands.

Both felt that working for a temporary agency allowed them to have a wide range of experiences, meet a variety of co-workers and provided a flexible schedule for travel.

Temporary assignments "gave me a great opportunity to work in some specifically New Zealand companies including helping with tallying the ballots for the Auckland city elections," Beasley said.

Fletcher said her Meredith experience prepared her well for her travels.

"My professors at Meredith did an excellent job of encouraging [the belief] that women can do anything they set their minds to," Fletcher said. "After four years of such empowering teachings, it only seemed logical to me to test it out."

Both alumnae encourage Meredith students to follow in their footsteps abroad.

"Spending a significant amount of time in another country is the best thing a person could possibly do for herself," Fletcher said. "It will make one's view of the world, ideas of home, and perspective of self new and more accurate."



Alumna Awarded for Support of the Arts

By Melyssa Allen

The best way to get to know Jane Williamson Teague, '54, is to listen to her describe the paintings, sculpture and other art that reside in her home. As a longtime docent of the N.C. Museum of Art, Teague knows just how to get to the meaning of each piece.



Works of art “all have stories—that’s what makes it so meaningful for me,” Teague said. “That’s why I love being a docent. I want people to understand the essence of the art. Art isn’t just something that you look at...there has to be a relationship, a way for you and your senses to connect with it.”

The City of Raleigh recently presented Teague with a new piece for her collection—the 2005 City of Raleigh Medal of Arts award for extraordinary achievement in the arts. This lifetime achievement award recognizes her work in the local arts community from 1978-2004. She was nominated by the Raleigh Fine Arts Society, of which she is a member.

“I liked that it was a retrospective. I felt that it was saying ‘thank you for doing this,’” Teague said about the award. “I felt very proud that I had been honored by the City of Raleigh.”

In addition to her work as a docent, Teague was Artsposure’s first director after this Raleigh-based arts organization was incorporated. Other organizations benefiting from her involvement include the Visual Art Exchange, the N.C. Symphony, Pine Cone, United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County and the North Carolina Governor’s Mansion.

Teague and her husband, Ed, have recently made a gift to *The Campaign for Meredith*, to help educate future Meredith students in the arts. The gift will endow the College’s literary and art journal, *The Colton Review*, create a digital photography lab, fund a new kiln for the art department, and build an outdoor sculpture garden near the Gaddy-Hamrick Art Center. The digital photography lab is a reflection of Teague’s latest artistic endeavor.

“I give to Meredith because Meredith has given so much to me,” Teague said. “My relationship with the College has enhanced my life and that of my family in so many ways that I could never show the gratitude I feel in my heart.”

Chambliss Hill works at Drucker & Falk apartments as a leasing consultant. *Jessica Hodges* is a communication coordinator and musician at Grace Community Church. *Katie Holloman* teaches fourth grade at West Lake Elementary School. *Jessica Horton* serves as a marketing operations specialist at SAS Institute, Inc. *Margaret Hudson* is in the Dietetic Internship program at Meredith College. *Megan Huey* is an account coordinator at DPR Group. *April Johnson* is a graduate student at UNC - Chapel Hill for Social Work. *Lormarev Jones* teaches preschool at Arts Together. *Megan Jones* teaches second grade at Holly Springs Elementary School. *Kendra Keech* is an account executive at Pirate Media Group. *Cyndi Keller* is a substitute physical education teacher for Wake County Public Schools. *Jirah Kirk* is an interior designer at Finch & Associates, P.C. in Virginia Beach, Va. *Allison Ladd* works for Feld Entertainment as the marketing coordinator. *Seria Lakes* is a graduate student at Towson University in Software Engineering. *Jessica L. Lamm*, of Wilson, N.C., works for Battle, Winslow, Scott & Wiley. *Karen Law* assistant teaches first grade at Brooks Elementary and is a graduate student in counselor education. *Cathie Lawler* is a gallery assistant at Artsource. *Alli Lawson* is a development assistant at the N.C. Forum for Research and Economic Education. *Amber Lumley* teaches U.S. History at Jacksonville High School. *Laura Marshburn* works at Underwood & Roberts, PLLC. *Allison Clapp Marth* serves as a global ministries assistant at Westover Church in Greensboro, N.C. *Abby McAlister* is a graduate student at N.C. State University. *Kelly McCormac* teaches first grade at South Smithfield Elementary School. *Christi McKee* is a network development specialist at World Access in Richmond, Va. *Tiffany S. McKinnon* works at Greater Faith Outreach Ministries in business administration. *Rebekah Meek* received the Outstanding Youth award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals for her service to bene-

