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A young girl with dark hair and a bindi on her forehead is the central focus. She is wearing a sleeveless, patterned dress with a green border and yellow floral accents. She is eating something from her hand. To her left, an adult's hands are visible, one resting on her shoulder and the other near her waist. To her right, another person's hand is holding a bowl. The background is a sandy, outdoor setting with dappled sunlight.

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Meredith to
Sri Lanka**

A Journey of the Heart

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"Thread of Hope" Ceremony Held to Kickoff Tsunami Relief Phase II

By Melyssa Allen

On April 8, a special "Thread of Hope" ceremony was held to kick-off the second phase of tsunami fundraising events on campus. Approximately 130 students, faculty/staff and others attended.

A group of Buddhist monks, who traveled to Meredith from Washington, D.C., conducted a string ceremony, which is a ritual common in Sri Lanka.

Pamela Winfield, assistant professor of religion, provided background on Buddhism, explaining the concept of karma as "action...every action has an infinite number of butterfly-effect repercussions throughout the latticework of life."

Tony Andradý, a Sri Lanka native who has been assisting

with Meredith's tsunami relief efforts, offered an explanation of the ceremony. He said the "religious and cultural" ceremony is "an ancient blessing ritual that has remained virtually unchanged for over 2,500 years." The ceremony is conducted in an archaic dead language called pali.

While the monks chanted, all participants held on to a long piece of cotton string. At the end, pieces of string were tied to each participant's wrist. Andradý described this as a friendship bracelet.

"There is no magical power in the string. There is no mystical or occult component in tying this string as a friendship bracelet," Andradý said. "When
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Professor of English Betty Webb (center) is a leader of Meredith's tsunami relief effort.

Meredith's Autism Program Celebrates 10th Anniversary

By Melyssa Allen

The Meredith Autism Program (MAP) has been helping children with autism and pervasive developmental disorder (PDD) for ten years. MAP staff, current and past students and families celebrated this achievement on April 23, on Meredith's front lawn.

MAP is a behaviorally based, early intervention program for preschool children with autism. The program also allows Meredith students to gain experience working with children with autism and PDD. They help children reach their potential

through developing language, social, self-help and motor skills. MAP offers two types of programs, a clinical/research model and a workshop model.

In the clinical/research model, MAP's professional staff teams up with Meredith undergraduate students to assist eight children each year. They conduct intensive applied behavior analysis (ABA) sessions using a program developed by Dr. O. Ivar Lovaas, a well-known teacher and researcher at UCLA who has studied autism for more than 30 years. In fact, MAP is the

only Lovaas Institute for Early Intervention (LIFE) research site in North Carolina, and one of only 11 research sites worldwide.

In the workshop model, MAP staff conduct training sessions that prepare families to establish in-home ABA programs. The workshop model staff also provides consulting services to several school systems in North Carolina.

Autism, a developmental disorder, affects the development of behavioral, linguistic and social skills in children. Symptoms
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News makers

Board of Trustees Officers for July 2005 through June 2006 are: **Gene Langley**, Chairman; **Gigi Giersch**, Vice Chairman; **Jim Taylor**, Vice Chairman of Business and Finance; **Gary Trawick**, Vice Chairman of Board Affairs; **Lou Tippett**, Vice Chairman of Academic and Campus Life, and **Barbara Allen**, Vice Chairman of Outreach. Eight members of the Board, **Yvette Brown '90**, **Leo Daughtry**, **Bob Eaves**, **George Griffin**, **Alex Holmes**, **Judy LeGrand**, **Michelle Rich '73** and **Lou Tippett '62**, were reelected to four year terms, and **Geoffrey Chatas** (Progress Energy) and **Deborah Dove Smith '80** were elected as new members effective July 1, 2005.

Marie Sumerel, director of the Meredith Career Center, has been named president-elect of the North Carolina Career Development Association and secretary for the Raleigh Business and Professional Women's Forum.

Professor of History **Michael Novak** received a Volunteer Service Award from the City of Durham on March 10, at the 31st Annual Key Volunteer Recognition Ceremony.

Heidi LeCount, director of residence life, was recently recognized with the Best in Presentation award at the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers (SEAHO) meeting in Jacksonville, Fla. LeCount is the conference co-chair for SEAHO 2006, which will be held in February 2006.

Anne York, assistant professor of business, presented her paper "Gender Differences in the College and Career Aspirations of High School Valedictorians," on March 4 at the Eastern Economic Association annual meeting in New York City. She also presented "Maximizing Your Income – Minimizing Your Expenses," at the March 15 "Financial Strategies for Savvy Women" conference. The conference, organized by the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, was held at Raleigh's RBC Center.

"Are Women's Colleges Still Relevant in Today's Society?," an Op-Ed piece written by President **Maureen A. Hartford**, was published by several electronic media outlets including University Business Daily's e-mail update, which is distributed to 45,000 subscribers.

Meredith College joined with the Women's College Coalition and 53 women's colleges to celebrate women's history month with an ad in *The New York Times*. The ad, which ran on Sunday, March 20, illustrated the rate of success in the sciences by women's college graduates.

Betsy Peele was awarded the North Carolina Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Outstanding Pre-professional/Graduate Student of the Year award at their 87th annual meeting March 10-12, in Durham. Peele is the Meredith Association of Family and Consumer Sciences president who is earning a double major in family and consumer sciences, and interior design.

John Kincheloe, director of media services, was videographer and production coordinator, and **Melanie Fitzgerald**, MCTV administrator, was editor for "Follow Me to the Top," an original instructional video produced for choral choreographers. This video has just been released and is being distributed internationally by Alfred Publishing Company.

The Board of Trustees approved tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor to **Alisa Johnson** (English), **Janet Nelson** (Religion and Philosophy) and **Lisa Pearce** (Art). Promotions to Full Professor were approved for **Jane Gleason** (Education) and **Elizabeth Wolfinger** (Biology), and Emeritus Status was granted to **Carol Brown** (Health, Physical Education and Dance) and **Jerod Kratzer** (Education).

Conference on Homelessness Held at Meredith

By Betsy Rhame, '01

Meredith College hosted the second annual Intercollegiate Conference on Homelessness on April 8. Students from Meredith, N.C. State University and St. Augustine's College attended, presented research through papers and posters, and participated in discussions on the issue.

Also in attendance were various city and county government officials, and representatives from civic and faith-based organizations. Besides attending student presentations, the representatives participated in roundtable discussions facilitated by students about homelessness.

"It's more like a conversation about the issue," explained Barbara True-Weber, associate professor of politics.

The conference was in conjunction with Raleigh's 10 year Plan to End Homelessness. It incorporated five major components: prevention, connecting and reconnecting, housing, employment and education, and services and supports.

About 20 Meredith students and several faculty members attended.

"It gives [students] more purpose for

their papers," True-Weber said. "They can feel like they are really contributing."

Patty MacNair, '05, Lara Smith, '06, Debbie Chase, '06, and Ashley Paquin, '06, are all social work majors who participated in the round table discussions. They talked about their research conducted at Cornerstone, a day program for the homeless in downtown Raleigh.

The four students discussed asset mapping, a technique that focuses on what the person has instead of his or her needs, after interviewing one homeless man at the shelter and following another during his daily walk downtown.

"Once you got someone to talk to you they would keep talking," MacNair said.

Smith explained, "What we found out is [the homeless] have tons of things to give. The problem is we don't ask them to contribute."

This group of students had a poster in the poster session on Celebrating Student Achievement Day and presented their research on May 10 to Raleigh's Engagement Action Subcommittee as part of the Plan to End Homelessness.

"Thread of Hope" Ceremony Held to Kickoff Tsunami Relief Phase II

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you leave here and look at this string...it will remind you that today, here at Meredith College, you took some time off from your busy schedules to stand in solidarity with the victims of the tsunami in Sri Lanka, shared for a moment their pain, and sent them and all other tsunami victims worldwide a blessing of compassion and hope."

Child Development and Social Work students worked with Assistant Professor of Social Work Gail Kenyon to organize this interfaith project as a fundraiser for tsunami relief. The idea

of the "Thread of Hope" bracelets originated from Betty Webb, professor of English and director of international studies, and her husband, John Rose, as they witnessed white thread draped around the wrists of many Sri Lankans during their Christmas vacation.

For more information, see *A Journey of the Heart: Meredith Brings Tide of Hope to Sri Lanka* on page 10. To support Meredith's efforts, contact Campus Minister Sam Carothers, who is leading Meredith's "A Tide of Hope" tsunami relief task force, at 919-760-8346.

Celebrating 320 Degrees of Excellence at Spring Commencement



Meredith Heinisch (above) was one of 320 graduates to participate in commencement exercises featuring NPR's Renee Montagne (below).

The Class of 2005 received their degrees during spring commencement held Sunday, May 15 in McIver Amphitheater. Commencement weekend also included Meredith's traditional baccalaureate service and Class Day ceremony.

CLASS OF 2005 BY THE NUMBERS:

- ▶ 302 undergraduate degree recipients
- ▶ 18 graduates of the John E. Weems Graduate School
- ▶ The Class of 2005 is the first to participate in the laptop program in each of their four years at Meredith.
- ▶ Seven graduates earned a 4.0 GPA
- ▶ Graduates hail from 11 states and three foreign countries.
- ▶ Age range: 20 to 65 years old. **Ginger Alexander**, age 65, received a Bachelor of Arts in religion.

SPEAKER:

National Public Radio's **Renee Montagne**, whose cousin, 2005 graduate **Sarah Margaret Tulloss**, introduced her. Tulloss followed in Montagne's footsteps as a world traveler by spending five weeks this summer in Egypt studying Arabic and history. Montagne co-hosts "Morning Edition."

WORDS OF WISDOM:

Montagne told graduates "The most valuable thing a good education will do is teach you to recognize what you don't know...The most important lesson is the knowledge of how to learn. Your degrees are a torch. You and your curiosity are the fuel."

▶ **Crystal Moore**, a Master of Science in nutrition recipient who spoke as the graduate student representative, said "I represent every minority and every woman who accepts a challenge...I encourage all of you not to take for granted your education."

▶ **Christi McKee**, Class of 2005 president, who spoke as the undergraduate student

representative, said "It is with the resources that we have gained at Meredith College that we will begin to make the marks that we will each leave in our future endeavors."

WHAT NEXT?:

▶ **Mary Hemphill**, of Hickory, N.C. President of Meredith's Student Government Association and Teaching Fellow

Degree earned: Bachelor of Arts in Spanish with K-6 teaching licensure

Plans: Teaching third grade at Southwest Elementary School in Hickory, N.C., and attending graduate school at UNC-Greensboro to earn a master's degree in education

▶ **Jessica Willson**, of Cary, N.C. Presidential Scholar and president of Meredith's Model United Nations team

Degree earned: Bachelor of Arts in communication and political studies

Plans: Law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Other Meredith 2005 graduates now hold positions with American Express, Cisco, Coldwell Banker, *The News & Observer*, Nortel, Progress Energy and SAS Institute, or are attending graduate school at Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, NC State, New York University, UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC-Greensboro.

For more information or to read profiles of other members of the Class of 2005, visit www.meredith.edu/commencement.



Notes and Events for Meredith Alumnae and Friends

Alumnae Email Addresses Needed

The Office of Alumnae & Parent Relations is preparing to launch an electronic newsletter that will provide current information on the Alumnae Association and the College, as well as dates for special events both on and off campus. Receive regular updates, please provide your current email address by emailing alumnae@meredith.edu or calling (919) 760-8548.

Meredith's Theatre Program Goes To London Jan 1-8, 2006

The Theatre Department is going to London on its biennial Winter Holiday. Roundtrip airfare, transfers, first class hotel, full English breakfast, to Windsor Castle and major museum tours and several plays are included in the cost. Price: \$1,995 per person, double occupancy. A deposit of \$500 will hold your space and is fully refundable until September 1. Balance is due October 1. To reserve a space call Blue Greenberg, Art Department, (919) 760-8493.