fit Sri Lanka following the 2004 tsunami. *Lauren Midgett* is a graduate student at East Carolina Univ. in elementary education curriculum and instruction. *Katie Howard Monaghan* serves as the assistant interior designer at Bell & Associates Interior Design, Ltd. *Courtney Morris* assistant teaches third grade at Heritage Elementary School. *Jeanell Morton* serves as a broker and realtor at Keller Williams Realty. *Emily Munden Mountford* teaches art at Leesville Road High School. *Kendall Lueke Myers* is the director of the Ellen Brewer infant/toddler lab at Meredith. *Julie Neisemier* works at Crofutt & Smith Move & Storage/Atlas Van. *Jill E. Nester* is a graduate student at University of Virginia and works at the University of Virginia Career Services for Arts & Sciences. *Ginger Alexander Neustadt* is an elder at White Memorial Presbyterian Church as she enjoys her retirement and being the most senior graduate of the Class of 2005 at age 65. *Bonnie Newman* is an applications developer at SAS Institute, Inc. *Elizabeth Newton* is a scenic change artist at Regent University. *Anna Nichols* is an interior designer at Manning Design Group. *Teresa Nichols* is a legislative Aide at N.C. General Assembly & Office of Senate Minority Leader. *Cathy Norris* is a collateral technician at State Employees’ Credit Union. *Stewart Parham* teaches third grade at Reedy Creek Elementary School in Charlotte, NC. *Zenaya Davis Parker* is an entrepreneur and mother. *Laura Pavlovich* is the marketing specialist at Coverbind. *Melissa Pendergraft* works as a case manager at Triumph, LLC. *Melissa Pipes* teaches pre-K at Lakewood Avenue Children’s School. *Hannah Pollet* is in the Dietetic Internship program at Meredith. *Ava Leigh Jackson Paper* serves as the assistant editor at *The Sampson Independent*. *Meghan Rasmussen* teaches third grade at Selma Elementary School. *Meredith Robertson* is an associate legal specialist at Red Hat, Inc. *Jenni Rose* is a legal assistant. *Becky Rudder* is a senior implementations analyst at the State Employees’ Credit Union. *Leann Brooke Ruff* teaches second grade at

BIRTHS

Four Oaks Elementary School in Johnson County, N.C. *Holly Schmidt* is a graphic designer at MedThink Communications. *Holly Scott* works at Alfred Williams & Company as an interior designer. *Mary Clarke Shuff* works at FOCUS. *Jenny Sloop* is a graduate student at N.C. State University in Higher Education Administration. *Erin Dinwiddie Smith* teaches art at Freedom High School. *Jenni Drew Smith* is a graduate student at East Carolina and a program representative at Mount Olive College in Washington, NC. *Kristin Smith* is a legal assistant at Foodman Hunter & Karres, PLLC. *Carla Sorrell* teaches sixth grade math at Martin Middle School. *Leigh Ann Stanley* is a lab technician at Wyeth Vaccines. *Christian Gunter Sullivan* is an account coordinator for CrossRoads Public Relations. *Leigh Ann Tedder* teaches third grade at Bugg Creative Arts & Science Magnet School. *Allison Trask* teaches seventh grade math at Martin Middle School. *Mandi Troutman* is a graduate student at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. *Sarah Margaret Tulloss* is a graduate student at NYU. *Ejoro Ubiedi* is a pulmonary technician at Emory University Hospital. *Leslie van den Berg* teaches first grade at West Lake Year-Round Elementary School. *Xi Wang* is a Ph.D. student at N.C. State University in chemistry. *Sharon Waugh* teaches kindergarten at McGees Crossroads Elementary School. *Julie Whitesell* is a staff accountant at James A. Lucas & Co., LLP, CPA's. *Jessica Willson* is a JD student at UNC - Chapel Hill School of Law. *Sarah Wilson* is a legal assistant at Dement, Askew, Gammon & Dement.