Triangle Area Alumnae Invited to Join MeredithREADS Literacy Program

Meredith alumnae from the Triangle area of North Carolina are invited to participate in the College's MeredithREADS Literacy Program. MeredithREADS volunteers complete a two-hour training with Motherhead, Inc. and work at a local elementary school or childcare center once weekly during the academic year. Training will be held in September 2005, and upon completion volunteers will be assigned to their preferred school or childcare center. To register online, visit www.meredith.edu/students/volunteer/reads_alumna.htm. Contact Meredith Volunteer Services Coordinator Lynne Wheatley at (919) 760-8357 with questions.

Update Your Contact Information

Keep the Office of Alumnae & Parent Relations informed of your current contact information. Alumnae names, addresses and biographical information are kept confidential by Meredith's Office of Alumnae & Parent Relations, and are released to other alumnae only for the purpose of Meredith volunteer efforts. An alumna's contact information may be shared with a classmate who requests it for legitimate non-commercial, personal use, unless the alumna has requested that her information not be shared with anyone. To update your contact information, please contact the Office of Alumnae & Parent Relations by fax (919) 760-2818, or call us at (919) 760-8548, or complete the online form; www.meredith.edu/alumnae/information-change.htm.

M E R E D I T H N E W S

Mulvaney Delivers Faculty Distinguished Lecture

By Betsy Rhame, '01

Associate Professor of Art Beth Mulvaney, a medieval and renaissance Italian art expert, recently spent a summer and fall in Italy conducting research on the frescoes of the Basilica of San Francesco, Assisi. On April 4, she presented her findings at the Faculty Distinguished Lecture in Jones Auditorium.

Mulvaney was awarded a Summer Faculty Development grant from Meredith and a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship and visited Rome, Siena and Assisi during the summer of 2003. In the fall of 2004 she continued her research at San Francesco while on sabbatical from Meredith.

Though Mulvaney spent several months studying the paintings on the walls of the church, she's been thinking about the project for several years. She said she got the idea for the project while lecturing in class at Meredith. Afterwards she did a lot of reading of Franciscan literature before traveling to Assisi to study the basilica's upper and lower churches. The walls were painted in 1300.

"The lower church compliments the church above it," Mulvaney said in her lecture.

While piecing together the research for



Basilica of San Francesco, Assisi

April's presentation, she focused on the upper church of San Francesco, combining aspects of Franciscan thought with spirituality. She dissected what she discovered from images in the upper church and placed them contextually. Mulvaney showed a visual representation of the upper church

with a virtual reality CD.

The walls in the upper church depicted scenes from the Old and New Testaments from the Bible and 28 episodes from the life of St. Francis of Assisi that, according to Mulvaney, explore spirituality and divine truth. "[It] creates a complete visual world," she said.

Visiting the basilica, she said, can be a very personal experience. "The painter... uses visual cues to trigger the viewer's memory," she said.

Mulvaney credits her sabbatical leave with the reason she was able to do the in-depth research. "The sabbatical was necessary for me to think in concrete terms," she said.

The Faculty Distinguished Lecture is usually given at least once per academic year. The first lecture was presented in 1964 by Dr. Norma Rose. This was the 43rd such presentation.

Meredith's Autism Program Celebrates 10th Anniversary

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typically appear by age three. The type and severity of symptoms varies greatly among individuals, and Lovaas' research indicates that early intervention programs like Meredith's are effective in helping children with autism reach their full potential.

In its 10-year history, MAP has served approximately 60 children through its research and workshop models. More than 30 Meredith students take the autism practicum course each semester. The staff's size has also grown from two full-time staff members to six full-time and three part-time staffers.

Approximately 100 people attended the

celebration, which featured a picnic lunch, tethered hot air balloon rides, horseback riding, inflatables, clowns, as well as face painting and crafts provided by Meredith's Psychology Club and Psi Chi, the psychology honor society.

Allison Clapp, '05, who led fundraising efforts to support the anniversary celebration, said, "I started working in the autism program last fall when I signed up for it as a course. It is great knowing that you can truly make a difference in the life of a child."

To learn more about the Meredith Autism Program, visit www.meredith.edu/autism.

Meredith College Devotes Day to “Celebrating Student Achievement”

By Melyssa Allen

Presidential campaign communication. Solutions to the obesity problem among the poor. Women in southern literature. These were just a few of the topics discussed by students during Meredith’s third annual Celebrating Student Achievement Day, an event focusing on the academic, artistic and leadership accomplishments of students.

A small sample of Celebrating Student Achievement Day programs include: An early morning Navaho Blessing Ceremony, presented by students in the Native American History and Cultures course; “Tide of Hope: Images and Personal Reflections from Tsunami Affected Sri Lanka,” presented by students who visited Sri Lanka in March; and a “Celebrating 100 Years of Student Government” Leadership Awards Ceremony.

Three Meredith students welcomed visitors to interact with their work,

“Looking Back, Moving On: The U-Haul Project,” an art installation inside three U-Haul trucks, which represented the past, present and future.



“The present is an abstract idea. I wanted to represent the idea that you are able to evaluate where you are and change.” —Rebecca Gorman

Rebecca Gorman, '05, made her installation an interactive piece because, “The present is an abstract idea. I wanted to represent the idea that you are able to evaluate where you are and change.”

The majority of the day was dedicated to student research presentations. More than 100 presentations were held, exploring topics touching all academic disciplines. Student researchers presented their work, while fielding difficult questions from faculty members and others present.

In addition to the formal research presentations, the day also featured poster presentations and art displays, during which students were able to hold one-



Students such as Rebecca Gorman, above, shared their work in art, research and more. Gorman’s interactive work representing “the present” was part of “The U-Haul Project.”

on-one discussions with visitors.

One example was “The Scanning Electron Microscope and the World of the Very Small: A Merger of Science and Art,” a display of independent projects by students in the Scanning Electron Microscopy Course.

One student presenter, Tatiana Quintero-Varca, '07, said her microscopy project “opens you up to a huge new world in front of your eyes.”

For more information on “Celebrating Student Achievement Day,” visit www.meredith.edu/achievement/.



Students used the Scanning Electron Microscope to show “a merger of art and science.”

SGA Launches Activities Fee

During their April meeting, Meredith's Board of Trustees approved a new student activities fee, which had been proposed by the Student Government Association (SGA). The fee will begin in the 2005-06 academic year.

The activities fee will be \$25 a semester and will be added directly to the students' tuition. Student Government and Campus Activity Board (CAB) will supervise how these funds are distributed.

The activities fee will allow students to be in charge of funds that will directly affect them and give them a voice in the activities offered on campus. The main focus of the activities fee is to improve weekend life.

SGA President for 2004-05 Mary Hemphill said she hopes the "student activities fee [will] improve weekend life at Meredith and lower the costs for events attended by a majority of students."

For more information, visit www.meredith.edu/safsfa.htm.

— By Allison Ladd, '05

Historical Marker with Meredith Connection Unveiled

On April 28, the State of North Carolina unveiled a historical marker recognizing Meredith benefactor Fannie E.S. Heck.

Heck (1862-1915) was the first president of the Woman's Club of Raleigh, and led a campaign among church women to raise funds for Baptist Female Institute, which is now known as Meredith College. She was also president of the North Carolina Women's Missionary Union from 1886-1915 and helped organize the YWCA of Raleigh. A fountain in Meredith's courtyard is named in honor of Heck.

The marker stands at 309 North Blount Street in Raleigh, near Heck's former home.

Meredith Vice President for Institutional Advancement Connie Harris spoke at the dedication ceremony about what she had learned about Heck since joining Meredith.

"I learned that she should have been a Meredith woman....and that her example of social service, dedication and sacrifice is



A ceremony honoring a Meredith founder was held April 28.

one that our students could well emulate today," Harris said.

Meredith College honored Heck on Founders' Day, February 25, 1977. Harris read from the Founders' Day resolution, which said "as a woman of faith, [Heck] noted Meredith, 'had been planned, prayed, sacrificed into existence' and that the bricks were 'cemented by tear, the roof upheld by prayers.'" — By Melyssa Allen

Philanthropy Award Winners Announced

During Alumnae Reunion Weekend, Meredith College presented alumna philanthropy awards to Margaret Craig Martin, '30, Virginia "Jeinks" Murchison Carson, '27, Minnie Murchison Gaston, '24, and Shepard Kimbrell Halsch, '85.

Margaret Craig Martin, '30, had a long history with Meredith College, including serving as student government association president during her senior year, and serving from 1964-1970 as Meredith's director of alumnae affairs. In 2004, Meredith College renamed a newly renovated academic building in honor of Martin. At the dedication ceremony, Meredith College Board of Trustees Chair Eugene Langley said, Margaret Martin "left her finger prints on every part of



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Meredith College" as a student, alumna, staff member, faculty member, member of two boards and as a philanthropist.

Two new Meredith College scholarships were established by the estates of Virginia "Jeinks" Murchison Carson and Minnie Murchison Gaston, both of whom spent the majority of their adulthood as educators in Rowan County. The Minnie Murchison Gaston Scholarship Endowment Fund is in the amount of \$200,000 and will be used to award money annually with preference given to students from Rowan County, N.C. The Virginia

Murchison Carson Scholarship Endowment Fund was established with a gift of \$868,000 and will also award money with preference given to students from Rowan County.

Shepard Kimbrell Halsch was recognized for her support of Meredith College, which includes a recent gift of \$1 million, which will create the Shepard Kimbrell Halsch Fund for the School of Business and the Shepard Kimbrell Halsch Academic Enrichment Fund in support of undergraduate research.

The alumna philanthropy award, established in 1994, is given to an alumna who has demonstrated her commitment to Meredith through her involvement in the life of the College and her exemplary philanthropy. — By Melyssa Allen

Dateline Meredith

Greenway Opening Celebration Held

On Saturday, April 16, approximately 1,000 people helped to celebrate the opening of the pedestrian bridge that spans the I-440 beltline and connects Meredith College with the North Carolina Museum of Art.

The celebration featured a parade led by members of the Paperhand Puppet Intervention, along with kids, parents and others on foot and on bicycle. The parade began at Meredith, crossed the new bridge and ended on the N.C. Museum of Art's campus.

A number of Meredith art students helped to bring additional flair to the celebration, from designing special decorative flags for the occasion to serving as living sculptures along the route.

Following the parade, the celebration continued with a puppet show and craft demonstrations on the museum's campus.



Meredith students contributed artwork along the trail.

The Meredith College section of the greenway, located along the Southern edge of campus, is open daily from dawn until dusk. The greenway project has received the Federal Highway Administration's 2005 Environmental Excellence Award in the Non-motorized Transportation category.

— By Melyssa Allen

Meredith Writer-in-Residence Receives Fellowship of Southern Writers Award

Poet and Meredith writer-in-residence Betty Adcock was awarded the Hanes Award for Poetry by the Fellowship of Southern Writers, during the Conference on Southern Literature, held March 31 to April 2 in Chattanooga, Tenn.



Betty Adcock

The Hanes Award for Poetry is given to a poet who best reflects the ideals of the Fellowship of Southern Writers.

"The conference means a great deal to Southern literature," Adcock said. "I was very surprised [and] delighted."

While in Chattanooga for the conference Adcock and other writers spent time working

with local students. Adcock visited a high school English class to discuss her poetry that they had read. "The students were well-prepared," she said.

Adcock is the author of five volumes of poetry published by LSU Press. She has won many awards including the Roanoke Chowan Award, the Sam Ragan Fine Arts Award, the Poets' Prize, the Texas Institute of Letters Prize, the North Carolina Award for Literature, and Fellowships from the State of North Carolina, the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Meredith Freshman Wins National Co-Rookie of the Year Award

This spring, Meredith freshman Nicole Hall was named All Independent Co-Rookie of the Year by a vote of the Association of Division III Independent basketball coaches. The Raleigh native was also named to the All-Independent second team.

"Nicole made a fantastic contribution to our team," said Meredith Basketball Coach David Zinn. "It's a big honor for her and for our program to be recognized nationally."

Hall, a former Wakefield High School standout, averaged 14 points, four rebounds, four assists and three steals per game for the 9-15 Angels.

"She stepped into a starting role five games into the season and showed her ability to score and pass," said Zinn. The Association of Division III Independents consists of 17 institutions that have joined to recognize student-athletes.

Hall also received the 2004-05 most outstanding offensive player award from the Meredith College Athletics Department.