MARRIAGES

1977 *Beth Steagall* to David Christenbury, 10/15/05.
1978 *Julia Nipper* to Stanley A. Wilkins, 5/14/05.
1989 *Deborah Shaw* to James T. Capps Jr., 10/22/05.

1991 *DeAnna Dry* to Scott Brewer, 7/9/05. *Kelli P. Johnson* to John Isenhour, 8/14/05.
1994 *Kim Taylor* to Robert Graham Walker, 2/10/05.
1996 *Tricia Ellen Ward* to Darrell Lee Melton, 5/7/05.
1998 *Anna Ryals* to William Mullen Aycok, 4/30/05.
1999 *Jennifer West* to William David "Dave" Freeman, 7/30/05. *Joanna Wilson* to Greg Gmyr, 4/23/05.
2002 *Traci Annette Day* to Rudy Esteban Ricci, 12/23/05. *Amanda Griffin* to John Kenneth Bramble, 10/29/05.
2003 *Amanda Rane Austin* to Andrew Charles Hummel, 12/17/05. *Amanda Ball* to Eric Tengowski, 8/20/05. *Allison Shivar* to Patrick S. Sichelwe, 12/30/05.
2004 *Hannah Elizabeth Gray* to Brady William Rinehart, 8/20/05.
2005 *Ginger Alexander* to Bill Neustadt, 6/11/05. *M. Paige Avery* to Larry Wilmond Barnes, 6/18/05. *Marty Carroll* to Jerry Cauley Jr., 6/5/05. *Allison Clapp* to David Marth, 9/10/05. *Zenaya Davis* to Deshaun Parker, 7/29/05. *Erin Dinwiddie* to Andy Smith, 8/6/06. *Jennie Drew* to Allen Smith, 9/24/05. *Gina Rae Hollingsworth* to Maxton Blake Autry, 11/5/05. *Ava Leigh Jackson* to Nick Poper, 12/10/05. *Ashley Kirkman* to Alan Lewis, 12/17/05. *Kendall Lueke* to James Myers, 10/8/05. *Summer McClanahan* to Joseph Carter, 9/24/05. *Emily Ann Munden* to James Calvin Mountford, 7/23/05. *Amy Oliver* to Brian Hall, 10/1/05. *Renee Morgan Pequignot* to Kevin Coley, 6/25/05. *S. Christi Roberson* to John Timothy Coiner, II, 7/9/05. *Pamela Roberts* to David Taylor, 5/22/04. *Jennifer Smith* to Jack Clifton Bisette, III, 6/4/05. *DeLynn Taylor* to David Forehand, 6/12/05.