— By Steve Barnes, Sports Information Director

Formed in 1987, the Conference on Southern Literature seeks to promote and honor poets, playwrights, and fiction and nonfiction writers. The Fellowship has included some of the South's most well-known authors: Eudora Welty, Walker Percy, Ralph Ellison and Reynolds Price. The biennial conference is the largest one on Southern literature.

— By Betsy Rhame, '01

Meredith Honors Outstanding Faculty and Staff

Six faculty members and three staff members were honored during the Meredith College Faculty and Staff Awards and Recognition Ceremony, held on campus on April 29. Retiring faculty/staff and employees with five, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 26+ years of service were also honored.



Pauline Davis Perry Awards

The Pauline Davis Perry Award for Research and Publication is given to a faculty member who has done exceptional research, publication and/or artistic achievement. The Pauline Davis Perry Award for Excellence in Teaching is given to an outstanding teacher at Meredith.

Cammey Cole (*left*), assistant professor of mathematics, Award for Research and Publication
Sarah English (*right*), professor of English, Award for Excellence in Teaching



Laura Harrill Presidential Awards

The Laura Harrill Presidential Awards are presented to two faculty members each year, in recognition of their noteworthy contributions to the advancement of Meredith College.

Melinda Campbell (*left*), professor of health, exercise and sports science
Ellen Goode (*right*), professor of human environmental sciences



Harry and Marion Eberly Faculty Development Awards

The Harry and Marion Eberly Faculty Development Awards are given to two deserving faculty members for the purpose of helping them progress in their area of expertise. The cash awards are funded through the Faculty Applied Meredith Endowment, or FAME, established in 1977 as an independent fund for supplemental faculty benefits.

Carol Finley (*left*), assistant professor of dance
Larry Grimes (*right*), professor of biology



Presidential Staff Award

Established in 2002, the Presidential Staff Award is given in recognition of exemplary service to the Meredith community. The Meredith College president chooses the recipient.

Charletta Sims, director of commuter life and diversity programs



Staff Recognition Awards

Staff Recognition Awards are presented annually to two staff members who, through their job performance, have demonstrated initiative, teamwork, extra effort and outstanding customer service to the Meredith community.

Doug Alm (*left*), network systems supervisor
Suzanne Slawinski (*right*), office manager for dean of students office



Retiring Faculty

Carol Brown (*left*), associate professor of physical education
Jerod Kratzer (*right*), professor of education

From Smashed Scales to Art, Meredith Student Art Delivers Heavy Message

By Melyssa Allen

Students in 3-D design classes used donated pieces of scales to bring attention to health issues surrounding weight and eating disorders by creating artwork displayed on International No Diet Day.

Lisa Pearce, assistant professor of art, led her students in this project, which used pieces from scales which were “smashed” at a February event designed to help people give up being a slave to the scale. The



3-D design by Kimberly Humphrey, featured at Celebrating Student Achievement Day.

“Scales Are for Fish, Snakes and Musicians” event was organized by Ellen Morrison, a registered dietitian and eating disorder specialist earning a Master of Science degree in nutrition at Meredith. Members of the Meredith community and of the public were invited to bring a bathroom scale or a food scale to smash at the event.

The students created “Illuminator” pieces, which means “using light as an element in art similar to color and texture,” Pearce explains.

Eleven pieces were included in the No Diet Day exhibition, which was held May 6. A total of 24 students created pieces for the project, and the exhibition was determined by student vote.

“The actual designs are based on assemblages, or three-dimensional collages, from the artist Joseph Cornell, but with a twist,” Pearce says. In this project, “an actual light



Lisa Pearce (back) assists with a student's 3-D design for No Diet Day.

within these [pieces] forms a metaphor for shining light on a subject that focuses on weight, health and beauty.”

General Education Class Works to Bring Attention to Hunger

By Melyssa Allen

Unlike a typical night, visitors to Belk Dining on April 11 weren't able to make their own food selections. Instead, Hunger Banquet participants had to choose a card which announced a pre-determined menu.

Some cards entitled them to a “high income” meal, complete with tablecloth and waitress service, others received a more “middle-class” meal of pasta and vegetables. A final “low income” group had to self-serve a meal of water, rice and beans. These menu selections were meant to illustrate hunger in the world.

The Hunger Banquet was hosted by students in “Global Issues: Needs of Families,” a general education course taught by Deborah Tippett. The class had examined the issues, such as hunger, facing families around the world.

Class member Stephanie Westbrook said during the class students had been inspired

“to think outside our own experiences.” The Hunger Banquet was the class's opportunity to help others at Meredith do the same.

Tippett hoped that the Hunger Banquet would “raise awareness of poverty and hunger in the world.” The three meal types were designed to show that 60% of the world's population is low income, 25% is middle class or average and only 15% is high income.

The event's organizers pointed out that hunger issues are not confined to any one part of the world. No section was meant to represent a single country. For example, 35 million Americans are hungry each day, 1.2 billion people live in poverty and only 15% of the world has a per capita income of more than \$9,076.

Jirah Kirk, '05, said she wanted those who participated in the Hunger Banquet to “realize that there is real suffering [from hunger]



The “Hunger Banquet” showed that meals like the one above cannot be taken for granted.

in the world, and not just in the movies.”

The event raised \$255 and 62 cans of food for the North Carolina Food Bank. It was inspired by similar events sponsored by Oxfam America, an international relief agency.

A JOURNEY OF THE HEART: *Meredith Brings “Tide of Hope” to Sri Lanka*



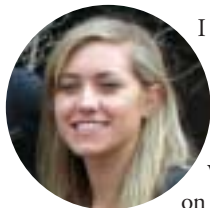
Gail Kenyon

As part of the College's "Tide of Hope" tsunami relief efforts, a Meredith team visited Sri Lanka last March. The seven-member team included student researchers Kelly Jones, '05, who conducted interviews with Sri Lankans for her thesis, and Rebekah Meek, '05, who filmed the trip for a documentary. Meek, with fellow traveler Laura Williams, '04, also mounted a photography exhibit of the 10-day experience. The group chronicled the trip through journals and photographs on the Meredith web site: www.meredith.edu/tsunamirelief.



Laura Williams

Kelly Jones, '05
Personal Reflection Upon Return



I did not realize the immeasurable destruction from the Indian Ocean tsunami when I watched the images flash on the news shortly after

December 26, and nothing could prepare me for witnessing tragedy in the faces and the eyes of the survivors. 18,300 miles later and 60 hours roundtrip circling the globe, my journey to Sri Lanka has become a journey of the heart, rather than distance.

As I recall the sun's reflection glistening in the indigo and sapphire hues of the Indian Ocean, I become angered at the recurring image of waves splashing against the cluster of rocks along the shore. I am reminded of the many helpless victims begging for their stories to be told as we strolled along a damaged coastline. Structure after structure still stands, but most are barely intact. Tents have been built and clothes hang from what is left. I remember the sight of a bright yellow sandal buried beneath the sand. "Is this the

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shoe of a survivor or someone taken by the tsunami?" I asked myself. I remember being relieved not to find the answer.

The first day of the journey, I was captivated by the slanting coconut trees in the backdrop. As we continued our travel, I tried to recall the numerous stories of survival and imagine how survivors clung for hours on branches of coconut trees. With each passing tree, I tried to envision a story of how someone holding on with all their might could have outlasted the tsunami.

Later I focused my attention on the destruction along the shoreline. There are many torn roof tops and debris lurking in the ocean. Demolished fishing boats are lined along the coastline, one after another.

I remember two lively 16-year old girls dressed in their crisp, white dress uniforms at a damaged school in Matara. One of the girls lost her mother in the tsunami. I remember a young woman telling a remarkable story of bravery and survival. This

young woman and her family hung onto the walls of her home when the tsunami struck her house. They all survived. I memorized her words, "If we ran, we would die."

Of all the words spoken, I will never forget just four words whispered by a mother, "two daughters, tsunami, dead." She holds two pictures of two little girls dancing. I am still heartbroken.

I am still reminded of a refugee camp, where we were greeted by energetic children who wanted their picture taken one after another, and the seventeen well-mannered, curious, playful young boys at an orphanage. I remember their beautiful singing and excitement and pride showing their chess certificates. I remember the young boy who asked for my address. I have not received a letter, but there is still hope. I remember the children who were eager to show a dance, especially the bright-eyed, young girl who laughed at me when I tried to learn it.

The most profound was Theldeniya, where the red train, shown extensively during news coverage of the tsunami, was located. The train had been seen as sturdy and stable by 1,000 people but was demolished by the tsunami. Instead of finding safety, they died. It was heart wrenching to see the shattered windows, damaged exterior and piles of train tracks. I reminisce of the woman and her husband who walked up to me as I tried to grasp this reality. I was invited into what they called their “temporary home.” The woman informed me that she lost one daughter and two sons in the tsunami. What can I possibly say?

Throughout this trip, I was constantly questioning how to respond. I hope they know that I listened to their stories and I will continue to tell their stories for them. The images from this trip that will remain throughout my life will always be the big, bright eyes and beautiful smiles of each Sri Lankan I met. The visions of their bright smiles and the warm hearts of Sri Lanka still congest my head a month after the trip. I am trying to absorb the numerous narratives begged to be heard. They will always be with me and will forever be in my prayers.



Rebekah Meek

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Betty Webb, Director of study abroad & professor of English Prior to Departure



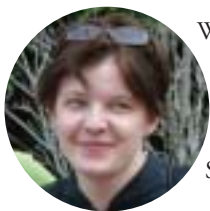
I left Sri Lanka reluctantly in December, feeling I had little to contribute to the rescue effort other than money and did not want to be in the way. I knew, however, that I would have to return soon to see what I could do to help a country I had come to love. Three months out seems the right time to go back.

Accompanying us will be Tony Andrad, the President of the NC Sri Lanka Friendship Association. We feel lucky indeed to have come to know him and to have his assistance. While there we hope to identify a number of small projects in which both Meredith and the local communities might be involved—

\$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500—and find someone to administer those projects with integrity at a cost of only 1% or 2%. We want to identify several particular projects that can be the focal point of learning for our students. We would also like to lay the ground work for a partnership with a local university.

This is not going to be an easy trip. We will be thirty hours getting there and only a few less returning. On this journey, we will circumnavigate the globe—something I am thrilled about for our students. If in their early 20s they can have flown around the world, the world, I think, will look different to them for the rest of their lives. And on the ground, I expect we will see again and again heart wrenching scenes made tolerable only by the courage of those who are now engaged in rebuilding their lives and the resourcefulness of those who are trying to help them.

Rebekah Meek, '05
March 24



We only have a short time to visit because we have one more place to stop before we call it a day—the Samanala Children's Home.

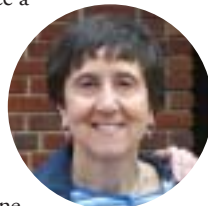
There are 16 orphaned boys at the Samanala Children's Home with ages ranging from 16 to 11. Inquisitive and bright, they asked questions through one of the translators. They didn't ask about superheroes or our favorite foods, but rather they wanted to know about our government and if we were afraid of being attacked now that we were at war. They loved to play chess and were proud to show off the many certificates that they had won.

The boys were a true inspiration and I didn't want to leave them, but it was getting dark and we needed to head back to the hotel. We had already seen so much and it was only the end of day one.

Rosalind Reichard,
Vice President for Academic Affairs
March 25

It is 5:30 p.m in Sri Lanka on Friday, 6:30 a.m. in Raleigh.

This morning four lovely Sri Lankan students joined our entourage—Dasha from Galle; and Chamilla, Darsee, and Nadee from Colombo. They are helping us as translators and connecting with our students. We left Colombo for Galle—a 2-3 hour drive along the coast. As we drove south the devastation increased—many tents for housing—broken boats along the shore—temporary wooden shacks. We stopped to see a housing project funded by the Carolina relief effort led by Tony Andradý. For \$3,500, a house can be built. We met the new owner of one house—a young man who was displaced by the tsunami. (continued next page)



Trip Itinerary

Travelers departed March 22 and arrived in Sri Lanka on March 24, two days before the 3-month anniversary of the tsunami. The complete itinerary is listed below:

March 22: Departed Raleigh-Durham airport at 12:10 p.m. (stopover in Atlanta, Georgia).

March 23: Arrived in Zurich, Switzerland for layover 7:55 a.m.; departed at 11:50 a.m.

March 24: Arrived in Colombo, Sri Lanka at 4:50 a.m. Spent the day recovering from the trip. Visited a refugee camp in Colombo. Visited Samanala Children's Home (16 boys orphaned by the civil unrest in the north part of the country; brought to the east for support and displaced by the tsunami—one of Meredith's three primary projects for relief).

March 25: Departed Colombo by van to drive to Galle, Sri Lanka. Stopped to visit site of a horrible train disaster between Colombo and Galle. Spent several hours at a refugee camp—served lunch to the residents. Visited a building project funded by the Carolina/Sri Lanka Relief Fund organized by Tony Andradý. Arrived in Galle in late afternoon. Betty Webb and John Rose began their search for survivors of the beach community below our hotel—Lovigahawatha.

March 26: Attended 3 month anniversary service with 100 monks and many survivors at local school (in Weligama) located between Galle and Matara. Met Red Cross volunteers in our hotel who gave us information on relief efforts in Galle and Matara. Visited relief camp in Matara for dependents of military families—well-run and managed by 2 students of business professor from University of Colombo. Drove into hills to see land that was to be used to relocate the families at the camp in Matara. Drove back to Galle and visited orphanage in Galle run by Michelle Perry and the Helix Foundation. Continued efforts to determine needs for community in Galle (Lovigahawatha—one of Meredith's three primary projects for relief).



Rebekah Meek

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(Rosalind Reichard continued)

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**John Rose, Tide of Hope
Committee Member
March 26**

A few people on the edge of the site by or in an ugly government building, well constructed so intact. Washing, tooth cleaning, eating, preparing for another day. Some few walking, a few just sitting. A very few fishermen,



inspecting and folding nets. I am offered a live lobster and shown a flatfish. Every person greets me, not enthusiastically as before, but certainly not humbly or obsequiously or pleadingly, with genuine interest and warmth (or so it appears), and with smiles and courtesy. These people, and particularly the young, certainly know how to smile! Do I want to take a photo, have I a cigarette, where do I come from?

One or two little boys follow me, but everyone is different in some fundamental indescribable way from their Christmas selves [prior to the tsunami], not sullen or defeated, but somehow lacking the old sparkle and joie de vivre, especially noticeable before in the children. The beach was never clean but further along it too today is a scene of almost total destruction.



Rebekah Meek

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Gail Kenyon

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Gail Kenyon, Assistant professor of Sociology & Social Work
March 29



We have had several days of exciting, painful and inspiring experiences. The enormous loss affects us all as we hear story after story of unimaginable tragedy.

We hear of the turtle rehabilitation center keeper up to his waist in water trying to rescue his turtles from being washed inland, the man with so many dead in his family, no house and no boat to fish to feed his remaining son, the 16-year-old young woman who is studying for her A levels who has lost her mother. These people greet us with grace and generosity and shake our hands and smile and show us their beautiful

surviving children or how they are trying to make a tent a comfortable place to live for now. We have also met the relief workers, some Sri Lankan, some foreign, often young people who have left their work or their travels or their studies to come and help. They are also an inspiration.

And then, last night more terror arrived for these people as the news of the recent earthquake spread across the area. We can barely imagine what they must feel as they are asked to move farther away from the sea and mourn another 1,000 dead in Indonesia.

My experience here has affirmed that we must share our wealth not only because of the recent disaster but because we are citizens of the world and are not entitled to the lion's share. It also tells me that these people are strong and wise and with the resources will rebuild their homes and lives.

March 27: Drove again toward Matara to revisit the school we had seen the day before (in Weligama—one of Meredith's 3 primary projects for relief). Stopped at tsunami relief center near school in Weligama. Visited orphanage for disabled (especially hearing-impaired). Returned to Galle. Continued efforts to determine needs for Lovigahawatha.

March 28: Drove back from Galle to Colombo. Stopped at the school in Weligama to see the school with children in classes and to talk with the principal who is a monk. Stopped at a relief camp and helped Tony Andrady deliver flaxen wheels for the women to be able to work. Stopped at a turtle sanctuary between Galle and Colombo that had been overrun by the tsunami.

March 29: Learned about the earthquake in Indonesia just after midnight. That morning we visited the University of Colombo School of Law and talked with various students and professors and met the dean of the School who would help us with the Lovigahawatha boat project. Visited Parliament in the afternoon and met the Deputy Speaker. Visited Tony Andrady's niece and had dinner at a friend of Betty and John's in Colombo.

March 30: Students and Gail Kenyon traveled to Kandy and other historical points on Sri Lanka. Betty Webb, John Rose and Rosalind Reichard traveled south half-way to Galle to talk with a priest about his knowledge of boat cooperatives. Reichard left for the Maldives, Tokyo, Detroit, and Raleigh-Durham at 8 p.m. that night (arrives in Raleigh-Durham at 3:31 p.m. on March 31).

March 31: Wrap-up in Colombo. Visited to School of Business at University of Colombo. Students visited Samanala's Children's Home again.

April 1: Students, Gail Kenyon, Betty Webb and John Rose departed from Colombo at 11:50 p.m.

April 2: Arrived in Tokyo at 11:50 a.m. Departed at 2:40 p.m. (stopover in Detroit) and arrived in Raleigh-Durham at 3:31 p.m.

MEREDITH SGA CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

By Betsy Rhame, '01



SGA Executive Board members planned the celebration and served as hosts.

When members of the Meredith community gathered in Weatherspoon gymnasium on Saturday, March 19, there was a lot to celebrate. A century's worth to be exact.

2005 marks the 100th year of the Student Government Association (SGA) at Meredith College. Past SGA presidents and their executive boards, alumnae and the entire Meredith community were invited to commemorate the occasion.

In her opening remarks, Jean Jackson, '75, vice president for student development,

said Meredith is "one of the oldest student governments and one of the most forward thinking student governments in the country." Jackson is a former SGA president.

Three Meredith alumnae and past SGA presidents were invited to share their memories as the keynote speakers.

Patsy Bland Rose, '54, shared some of Meredith's rules and regulations from the early 1950s and recalled fond memories of her year as SGA president. "...There were many people who believed in me as a leader," she said. "Serving with others was

an educational experience."

Yvette Brown, '90, described how she surprised herself by becoming involved in leadership as a Meredith student. "I went from 'I'm not going to get involved' to running for freshman class president," she said in her keynote remarks.

Three years later Brown became Meredith's first African-American SGA president and worked hard to make sure trustees and administrators heard student voices. "(The) year was filled with turmoil and excitement," Brown said.

Kelly Conkling Scott, '98, a former SGA president and a current assistant director in Meredith's Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development, spoke both of her year as SGA president and her role as an advisor to student leaders at Meredith today.

"Meredith is paving the way for her students," Scott said. "Students can practice their leadership skills both in and out of the classroom."

Following these speeches guests watched a slide show of photographs of all past SGA presidents and their executive boards. Each current SGA executive board member spoke about what Meredith SGA means to them.

As current members of the SGA Executive Board were planning the SGA Centennial Celebration, Rose, Jackson, Brown and Scott had all been thinking about their service to Meredith for the past few months in preparation for the event.

Jackson stressed the need for social change through the years, and said that instigating this reform falls to student leaders.

"With the citizenship in a community comes a great deal of responsibility...one of the powerful lessons that student government [teaches] is that individuals can come together to affect change," Jackson said.

Affecting change was an important goal of Rose's SGA Executive Board in 1953 and 1954, when students wanted more privileges. Students wanted a less rigid dress code and more freedom, including less supervision when off campus.

"I know that we were progressive in our thinking but we didn't rattle cages," Rose said. "We weren't trying to make dramatic changes. They were simple things."

Scott has had to transition from the role of Meredith student and SGA president to her current role where she is often the advisor to student leaders. She said, "It's their turn to get the experience I got."

Looking ahead to Meredith student government in the future, Scott addressed the current student leaders at the event.

"A lot has changed in the world in the past 100 years and a lot has happened at Meredith," Scott said. "One hundred years from now what will students thank you for?"



Former SGA Presidents gathered at the event with 2004-05 President Mary Hemphill (second from right).

MEMORIES OF FORMER SGA LEADERS

Becky Calloway Daniel, 1954-55 "This experience must have influenced my respect for government and my political involvement from 1955 to the present. Politics is my favorite avenue for contributing to the greater community. In my day, the SGA had one day for the student body to meet (instead of chapel) to discuss events, exchange ideas. I also held "office hours" one day a week for walk-ins and appointments. Serving as SGA president was indeed an honor, one that I still appreciate."

Donna Wilson Thagard, 1986-87 "Christmas of 1986 the Student Body came together to raise money for Interact by selling luminaries and displaying (them) along every paved driveway around campus. It was a tremendous effort by all with huge rewards for our community. We continued to raise money by selling black and white photos of Johnson Hall illuminated with luminaries. I will always have fond memories of 1986-87 at Meredith."

Ann Hiott, 1991-92 "Although Student Government was consuming, it was a joy. Involvement in student government was as educational as the classroom, if not more so. The beauty and success was attributable not only to my fellow student leaders, but the outstanding student body and the phenomenal staff (and) faculty who advised and led us."

Erin Hege, 2003-04 "Working with students, faculty, and administration just made SGA complete. I learned that Meredith is dependent on everyone completing that circle through honor, integrity, and good old fashioned hard work. Meredith student government is amazing to me, how women can successfully and repeatedly make changes, preserve tradition, and continue to lead the college generation after generation makes me so proud to have been a part of SGA."

Mary Hemphill, 2004-05 "I am proud to represent Meredith's student body as the 100th SGA President. Following in the footsteps of great women who made a difference, were the embodiment of leadership, and always strived for excellence is truly an inspiration to me. The SGA this year has helped me develop as a leader and a young woman. I have worked side-by-side with wonderful women who share my passion for student governance and my vision for the future of Meredith. This was truly an experience I will cherish forever as we celebrate 100 years of SGA, 100 years of women in leadership, 100 years of excellence."

It has truly been an honor to serve in the capacity of SGA President at Meredith College. What has made the experience even more memorable is being the 100th SGA President in student government history. The Meredith experience itself is indescribable, but to have been a part of 100 years of wonderful women in leadership is an experience that I will never forget."

ALUMNAE RECONNECT AT REUNION WEEKEND

Alumna Shares Her 25th Reunion Experience

By Hunter Darden, '80

As I was driving away from my 25th reunion, I called my mother. Consumed by emotion, I said, "I had the best time! We Meredith girls are so lucky to have each other!" I could almost feel her smile. We have both said throughout the years that choosing Meredith was the best decision of my life. It has molded me and my friends into who we are. Our Meredith friends are our lifelines that have a solid, steady beat that have spanned decades.

Reunion weekend was pure nourishment for the soul—two packed days worth of reminiscing and catching up. I overheard the common phrase, "Remember when we...?" followed by gales of laughter and far away looks and smiles as the glimmers from the past floated in our minds. The campus, with its obvious expansion, had grown with new buildings. However, the core and the personable Meredith essence were still strongly intact.

We enjoyed a lunch in the courtyard and revisited our halls, where the parlors evoked the strongest memory of the many times we gathered together. We could practically set ourselves back to the time when, "Man on the hall!" was a familiar holler. Then, we would plan our classes around *General Hospital*. Now, we plan our lives around our children, husbands, or busy work schedules. Our old rooms were where the bond of life

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long friendships was molded. We essentially watched each other grow up, as we camped out till late in the night sharing and caring, laughing and crying, bonding and nurtur-



Hunter Darden, '80, (bottom left) shares her reunion experience. The weekend provided alumnae with opportunities to reminisce about their years at Meredith.

ing—establishing memories that are continually drawn upon when needed. And, we of course, received the academic preparation we needed for the real world.

We were and are nourishment for one another. I discovered that many of the class of 1980 remain in continual contact through traditional therapeutic get-togethers. We have

journeyed together, walking closely beside each other throughout life's upheavals and celebrations. We've attended receiving lines for wedding joy and ones for funeral sorrow.

Not to mention the births, a few divorces and rekindled love. There seems to be a camaraderie that is unsurpassed and we never feel unsupported.