1987 *Linda McGrady Alexander* a daughter, Emily Grace, 5/24/05.
1990 *Jennifer English Matthews* a son, David Cole, 3/5/05. *Cheryl Alderman Slokker* a son, Johan William Koning, 9/3/05.
1991 *Lisa R. Claxton* a son, Christian Andrew Edlund, 8/14/05. *Penney Fox Lettie* a daughter, Ava Rose, 9/14/05. *Scottie Evans Mason* a daughter, Anna Scott, 7/9/05. *Anne Cutler Matney* a daughter, Lillian Grace, 12/26/05. *Ashley Pantelakos Tsantes* a son, John Evan, 11/14/05.
1992 *Pamela Lassiter Carpenter* a daughter, Hayley "Nixon", 8/30/05. *Sarah Walker Huizenga* a daughter, Sadie Claire, 10/18/05. *Janet Kinlaw Yount* a son, Luke David, 11/10/05.
1993 *Kimberly Colson Edmondson* a son, Josiah Mance, 7/31/05. *Jane Mullis Farwell* a daughter, Kenslow "Kinsie" Ellen, 11/24/05. *Karen Nipper North* a son, Gabriel Nipper, 10/2/05. *Brenda A. Tracy* a daughter, Claire, 8/30/05.
1994 *Angeliki Konstandinides Howe* a daughter, Anna Lillian, 2/12/05. *Alicia Moser Kenon* a daughter, Megan Elizabeth, 3/6/05. *Kristina Spence Lee* a son, Glenn Spence, 10/1/04. *Kristen Lind Rogers* a daughter, Cameron Elizabeth, 6/10/05. *Adrienne Hurt Staten* a son, Luke Jonathan, 10/4/05. *Nancy Bradley Thompson* a son, Bradley Reid, 11/11/04.
1995 *Heather Blake Dreps* a son, Matthew Zachary, 3/3/05. *Sarah Garmhausen Gilbert* a son, William McCarley, 8/27/05. *Leah Ritchie Mills* a daughter, Caroline Virginia, 10/5/05. *Stacy Young Penn* a daughter, Aldyn Beamer, 10/16/05. *Catherine Davis Rideout* a daughter, Mary Susan, 1/17/06. *Melissa Bannister Shaia* a daughter, Anna Grace, 9/21/05.
1996 *Emily Robinette Harpe* a daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, 10/31/05. *Tara Estes Haynes* a daughter, Emma Rose,

9/5/05. *Camille Cunningham Henrichs* a son, Joshua Dean, 4/19/05. *Scottie Eustis Hunsberger* a daughter, Jude Rowan, 11/12/05. *Shauna March King* a son, Jason Richard, 5/10/05.
1997 *Heidi Neidenberger Hoven* a daughter, Allie Katherine, 9/2/03. *Kimberly Parker McHose* a son, Bryce Parker, 11/12/05. *Page Newsome Pelphrey* a son, Kenneth Archer, 11/20/05. *Sarah White Rawls* a son, Robert Mason, 10/10/05. *Kimberly Poe Shelton* a son, Alexander Chase, 10/6/05. *Hillary West Strengholt* a daughter, Mary West, 7/14/05.
1998 *Sheri Bizzell Graham* a son, Evan Obadiah, 8/12/05. *Lisa Noel Jones* a son, Tyler Andrew, 10/24/05.
1999 *Amy Allgood Beck* a son, Emory Carr, 11/24/04. *Heather Adkins Holt* a daughter, Hailey Currin, 7/1/05. *Jenny Pocklington Karluk* a daughter, Addison Grace, 10/1/05. *Andrea Elyse Martinez* a son, Francisco Mateo Santander, 2/27/05. *Anu Sundaram Ramgoolam* a son, Andres, 3/05.
2000 *Shannon Summerlin Craver* a daughter, Hayden Grace, 9/17/05. *April Bussells DeBerry* a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, 11/17/05. *Cameron Talbert Hunter* a son, Plyer Reid, 8/20/05.
2001 *Evan Kirby Dunnagan* a daughter, Caroline Thomas, 8/28/05. *Laura Rose Humphreys* a daughter, Lydia Rae, 7/9/05. *Kelli Parrish Laudate* a son, William Michael, 8/16/05. *Leigh Akers Stoop*, a daughter, Reagan Gray, 8/7/05.
2002 *Lisa Wagoner Carlton* a son, Miles Lucas, 1/6/06.
2004 *Lauren Kosterman Hill* a son, Ethan James, 4/12/05.
2005 *Stenisha Green* a daughter, Jacquelyn Alana, 11/25/05. *Zenaya Davis Parker* a daughter, Celeste Cristena, 5/14/05. *Pamela Roberts Taylor* a son, Hudson Robert, 8/21/05.

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DEATHS

1926 *Katie Dail Dickson* 12/26/05.

1927 *Sarah Thomas Little* 10/25/05.
Lucile Jones Ricks 10/10/05.

1929 *Josie Montgomery* 2/22/05.

1930 *Charlotte Tedder Swift* 9/29/05.

1931 *Elizabeth Boomhour Kerr* 12/15/05.
Bessie Evans Lane 12/26/05.
Willie O'Quinn Latham 10/20/05.
Kathleen Durham Reaves 4/19/05.

1935 *Miriam McCarter Horne* 12/1/05.

1938 *Virginia Combs Dobbs* 10/24/05.

1940 *Carolyn Critcher Easter* 9/11/05.
Gladys Liles Stephens 11/14/05.

1941 *Juanita Stainback Clarke*
12/14/05.

1942 *Addie E. Davis* 12/3/05. *Virginia Lancaster Robertson* 2/21/06.

1943 *Gretchen Johnson Corbitt* 9/1/05.

1944 *Erleen Gaskin Snelling* 1/1/06.

1945 *Betsy Watson Brennan* 12/21/05.
Hazel Mae Grady 9/30/05.
Caroline Jones Upchurch 10/26/05.

1946 *Hazel Johnson Stubblefield*
12/24/05.

1948 *Harriett Neese Sox* 12/18/05.

1949 *Louise Vila Hartness* 12/7/05.

1951 *Carol Parker Stuart* 12/5/05.

1953 *Berniece Limer Everhart* 11/1/05.
Doris J. McLamb McGranahan 11/25/05.

1954 *Ruth Galloway* 12/30/05.
Loretta Briggs Roberson 12/20/05.

1955 *Ernestine Cottrell Holsclaw*
12/16/05.

1956 *Mary Frances Matthews* 12/2/05.
Barbara Southworth Patrick 8/13/05.

1959 *Barbara Martin Compton* 8/9/05.

1961 *Ann Stallings Early* 12/3/05.

1970 *Pamela Gourley Perry* 10/10/05.

1973 *Deborah Lakin Doster* 12/1/05.

1975 *Audrey Nanette Warren* 10/23/05.

1976 *Patricia "Tricia" Murphy Chryst*
9/1/05.

2007 *Johanna Alyse Minta*
12/20/2005.

SYMPATHY

1939 *Mildred Critcher Raper* in the death of her sister.

1945 *Hortense Liles Rouse* in the death of her sister.

1947 *Hilda Liles Strider* in the death of her sister.

1948 *Meredith Liles* in the death of her sister.

1951 *Pat Blackman Enloe* in the death of her husband.

1953 *Jean Dula Fletcher* in the death of her husband.

1954 *Mary Jo Grffin Hooks* in the death of her husband.

1956 *Frances Clark Snipes* in the death of her husband.

1961 *Margaret Ricks Asbury* in the death of her mother. *Anne Irby Bramlett* in the death of her husband.

1963 *Jane Link Fleming* in the death of her mother.

1965 *Lynn Goodson Hinkle* in the death of her mother.

- 1970** Beverly Barefoot Smith in the death of her father.
- 1972** Dale Cunningham Box in the death of her son. Ann Goodson Daley in the death of her mother.
- 1973** Randy Gilbert Morgan in the death of her father. Rachel Richardson Smith in the death of her mother. Hope Hall Tate in the death of her husband.
- 1974** Kitty Brewer Spillman in the death of her father.
- 1975** Susan Swift Lynch in the death of her mother.
- 1976** Sally Stockton Compton in the death of her mother and husband.
- 1977** Beth Steagall Christenbury in the death of her daughter. Joyce P. Young in the death of her mother.
- 1978** Mary Creech Gullledge in the death of her father.
- 1979** Diana Franklin Minta in the death of her daughter. Beth Williamson Woodruff in the death of her father.
- 1980** Lisa K. Cunningham in the death of her nephew. Babs Sirls Westmoreland in the death of her mother.
- 1984** Mary Beth Owen-Zdanski in the death of her father.
- 1987** Linda McGrady Alexander in the death of her father. Wendy S. Pendergraft in the death of her mother.
- 1989** Rhonda Davis Chance in the death of her mother.
- 1994** Virginia Owen in the death of her father.
- 1995** Lorelei Watts in the death of her grandmother.
- 1997** Elena Reeves Spencer in the death of her father-in-law.