Meg Holman Thompson, '80, captured the continuing friendship well by saying, "Of all of the friends I've made in these last 25 years, there is nothing even close to the friendship bond that I share with my Meredith friends. For me, it's the kind of relationship that we 'pick up where we left off' each time we get together. I never laugh as hard as I do with anyone as I do with them."

Many of us met in a classroom to recap our lives. We heard of many sustained marriages and lots of children, as a result. Several daughters will be coming to Meredith in the fall, as well. Because of the

Meredith foundation, it was not surprising to hear of the rewarding careers. To name a few: Sheri Green, '80, is the supervisor of Facility Planning and construction for the Wake County Public School System. Mary Nell Ward, '80, is the Family Services Administrator for the Department of Correction in Raleigh. Sarah Bellamy Harden, '80, of Raleigh, makes a difference by working to raise awareness for civil and moral issues in the community. Bitsey Horton Martin, '80, a marriage and family therapist, volunteered last year in Ethiopia, a rewarding, life-altering experience that touched her life.

We listened intently as the sharing of stories of valiant battles with cancer and the grateful periods of remission. Robyn Wright Bone, '80, was diagnosed with lymphoma, before having a successful stem cell transplant and has been in remission for a year. She was a testament for what hope, faith and a positive attitude can do for one.

Our Meredith friends are like a giant bowl of Brunswick stew where all the ingredients are different, but necessary for unique richness and flavor—a combination that is palatably pleasing with a mix of just the right personalities.

So, I believe I summed it accurately when telling my mother about our 25th reunion. Yes, indeed, we Meredith "girls" are so very lucky to have each other.



A tour allowed alumnae to see campus renovations.

ALUMNAE AWARDS PRESENTED

During Alumnae Reunion Weekend, the Meredith College Alumnae Association presented awards to four alumnae—Hunter Darden, '80, Nancy Hall, '55, Mary Jo Clayton, '46, and Amy Davis, '97.

Hunter Darden, '80, received the Career Achievement Award. Darden, who holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology, is the author of four children's books and one novella, and is the owner of Sunfleur Publications, Inc. She spoke at more than 50 events in 2004 including high schools, churches and colleges. She is a freelance writer for the Iredell Neighbors section of *The Charlotte Observer*, and her first book, *The Everlasting Snowman*, has sold over 16,000 copies. Her community service includes teaching a writing camp through The Children's Museum of Iredell County and participating in fundraising events for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Smart Start.

Nancy Hall, '55, also received the Career Achievement Award. Hall earned a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Meredith, and holds a master of social work degree. Her career in social work has focused on the needs of aging populations, working for the Forsyth County Department of Social Services and at the UNC School of Social Work where she was an administrator, faculty member and advisor. She also worked for the North Carolina Division of Social Services and The Children's Home, Inc. in Winston-Salem. Following her retirement, Hall has continued to be involved in many activities relating to senior issues including the Senior Tar Heel Legislature and workshops at the annual National Council on the Aging/American Society on Aging conference. She conducts training at retirement communities and has also facilitated movies dealing with aging themes. She also works with her local Aging Advisory Council committee.

Mary Jo Clayton, '46, received the Distinguished Alumna Award. Clayton graduated cum laude with a double major in English and mathematics. Upon graduating, she began her career in advertising, first working as a copywriter for Hutzler's Department Store in Baltimore and then for Macy's in New York City. She was so successful in her field that major ad agencies in New York sought her services for the accounts of such companies as Clairol, Proctor & Gamble and *Newsweek*. Although in semi-retirement, she still handles special assignments for Emmerling. Her charitable interests include the Anti-Drug Abuse Campaign of the National Institute of Mental Health, Children For Children Foundation the White Calf Woman's Society on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. Clayton has organized Meredith alumnae chapter meetings in New York City, helping alumnae from the 1940s through 2004 keep connected with each other and with Meredith.

Amy Davis, '97, received the Recent Graduate Award. Davis, who was a Teaching Fellow, holds a Bachelor of Arts in English. She teaches at Wakefield High School in Raleigh, N.C. In 2004, Davis was named a Kenan Fellow for Curriculum and Leadership Development, which promotes teacher leadership, addresses teacher retention, and advances K-12 science, technology and mathematics education. She became a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa sorority in 2003, and was the recipient of the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund and the North Carolina Museum of Natural Science Educator of Excellence in 2004. In 2005, she was a presenter at the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) National Conference. She is also an alumna of the N.C. Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

For more information about Reunion Weekend, visit www.meredith.edu/alumnae.

CLASS NOTES

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'32 Elizabeth Thornton Britton

The *Roxie Collie Laybourne* Scholarship Fund, which will be given to Meredith students interested in the field of science, has been established. Laybourne was known as the "Feather Lady" because she devised ways of identifying bird feathers.

'41 Annie Laurie Overton Pomeranz

Ruth Purvis Baxley retired after 43 years working with schools and is now living in Toombsboro, Ga. She was a certified librarian, principal, consultant and teaching assistant. She named her daughter Meredith after her Alma Mater and appreciates all Meredith College has done for her.

'42 Catherine Wyatt Hudson Virginia Lancaster Robertson Joyce McIntyre Rudisill

Sara Justice Hempley says her four years at Meredith still hold a very special place in her heart. She looks forward to hearing more news about her class.

'45 Lois V. Edinger Dorothy Shealy Kenyon Cleo Glover Perry

Margaret Weathers Smith is sad she missed reunion this year for her granddaughter's wedding. She enjoys living at Springmoor in Raleigh, N.C.

'47 Vicky Manty Chesnutt Dorothy Loftin Goodwin Esther Hollowell Kidd

Vicky Manty Chesnutt teaches piano and had the 2003-04 yearbook dedicated to her by the Raleigh Piano Teachers Association for her 33 years of active participation. *Dot Loftin Goodwin* remains

active in her church in Apex, N.C., where she retired from being the full-time organist. She also faithfully maintains the Meredith doll collection. *Esther Hollowell Kidd* along with her husband, daughter and son-in-law had a memorable 2004 summer visiting France and Normandy.

'52 Barbara Morris Cloaninger Barbara Schettler Massenburg Ruth Ann Simmons Shaw

Peggy Poole Buie's family says thank you for all the thoughtful gestures after her death.

'54 Lyn Bonahue Doris Allen Litchfield Jane Williamson Teague

Betty Lane Baker moved from her long-time home in Kinston, N.C., to Greenboro, N.C., where her sister and son also live. *Mary Ann Chandler Bliss* and husband, Rupert, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last fall at their home in Clay, Fla. *Gordie Maxwell Corbin* is the winner in the Creative Digital category by *Nature's Best Magazine*. She has turned her still life of the Monarch butterfly into a slide essay set to music titled "Monarch Butterfly Metamorphosis." *Verna Willetts Croom* and *Dot Knott Preston* participated in the naming of a classroom in honor of the class of 1954 in Meredith's newly renovated Martin Hall. *Jean Journigan Joyner* and *Doris Allen Litchfield* participated in an Elderhostel, "The Jewel Cities of the Pacific Northwest," which took them to Seattle, Wash., and Vancouver, Canada, where *Ann Lovell* led them around. *Pat Eberthart Simpich* is the chairperson of the Roxie Collie Laybourne Scholarship Fund, which will be given to Meredith students interested in the field of science. Laybourne, '32, was known as the "Feather Lady" because she devised ways of identifying bird feathers. *Charleen Swansea* plays an important role in research and as an actress in Ron McEllwee's latest documentary, *Bright Leaves*. *Jane Elizabeth Williamson Teague* received the Medal of Arts from

the Raleigh Arts Commission for her volunteer service. *Phyllis Tribble* visited Raleigh in September 2004 and spoke at the N.C. Women's Prison and talked to women on death row. She also lectured to a gathering of 100 friends in what started out as a small group of "Phyllis Followers." Tribble and *Ruth Barnes Zimmerman* visited together after 45 years and stayed up talking until 2 a.m.

'55 Jennie Barbour Brooks Sarah Mangum Daniel Vivian Stanley Hughes

Susie Rucker Andrews received Life Membership from Presbyterian women at First Presbyterian in Winston-Salem, N.C. *Lois Williams Gerald* retired from education in 1987 and started a new career with her son at Dale's Seafood Restaurant in Whiteville, N.C. The restaurant earned the Columbus County small business award in 2003. Also, she has hosted 16 young people from Moldova and Russia. *Patricia Ann Allen Lucas* along with her daughter, Katie, spent their 2004 summer in Scandinavia and Russia. Katie has become an epidemiologist at Johns Hopkins.

'61 Carole Hamrick Johnson Margaret Ratley McNeill

Limar Sue Taylor-Williams enjoys spending time with her family on Topsail Island. *Mary Carol Warwick* is an opera composer for the Houston Grand Opera where she specializes in children's opera. Her most recent pieces are "The Princess and the Pea" and "The Velveteen Rabbit." She is also the assistant chair of the music department at Houston Community College.

'64 Jo Crowder Dermid Martha Rivers Dickson

Elizabeth Camille Camp Griffin is the co-president of Criminal Justice Institute, Inc. in Middletown, Conn.

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

Martha Phylar Tracy is enjoying retirement from the N.C. Museum of History.

'67 Judith Carroll Gardner

Mary Faith Milton Warshaw, who enjoys painting old porches and homes in the Beaufort, N.C. area, was featured in *Our State Magazine's* September 2004 issue in a story titled "Art of the Porch."

'68 Lynn L. Dodge Suzanne Guthrie Letchworth Clara Safrit Wade

Lynn Dodge, the director of the Lynchburg Public Library and Museum Systems in Va., helped lead a campaign to raise funds for the library and was very successful. *Lucinda Hollowell Tetterton* is a self employed accountant in Littleton, N.C.

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

Marianne Johnson Baker works at her family business with her son and husband selling tobacco seeds and seed coating in Raeford, N.C. *Janet Hamilton Blanton* works in her family business, Carolina Software, with her son, Lawrence, in Wilmington, N.C. *Del Cross Horton Boyle* retired after teaching high school math for 30 years and is living in Chesapeake, Va. *Reta Williams Christian* teaches social studies at Southern Nash High School. *Nancy Blalock Cook* is a proud grandmother and is working at N.C. Baptist State Convention as needed. *Michele Tew Davies* works part-time selling waterfront property on Lake Keowee in S.C. *Ruth Ann Walter Dryer* sells real estate in Wake County and is the chapter leader for the Northeastern Wake County Meredith

Alumnae Association. **Suzanne Carpenter Edmunds** supervises student teachers for Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Va. **Betty McNeill Fahed** retired from the Federal Reserve after 37 years. **Dianne Mitchell Forsyth** is happily retired from the N.C. school system and is enjoying her less hectic life and her three grandchildren. **Barbara Wall Fraser** is a state legislator in St. Louis, Mo. **Sarah McColman Garrigus** is co-owner of a new restaurant called Southern Exposure in Faison, N.C. **Sondra Neel Harrell** is busy with church and community activities after retiring from the local elementary school to care for her granddaughter in Wabash, Ind. **Linda Burrows Helms** had a variety of jobs including making an atlas of the ocean floor, being a make-up artist, and owning her alterations business. She is the assistant branch manager for the local library in Knoxville, Tenn. She and her husband, Bruce, have been married for over 35 years. **Ann Peterson Hitchings** lives in Larchmont, N.Y., with her husband, Rob, and enjoys tennis and sailing. **Shera Jackson Hube** enjoys being back at College Foundation Inc, as the vice president for marketing, savings and student services. **Jackie Boone James** still considers herself a Tar Heel even though she is living in Boston with her husband. She has spent the last 16 years at a Harvard research center. **Mary Neil Senter King** works with a museum in her hometown. She and her husband, Julian, are very involved in their church, where she has been teaching Bible classes for over 30 years. **Ginger Rhodes Kruse**, of Lake Mary, Fla., teaches kindergarten and has a master's degree in education. She enjoys her grandson, Austin. **Louise Watson Lamm** works with the N.C. Farm Bureau as the director of the "Agriculture in the Classroom" program to teach teachers the importance of farmers and agriculture. **Bet Garrett Ludden**, of Midlothian, Va., is the executive receptionist for Governor Mark Warner's office. **Susan Hout Montgomery** is a clinical psy-

chologist in Knoxville, Tenn., and enjoys her two children. **Kate Huggins Morrow** retired from teaching high school math for 30 years and volunteers with Greensboro Urban Ministry. **Martha McGinnis O'Donnell** is semi-retired from the Registrars Office at N.C. State and is a happily married newlywed. **Judy Park** works part-time for Atlanta Habitat for Humanity in the real estate and development departments to improve the standard of living in orphanages. **Sissy Bost Perry** has a granddaughter who she calls "the light of her life." She and her husband, Darrell, love to travel and want to visit all the continents. She enjoys playing the piano, knitting, reading and volunteering with mental health organizations. **Nancy Starkey Sanderson** works as a clinical laboratory scientist at UVA Health Systems. **Nancy Stroud Saunders** writes for *The Kinston Free Press* and is taking care of her father. **Janet Bridgen Sessoms** went on a trip to Italy and was sad to miss the reunion. She adores her granddaughters and is still teaching middle school art as well as creating her own works. **Emily Barbour Simmons** is a case worker at Wilson Medical Center in Wilson, N.C. **Linda Graham Stogner** teaches elementary music in Aiken, S.C., and is enjoying her three grandchildren. **Fran Summerlin** lives in Birmingham, Ala., with her husband, Jim, and enjoys visiting North Carolina every chance she gets. **Carrie Frampton Thompson**, of Mount Pleasant, S.C., is the grants administrator for a local two-year college. **Claudia Tutterow** works at Sara Lee in clothing product development, primarily Hanes, in Winston-Salem, N.C. **Sandra Vernon Tyre** teaches special education in Lillington, N.C. **Bea Whyte-Spitz** was teaching in Las Vegas, Nev., several years ago, but has moved back to N.C. and retired from her third grade classroom in June 2005. **Karen Hyland Williams** does secretarial work at First Presbyterian Church and enjoys spending time with her husband, Sherm, and daughters, Allison and Courtney. **Judy Kennedy Winslow**

teaches at Martin Community College in the math department. **Louise Foster Wood** teaches Spanish in Fairfax County, Va., but will retire this year after 32 years. She also provides private tutoring and cannot wait to take her trip to Peru upon retirement.

'70 Sue Hammons Cook Jeannie L. Martin Karen Watson Watts

Brenda Parks Hughes won two awards at the Midsouth Regional Emmy Awards for her World War II documentary "Thank You, Eddie Hart" which was aired on PBS stations nationwide. She also founded her own production company, Wet Bird Productions, Inc.

'71 Anne Bryan Suzanne Reynolds

Mary-Stuart Parker Alderman, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., is the donor services associate for the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry. **Martha Browning Dicus**, of Charleston, S.C., won the 2004 Dorsey Award for an Outstanding Public Defender given by the American Bar Association. **Pam L. Riley** is the executive director of the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE). She is actively promoting student involvement in crime prevention.

'73 Susan Herring Carolyn Van Hoy O'Brien Connie Frazier Turlington

Connie E. Bureson is a public school K-5 music specialist. **Michelle D. Rich** serves on the Raleigh Board of Directors for First Citizens Bank. **Deana Duncan Willard** teaches at First Baptist Church Weddington.

'74 Phoenix Chen Haydon Meg Pruette Peet Linda Keith Ray

Donna Rhodes Darnell and her husband, Jerry, moved back to Raleigh, N.C. from Washington, D.C. **Cindy Godwin** is now director of development at Meredith College. **Phoenix Chen Haydon** has taken a back seat role in running the jewelry business,

Haydon and Company, and is now selling pewterware. **Peggy Walser Howard** has overcome breast cancer. **Anne Williams Kain** and her husband, Mike, are proud grandparents of a baby boy. **Ann Wagoner LeGarde** works for Wake County Public Schools as an elementary music specialist. **Deborah Jordan Matthews** is director of the gifted and talented program for the N.C. Department of Public Instruction. **Debbie Pugh Miller** and husband, Terry, announced the marriage of their son, David, last year. Their daughter, Julia, graduated from N.C. State University. **Pat Nathan-Groves** received the Career Achievement Award from the Meredith Alumnae Association at her 30th reunion last year. She is the vice president of Dell and stationed in London. **Linda Keith Ray** works at N.C. Community College System as the state coordinator of staff development and training for adult literacy. She also gave the keynote address to Meredith's Class of 2005 upon their induction to the Alumnae Association. **Ann Lowery Shivar** and her husband own and operate their own business. **Kitty Brewer Spillman** is still a practicing nurse. She has one son who graduated from East Carolina University and another at Wake Tech. **Marilyn Lawrence Weiler** is a practicing Methodist minister after graduating from Duke Divinity School.

'75 Lynn Jones Ennis Sherri McGee Jo Ann Williford

Laurie Cressman is the media specialist at Hunter GT Magnet Elementary School. **Theresa Brooks Elias** received the Teacher of the Year award for the 2004-05 school year at Union County High School where she teaches art. Theresa lives with her husband, Anthony, and they have four children. **Beth A. Goldston** teaches in the Chatham County School System and is a self-employed artist. **Ann Bennett Wall** works for the N.C. Department of Justice as the assistant attorney general.

Alumna Visits Both Antarctica, Arctic Circle

By Betsy Rhame, '01

As a child Mary Bland Josey, '51, once read a story about an Eskimo family who became stranded on the ice. The story sparked an interest for Josey and she never forgot it, though she says it became a "dormant fascination."

"I've always been fascinated by massive amounts of ice," she said.

Years later Josey decided to visit glaciers and ice formations to see them for herself. In February 2001, she and 120 other passengers cruised from Ushuaia, a South American port, to Antarctica. For a week Josey and the other travelers saw lots of ice and wildlife, one of the highlights of the trip for Josey.

"What we saw were many, many penguins and some birds that are particular to the Antarctica area," she said. They even saw a mother seal and her pup. "Seeing a baby seal is very unusual," Josey said.

Some days the passengers were able to ride via raft to get an even closer look at the glaciers. "The ice formations were so attractive," Josey remembered.

After the trip to Antarctica she decided to investigate the ice formations on the north end of the earth. Last August she traveled with 80 others to the Arctic Circle. On the cruise they sailed toward the northeast coast of Greenland from a pioneer town, Longyearbyen, located in a collection of islands between Norway and Greenland.

The ice fields Josey saw in the Arctic Circle were thick enough to walk on, and she did, with a small group of travelers after riding a raft to the glacier. After several days of viewing the ice and stopping along the way at Danish outposts, the ship turned south and sailed down the eastern coast of Greenland. Then they traveled to Iceland for two more days before coming back to the United States.

On each trip, Josey came within about 1,000 miles of the North and South Poles, respectively.

Josey spent 30 years at Meredith both as a student and staff member. She was the assistant director of public relations and the registrar, and helped establish the first stand-alone admissions office at Meredith after working in the admissions and financial aid office.



Mary Bland Josey, pictured left

'76 Kathy Viser Kalmbach Susan Goodwin Thornbrough Kathleen Bailey Wyche

Peggy Land Frye works for Buckingham Correctional Center as the case management counselor in Dillwyn, Va.

'77 Virginia Patrick Avery Anne Edge Dale Joyce Nethery Kemmerer

Marcia Clark Blaine is a Title I reading instructor for Buncombe County Schools. For her 50th birthday she and her husband, Ron, will participate in the Assault on Mt. Mitchell bicycling event which includes 110 miles of cycling and 12,100 combined feet of climbing. *Deborah Matthews Wright* is the assistant director of human resources at N.C. State University.

'78 Jacqueline Lawrence Huber Frances Cuttle Newby

Deborah Phillips Coates earned her National Board Certification. *Sharon Harper Spears* works for the Winfred C. Harper Agency, Inc. as the corporate secretary and treasurer. *Lou Flippin Turner* was awarded one of the 2003 N.C. State Employee Awards of Excellence for Outstanding State Service. She was appointed to the national Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee and attended a meeting with the World Health Organization in Lyon, France.

'79 Billie Jo Kennedy Cockman Pandora Dunn Holloway Anna Comer Stidham Katherine Keith Thomas Angela Hayes Wright

Joy Manning Holster is the editor of *Pieces of Eight* for the Department of News and Communication Services at East Carolina University. She received a master's degree in English with a concentration in technical and professional communication from ECU. She was selected as Outstanding Graduate.

'80 Victoria Ballard Currin Frances Weiss Parrott Margaret Bassett Williams

Patricia Harris Boden opened her own holistic pet store in Charlottesville, Va., called The Animal Connection where she has organic foods, massages, dog spas, and aromatherapy for animals. *Joy Johnson Giuseffi* lives in Valhalla, N.Y., and is a music teacher at Tarrytown Schools. *Lynn Hoggard* is the author of *Never Diet Again*, a guide to food and fitness. She received her doctoral degree at N.C. State and is a Fellow of the American Dietetic Association, an honor given to less than half a percent of the 70,000 dietitians/nutritionists in the U.S. *Ann Wright Owen* is a teacher at Boynton Elementary School. *Cindy Thomas Wood* teaches at Matthews United Methodist Church Preschool.

'81 Susan Kellum Levin Donna Lemmons Boyette

Dottie Phillips Buster teaches piano in Raleigh, N.C. *Lori Page Havens* works for Doggett Architects, Inc. as the bookkeeper and office manager. *Courtney Atkins Swanson* became a National Board Certified teacher in November 2004. She is a school counselor in Lenoir, N.C., and lives with her husband, David and two children ages 13 and 16. *Cynthia Ingold Willets* teaches second grade at Hillcrest Elementary in Burlington, N.C.

'82 Linda Carter Laney Hodge Edwards Lesa Seay Howard

Nancy Dawson Sorg moved to Yokota Air Base, Japan, in July 2004. She has traveled to Kyoto, Sapporo and Singapore. *Amy Eidson Tayloe* works with G&B Energy in Elkin, N.C.

'83 Michelle McKay Belt Kelly Weaver Goley Lynn Vaughan Leidheiser Virginia Gentry Parker Elizabeth Parker Watson

Catherine McLeod Gilmore is a counselor at Sampson County Schools. *Connie Lineberry Hastings* is the music associate for Friendly Avenue Baptist Church in Greensboro, N.C. *Haven Godwin Parrott* spoke at the Oxford Baptist Church about her book *No*

Vacancy. She is also the founder of Women of Himfluence.

'84 Kimberly Elliott Dittmann
Evelyn Booth Hughes
Amy Dement Lowe

Deborah Spivey Creamer is a fundraising consultant for Value Checks in the Tidewater area of Virginia. She enjoys watching her son, Reid, 13, play baseball. *Kathryn Bryan Easterling* teaches kindergarten for Chatham County Schools. *Kim Bean Morgan* is the chorus teacher at Sun Valley Middle School in Indian Trail, N.C. She also works with the Union County Performance Ensemble and was the music director for "Beauty and the Beast."

'85 Zan Delner Bunn
Autney Reavis Nelms
Linda Lee Page

Anita Waters Alpenfels is the director of human resources for Moore County Schools. *Elizabeth Jane Caviness* is an attorney at Booth Harrington & Johns, LLP in Charlotte, N.C. *Lynne Stutts Davis* is the choral director at Southern Middle School in Burlington, N.C. *Margaret Garris* teaches violin lessons at Meredith College. *Monica Keele Jones* teaches music in Raleigh, N.C.

'86 Lynn Sicheloff Joyner
Nancy Shore Sawtelle
Kelley Milstead Woggon

Jeannie L. Greene-Barr is the OLIA Management Specialist for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) in Washington, D.C. *Margaret Blake Hopkins* works for the IRS as chief of the general ledger review section in W.Va. *Melanie Wenona Strickland* obtained her real estate license and is a sales associate with Century 21 Ray Mulkey Realty in Dunn, N.C. She is also an independent consultant with Southern Living at Home and continues as a freelance interior designer with Interiors by Melanie.

'87 Kelli Barefoot Stroud
Donna Wilson Thagard
Dana Pierce White

Sharon Sasser Avis, of Conover, N.C., is a stay-at-home mother for her four children. *Rosemarie Hopkins Cooper* is the principal at Overhills Middle School.