Meredith Mourns Loss of Member of the Class of 2007

By Melyssa Allen

The Meredith College community was saddened by the death of Johanna Minta, '07, following a car accident on December 20, 2005. Johanna Minta, the daughter of Diana Franklin, '79, and Stephen Minta of Chapel Hill, N.C., was an art therapy major at Meredith. On February 3, a service of remembrance was held in tribute to her.

A 2005 penny and a copy of the poem "A Penny" were given to each person who attended the service. The poem had been a comfort to Johanna Minta after the death of her brother Jon Paul.

The poem, whose author is unknown, reads in part:

*When an angel misses you
They toss a penny down
Sometimes just to cheer you up
To make a smile out of your frown.*

Those in attendance also left the service with a stronger sense of who Johanna Minta was, and what she put into her life as a Meredith student. Her roommates, sister and academic advisor joined Meredith Campus Minister Sam Carothers and N.C. State University Catholic Campus Minister Father Alex Gonzalez in sharing thoughts about her.

After her brother's death from cancer, Johanna Minta put her energies into raising awareness about the disease, including leading the Meredith Cares Cancer Awareness Week project.

Heather Ricks, '06, her co-chair, said that Johanna Minta believed the Meredith Cares effort was not about the amount of money raised but about doing something for others, even if it was only helping one person.

"Johanna lived life one day at a time, always trying to [care for] and help others," Ricks said.

Friend Ashley Penman, '06, said, "Johanna measured her life in the possibilities, not in the



limitations. I invite you to be inspired by her committed strength and never forget the impact she had on many lives."

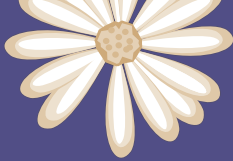
Associate Professor of Child Development Paul Winterhoff, who had served as Johanna Minta's advisor, spoke on behalf of the College.

Winterhoff said he hoped to convey "what a loss this is for us as a college, and what gratitude we have for her life."

Echoing the words of earlier speakers, Winterhoff said, "Doing something for at least one person...is the crux of the meaning of her life. Take on the meaning of her life in service to others."

The Meredith College community will construct a butterfly garden near the Gaddy-Hamrick Art Center in remembrance of Johanna Minta and continued her efforts to raise money for cancer awareness with a campus-wide walkathon on April 27.

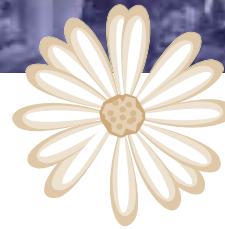
"We find some solace in the actions that will help Johanna's legacy of scholarship and service live on in this good place," said Jean Jackson, '75, vice president for student development. "Meredith is a close community, and we feel deeply the loss of any member."



May 19-21, 2006

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_____ Friday Lunch — \$10/person _____
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(Complimentary)
_____ Class of '56 & Golden Oaks Society Tea _____
(Complimentary)
_____ Friday Reception _____
(Complimentary)

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_____ Saturday Lunch — \$12/person* _____

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AIDS QUILT PANELS DISPLAYED AT MEREDITH COLLEGE

Meredith commemorated World AIDS Day with a weeklong series of events November 28-December 1 during which two panels of The AIDS Memorial Quilt were displayed on campus in Johnson Hall Rotunda.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt, founded in 1987, now includes approximately 46,000 individual panels featuring the names of more than 83,440 people. The names on the Quilt represent approximately 175% of all U.S. AIDS deaths.

Other events during Meredith's World AIDS Awareness Week included a viewing of *Pandemic: Facing AIDS*, a lecture by the documentary's filmmaker, Rory Kennedy, and a candlelight vigil. For more information, see page 3.

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