Amy Hamilton Dolan works part-time at Cardiac & Thoracic Surgical Associates as a medical secretary and full-time as a mother. *Suzanna Browne Edens* works as the senior scientist at Microbac's Southern Testing and Research Laboratories Division in Wilson, N.C. *Allison Godwin Spears* moved from rural Illinois to the Catskill Mountains of New York.

'88 Bettie Shipp Rabb
April Wall Rightmyer
Linda Froneberger Sturgill

Julia Edwards Kinlaw is partner at S. Preston Douglas & Associates, LLP in Lumberton, N.C. *Sharon McGee Sutor* is an adjunct English instructor with Davidson County Community College.

'89 Amanda Stroupe Masters
Robin Brumfield Ruffin
Iris Wilkins Turner

Angela Overton Cogdill is the professional development coordinator at Granville County Schools. *Kathy Strange Jones* is the program manager at Schneider Electric. *Denise Ann Knight* works for the NC Department of Social Services as the program compliance monitor. She is now a grandmother and has traveled in Europe aboard the Orient Express. *Caroline Mamoulides* owns her own Massage Therapy Practice at Pilot Mill in downtown Raleigh, N.C. *Cathy McLaurin* is a special projects director for a non-profit art center in Lawrence, Mass. She had an installation called "what haunts..." that explored the power of secrets on display in the Johnson Hall Rotunda at Meredith in January 2005. *Sally Van Gorder* is an assistant professor at Virginia Commonwealth University's Qatar campus.

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

Kelly Zwicknagel Damare teaches Spanish to preschoolers. *Christy Townsend Denham* teaches second grade in Spotsylvania County Schools. *Jenny Snow Doucette* teaches mathematics at Reidsville High School. *Angie Flowers* has three sons, Adam, Clay and Blakely. She is in her 13th year of teaching second

grade at Balfour Elementary School in Asheboro, N.C. She will finish a master's degree in 2005. *Deanna Harris* works for the Department of Public Instruction with teachers pursuing their board certification. *Jeannine Manning Hutson* is a writer and editor for the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. *Kim Hudson Jackson* teaches eighth grade social studies in the Currituck County School System. *Anna McCants Manley* teaches in Kingsport City Schools in Tennessee. *Audra Noelle Nunn* is the vice president/director of marketing of government card services for Bank of America. *Leah White Sugg* finished her master's in curriculum and instruction in 2004 and teaches Spanish in Randolph County. *Michelle Woodbury* works for Sabre Travel Network as the North America training manager in Southlake, Texas.

'91 Melissa Lynne Loving
Laura Peedin Moushey
Nancy Cole Reece

Sarah Kelly Burns is assistant professor at Virginia Western Community College in Roanoke, Va. *Amy Kain Mayer* serves as the senior property manager at Duke Realty. *Alesha Still McCauley* works for the N.C. Department of Public Instruction as the ESL consultant. *Kay Jernigan McGriff* participated in the Summer Writing Institute sponsored by the National Writing Project. She spent four weeks writing, researching and reflecting on the teaching of writing with other teachers from southern Indiana. *Laura S. Query* was promoted to a supervisor position at Nationwide Insurance. She has returned to school to earn a master's degree in training and performance improvement. *Carol Ann Johnson Schweikert* works for herself as an historic preservation consultant in Indiana. *Roslyn Sloop-Troutman* moved back to Raleigh from Atlanta since her husband, Scott, has changed careers. *Michelle Furr Spence* is a labor and delivery nurse at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, N.C. *Traci Baldwin Willis* has a new job teaching Bible at Mooresville High School.

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

Kelly Harris Ard works for Carteret Community College as the controller. *Avery Augustine Cameron* is owner/artist of A Southern Draw. *Kimberly Hobbs Lane* is working on a master's in school administration as a principal fellow at East Carolina University. *Kimberle Grae Melvin* is a branch manager for Southern Staircase. *Mary Kathryn Walston* is a private voice instructor in Raleigh, N.C. *Cynthia Kirkland Webb* has moved back to N.C. and is a business analyst with Syngenta Corporation in Greensboro, N.C.

'93 Courtney Marks DiFruscio
Alison Camille Grainger

Georgia Moyer Davis works in billing quality focal at IBM Corp. *Natalie Stanley Driggs* teaches English-as-a-Second-Language for New Hanover County Schools. *Kelly Phillips Erb* is a founding shareholder of The Erb Law Firm, PC, a Philadelphia, Pa. based law firm and has been appointed vice president of the Roxborough Development Corporation. *Rhonda Smith Hicks* is a manager at MCI. *Tiahna Krabacher* does inside sales and is an office manager for VMI, Inc. *Kelly Brown McCracken* was elected to serve as vice president of N.C. Jaycees in Sanford. *Jennifer Chaffin McGuire* is the vice president for merchandising-upholstery at Kincaid Furniture. *Tracy L. Vincent* works for Bobbitt Design Build as an interior designer.

'94 Amy Shepard Galvan
Jennifer Williams Gaskins
Alicia Virginia Morris

Gretchen Munshower Averette lives in Raleigh with her husband, Paul, and three children, Riley, Madalyn and Mason. *Laura Lineberger Gray* is a graphic designer for Marsh USA, Inc. in Charlotte, N.C. *Mary Carraway Kelly* is a peer review coordinator at N.C. Association of CPAs. *Amy Elizabeth Waggener* is the minister of music at First Methodist Church in Searcy, Ariz.

From *Meredith Herald* to MTV, Alumna Finds Her Focus in Music News

By Melyssa Allen

Alumna Lynda-Marie Taurasi, '02, works in a world where pop star Britney Spears' pregnancy is headline news.

As a production associate with MTV Radio Networks, Taurasi writes, copy and assists with production for VH1's syndicated music and entertainment news service. She has also performed a voice-over for a show on MTV. MTV Radio is "an extension of the MTV/VH1 brand and integration into pop culture," she says.

Listeners to Rock and Adult Alternative radio stations probably hear Taurasi's work.

"Affiliate radio stations subscribe to our news service, usually for their morning programs," she says. "We interview talent and then produce scripts with sound bites. We also produce radio specials, such as a recent two-hour radio program on U2's Rock-n-Roll Hall-of-Fame induction."

With two years of work experience in radio research behind her, Taurasi moved to New York City a few months after graduating from Meredith. She did a brief stint on Wall Street, and then joined MTV as a research analyst. While she held the research analyst position, "MTV offered a career development seminar and then I made the decision to interview for positions that better fit my skills and encompassed my background as a whole to give me a clear career path," Taurasi says. Now she has a job that she calls a dream come true.

"All I ever really wanted to do was work in music, and ever since I was a kid that always meant MTV," Taurasi says. "Writing about music and entertainment was sparked in high school and developed in college." She



served as a music columnist for *The Meredith Herald* while she was earning a Bachelor of Arts in communication.

One reality of working in entertainment is that "it can sometimes feel like the curtain has been pulled back and the magic is revealed." Another challenge is that "we can't really get

excited when we meet [musicians], not in the moment at least."

"You want to say 'I have loved you since I was five years old' but instead, you have to smile and say, 'Nice to meet you. We'll start whenever you are ready,'" Taurasi explains, "It's a job first and foremost."

Her Meredith education provided a foundation for the opportunities she's earned at MTV and beyond, Taurasi says. "Meredith definitely taught me how to present myself, create a successful portfolio, network and other basic career development skills." She will begin a media studies program at The New School University this fall, and hopes to eventually work in the academic arena. "It's a great program that offers a master's that focuses on theory and practicum – so I will be acquiring new skills in media," she says.

Taurasi hopes to help Meredith students join her in the Big Apple by establishing a connection between MTV and Meredith that will help students intern with the company. She would also like to help the College plan undergraduate networking trips to the city.

"It would be nice for recent graduates in the NYC chapter to be able to reach out to undergrads and vice versa," Taurasi says. "A career in New York is more attainable than [students] may realize."

'95 Beth Morris Nance Stacey Young Penn Catherine Davis Rideout

Amanda Greathouse Byrd works for Anesthesiology Consultants, PC, as the office manager in Savannah, Ga. *Tabitha Snyder Byrd* is the senior program analyst and training officer at U.S. Small Business Administration in Washington, D.C. *Lesli Olivia Chastain* won the Pinnacle award for a major collection from the American Society of Furniture Design. She is the director of product design at Fine Furniture Design and Marketing in High Point, N.C. *Kendra Dillingham* works for Case Consulting Services as the office manager. *Amy Moore Ingram* is the program manager at Cisco Systems with Harte-Hanks. *Kristin Applehans McLaughlin* is the owner of Kidz SOLutions in Newport News, Va. *Emily Griffith Potts* teaches at Danville Public Schools in Virginia. *Jennifer Lee Thompson* works for Insight Imaging as the registered diagnostic medical sonographer. *Andrea Adams Turner* is the lead pianist for Soapstone United Methodist Church. *Heather Barnes Vann* is a mortgage originator with Southern Bank in Rocky Mount, N.C.

'96 Perri Sutton Mathews Molly F. Shepherd Amy J. Harper Watkins

Allison Carroll has been named one of the "Top 40 under 40" by *The Triangle Business Journal*. *Meredith Gordon Clifton* is a physician assistant for Novant Health/Forsyth Pediatrics. *Angela Carbone Council* is a school social worker for Franklin County Schools. *Kimberly Cummings Jenkins* teaches for Wake County Public Schools. *Elaine Parker King* is a financial consultant at N.C. Partnership for Children. *Tami Allen Love* is a software engineer for Cisco Systems, Inc. *Beth Smith Maxie* is a tax auditor for the N.C. Department of Revenue.

'97 Heather Dinklage-Travis Jennifer Lyn Koener Amy Rooks

Heather Black is working in Washington, D.C., with the Family Violence Prevention Fund on a capital fundraising campaign to raise money for the building of the

International Center to End Violence. *Carrie Snider Cogbill* leads the Family Readiness Group attached to her husband, Jamie's, unit on dealing with being a soldier's spouse. *Monica Faircloth Crolle* received her BSN (RN) from Emory University in 2001. She is attending graduate school at Duke to become a neonatal nurse practitioner. She is an RN in the Intensive Care Nursery at Duke University Hospital. *Shannon Louise Day* is an officer for the United States Marine Corps. *Clyda Wood Pasquantonio* works at New Hanover Regional Medical Center as an RN and received her BSN in 2004 from Indiana University. *Lori Goforth Shaw* was the Teacher of the Year at Cary Elementary School for the 2004-05 year. *Cindy Thornton* teaches at Franklinton High School and earned a Master of Education in school counseling in May 2005. *Sarah Fitzgerald Wallace* teaches elementary school music for Pen Argyl Area School District in Pennsylvania.

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

Amy E. Flaherty is a third grade teacher for Wake County Public Schools. *Jill L. Green* is the senior assistant director of admissions at N.C. State University. *Melodie H. Green* teaches fourth grade at Eno Valley Elementary School. *Alice E. Henrick* is featured in the ASID Designer Showhouse for her breakfast room design. She is a founding partner and designer for Provenance Interiors, which specializes in historical residential design. *Dondi Pate Hobbs* teaches first grade at Duplin County Schools. *Candace Whitehurst Lehw* is the curriculum specialist for Holly Ridge Elementary School. *Mary K. Long* has joined The Brite Agency as a web/graphic designer and also serves as designer and advertising consultant for The Pack Square Conservancy. *Catherine Fronabarger Lott* is a jewelry buyer for 45 Nordstrom stores in Lisle, IL. *Ann Nicole Norton* teaches for Wake County Public Schools. *Geanelle L. Parker* is a research analyst at Value Options,

Inc. *Anna Maria Pellizzari* completed her Master of Education at N.C. State in May 2004. She has relocated to New York City, N.Y., where she works at Pryor Cashman Sherman & Flynn LLP in entertainment/media law while pursuing a career in the performing arts. *Jennifer Richardson Reading* was trained by the Baptist State Convention to serve as a regional preschool resource specialist for churches. *Ginny Bonkemeyer Rushing* teaches fourth grade at McKinney Independent Schools in Texas.

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

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Alumna and Her Dog Provide Special Therapy at Raleigh Hospital

By Melyssa Allen

An unexpected New Year's Day trip to visit her father at the hospital inspired a new beginning for Meredith alumna Laura Burke, '99.

In January 2000, an emergency caused Burke to rush to see her father at WakeMed, a Raleigh, N.C. hospital. Burke brought along her dog, Baby Anna, who Burke had adopted as a graduation gift to herself. In her haste, Burke didn't stop to think that Baby Anna might not be allowed.

Burke says "thanks to the help of the wonderful team at the medical center," her father pulled through. She decided that night to train Baby Anna as a pet therapy dog, as a way to give back to the hospital.

Following training and "Canine Good Citizen" classes, Baby Anna and Burke have worked for nearly two years providing pet therapy in WakeMed's pediatrics ward. Baby Anna has recently earned certification as a pediatrics ICU dog.

Twice a month, the pair travels to WakeMed "to hopefully bring a smile to someone's face," Burke says. Burke believes that by performing a few tricks for the children, Baby Anna also "provides a little therapy for the parents and nurses."

According to the WakeMed web site, the hospital's "Hospitality Pets Program" has been in operation since 1985. It was established in response to the need for programming that would provide sensory stimulation as well as encourage socialization and communication in patients.

One Thanksgiving, Burke and Baby Anna visited a little girl with a back injury "who was not in the best of spirits," but Baby Anna was able to bring a smile to her face. Burke says the girl's father told her the visit had made their Thanksgiving and he could not thank her enough.

"I told him, 'no sir, it is you who has made our Thanksgiving,'" Burke said.

Providing pet therapy "puts life in perspective and makes me think about how fortunate we are," Burke says. "It helps me understand what truly qualifies as a bad day."



works for Duke University Medical Center as the pediatric bone marrow transplant unit staff assistant. **Kelly Roder** is the special events assistant and historic interpreter for Sully Historic Site in Fairfax, Va. She is also working on her Master of Arts in history at George Mason University. **Jessica L. Short** is the project manager for Carolina Business Interiors. **Beverly L. Taylor** is featured in the ASID Designer Showhouse for her master bedroom design. Her full service interior design firm, Beverly Taylor Design, was founded in 1999. **Tanya Nicholson Wilson** is an appraisal coordinator for World Savings Bank in Greenboro, N.C. **Rebecca Horne Wood** is senior vice president for Alpha Omega Health, Inc.

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Amanda Renee Ball works for Martin Architectural in purchasing. **Tammy Overton Blackwell** teaches kindergarten for Granville County Schools. **Meredith Jordan Croom** works at Peak Performace Sports & Physical Therapy. **Melissa K. Currin** purchased a new house and won the Annual Olympian Award for the Northeast Region for Relationship Bankers at BB&T. **Megan B. Deane** is a sales representative for Kellogg's and addressed her Meredith little sister class at the Senior Induction Ceremony in April 2005. **Allison H. Eargle** works for Opus 1, Inc. **Keisha R. Helms** is a loan officer at State Employees' Credit Union in Raleigh, N.C. **Jenni Brady Hight** is a disability examiner at NCDSS. **Melissa Everette Jeffreys** works for the Raleigh Music Center as the lesson coordinator and flute instructor. **Elizabeth Underhill LeConey** works at Duke Clinical Research Institute as the staff assistant. **Jessica C. Lineberry** is the corporate accountant for WakeMed. **Penny Johnson-Young McCumber** is a human resources consultant for Strategic Outsourcing, Inc. in Charlotte, N.C. **Caroline Mercer** completed her child life internship at Johns Hopkins Children's Center in Baltimore, Md, and graduated from East Carolina University in May 2005 with a Master of Science in child development and family relations with a specialization in child life. **Stephanie Stewart Moore** teaches second grade at Apex Elementary. **Karin Smith Mowrer** teaches at Kannapolis City Schools. **Kimberly Pearce** is a proprietor for Cindrella's Ultimate Revenge, a resale boutique. **Deidra Smith** is the account balancing specialist at State Employees' Credit Union. **Laurie Wolf Stephens** is an inside account manager for Cisco Systems, Inc. **Lindsay M. Sutton** is an account

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**'05 Kendra Keech
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MARRIAGES

1989 Katy Weatherly to Robert F. Benningfield, Jr., 4/2/05.

1990 Anna McCants to Chris Lamar Manley, 6/19/04.

1993 Kathlene Stacie Hicks to Adam Patrick Woodlief, 11/20/04.
Tiahna Krabacher to Billy McDowell, 4/23/05.

1995 Elaine Christina Hondros to Wesley Robert Reed, 11/13/04. **April M. Jones** to Joshua Zimmer, 7/25/04. **Lynn Sauls** to Jeff Petillo, 9/17/05.

1996 Mary Hillary McGee to Daniel Barrett Lacouture, 10/16/04. **Jennifer L. Stables** to Michael Hudson Cole, 12/20/03.

1997 Amber Benton Lawson to Ryan Joe Lawson, 1/2/05.

1998 Catherine Fronabarger to Garen Lott, 5/15/04. **Susan Elizabeth Jenkins** to Richard Allen Isenhour, Jr., 10/23/04. **Aubrey Leigh Sexton** to Will Maynard Poe, 11/13/04. **Kathleen Arianne Shelton** to Richard Yow, 11/6/04.

1999 Susan E. Barkley to Yancy Scot Strickland, 9/18/04. **Hadley Robertson** to Daniel Lee, Jr., 5/8/04. **Tammy Weaver** to Bennie Pulliam, III, 3/12/05.

2000 Leslie Nicole Allen to Danny Hartwell Mangum, 8/13/04. **Meredith Ashley Bynum** to Brian Seth Lee, 4/9/05. **Stephanie Leigh Cook** to Robert Lloyd Buchanan, 9/4/04. **Nicole Lynn Ford** to Michael Lawrence Allen, 9/26/04. **Mary Virginia Tripp** to Kevin Dean Farmer, 10/16/04.

2001 Leigh Akers to Chad Stoop, 10/9/04. **Jessica Margaret Dillard** to Michael W. Huff, 8/7/04.

2002 Megann Elise Clark to Michael Gordon Marsalis, Jr., 10/16/04. **Kelly Nicole Fish** to Dusty Jay Wilson, 12/18/04. **Stephanie Jordan** to Mac Mayberry, 10/2/04. **Jennifer Anne Thursfield** to Benjamin Atlas Swain, 12/18/04. **Katie Anna Watson** to Richard Warren Gaylord, III, 1/1/05. **Julie Hayne Woodward** to William Travis Cash, 11/6/04.

2003 Jennifer Brady to Christopher Vance Hight, 3/12/05. **Crystal Ann Canady** to Christopher Paul Dixon, 4/30/05. **Angel Beth Coats** to David Harold Penny, Jr., 10/16/04. **Lauren Elizabeth Futrell** to William Edward Hicks, 10/2/04. **Virginia Brooks Kale** to Charles Alderman Shaw, 12/4/04. **Sauna Elizabeth Mclver** to Brian Frederick

Alexander, 10/16/04. **Amanda Suzanne Rathbone** to Andrew Henderson, 8/9/04. **Mary Catherine Stegall** to Michael Thomas Harrell, 1/15/05. **Elizabeth A. Underhill** to Josh LeConey, 4/30/05. **Deborah Lee Wilson** to John Kevin Gomulka, 10/8/04.

2004 Kelly Jean Byrd to Carlton Lee Barnwell, 10/9/04.

BIRTHS

1987 Tabitha Hall Alexander a daughter, Kirkland Cecil, 3/28/05.

1988 Jo Ann Finch Strickland a son, Matthew Cottrell, 6/23/04.

1989 Charlotte Wilder Ecker a daughter, Elena Caroline, 9/28/04. **Paula Rogers Wagner** a son, Jackson Marshall, 9/29/04.

1990 Kelly Zwicknagel Damare a son, Joseph Paul "JP", 4/26/04. **Kimberly Hudson Jackson** a daughter, Eleanor "Ellie" Grace, 12/6/04.

1991 Raven Joyner Edwards a son, Parker White, 8/15/02. **Amy Kain Mayer** a daughter, Katherine Grace, 9/5/04. **Rebecca Ward Reece** a daughter, Lindsey Alexa, 5/20/04. **Linda Bryant Smith** sons, Luke Wesley and Toby John, 4/7/05. **Vanessa Taylor Ussery** a daughter, Lydia Faye, 11/26/04.

1992 Kelly Harris Ard a son, Jerry Fore Ard, III "Trey", 8/31/04. **Kimberly Hobbs Lane** a daughter, Isabella Grace, 12/4/04.

1993 Sherry Short Frazier a son, Samuel Ryan, 10/20/04. **Marion Grizzard Hudson** a son, Adam Berkeley, 1/29/04. **Jennifer Chaffin McGuire** a son, Parker Chaffin, 8/20/04. **Stacy Young Pace** a daughter, Jessica Louise, 10/27/04. **Jennifer Robbins Thompson** a son, Jacob Nathaniel, 6/22/04. **Jonell Ward Williams** a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, 4/17/04.

1994 Susan Taylor Long a son, Hayden Thomas, 4/21/03. **Lori Watson Strickland** a son, Justin Bradley, 6/14/04.

1995 Missy Barakat Boyd a daughter, Hayden Claire, 3/23/05. **Molly Canipe Lyle** a daughter, Julia Scott, 5/14/04. **Carolyn Ashby McMurray** a daughter, Caleigh Elizabeth, 3/16/05. **Mary Hasty Barron Millen** a son, William Vance, 3/20/05. **Elizabeth Smith Wetherell** a daughter, Jessica Ruth, 2/18/04.

1996 Meredith Gordon Clifton a daughter, Caroline Roberts, 3/27/05. **Erin May Hartman** a daughter, Delancey May, 2/16/04. **Lisa Powell Loffin** a son, Hayden Michael, 2/16/05. **Mendy Johnson Marcin** a daughter, Emilee Ann, 2/4/05. **Tiffany Currin Perry** a daughter, Natalie Elizabeth, 10/28/04. **Michele Griffin Swart** a son, Noah Christopher, 6/24/04. **Angela McGlamery Tucker** a daughter, Meredith Emerson, 12/8/04.

1997 Amy Pace Hasty a son, Parker Alan, 8/6/04. **Virginia Wilson Hunsberger** a son, Wilson Levi, 4/6/04. **Abbie Thye Knobl** a son, Kyle Brian, 3/9/05. **Deborah Handy Martin** a son, William Hastings Martin, II, 12/27/04. **Ashley Parr-Henderson** a daughter, Ryen Marie, 4/3/05.

1998 Pamela Goodwin Beruk a daughter, Sophia Grace, 9/18/04. **Renee Charboneau Collins** a daughter, Maylee Noelle, 9/25/04. **Dot Livesay Gardner** a son, Eli Justus, 12/28/04. **Molly Pless Gauley** a son, Bryson Carter, 7/10/04. **Kathy Pilgreen Howard** a son, Robert Howard, IV "Ives", 9/15/04. **Stephanie Conger Jordan** a daughter, Abigail Lee, 4/26/04. **Amy Woodard Marriott** a son, William Robert, 11/17/04.

1999 Jessica Watson Davenport a son, Carter Watson, 10/8/04. **Michelle Verdegaal Gray** a daughter, Alexandra Fleur, 8/2/04. **Courtney Craver Hardman** a daughter, Taylor Anne, 8/19/04. **Mary Hannah Edwards Sasser** a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, 9/3/04.

2000 Christen Brewer Franks a daughter, Reagan Leigh, 1/27/05. **Elizabeth Anderson Goodwin** a daughter, Elizabeth Jennings, 11/4/04.

2002 *Nikki Culin Williams* a son, Jackson Dean, 1/6/05.

2003 *Lori P. Anderson* a daughter, Ella Grace, 4/4/05.

DEATHS

1930 *Annette Boney Foyles*, 9/9/04.

1931 *Theta Faughn Jackson*, 3/11/05.
Frances Cox Morrison, 12/26/04.
Sally Elliott Pottage, 2/28/05.

1932 *Helen Privette Murray*, 12/13/04.

1933 *Helen Dozier Pietsch*, 1/15/05.

1934 *Frances Gray Bryan*, 12/30/04.
Mary Cummings Howard, 2/01/05.
Bee Cotner Separk, 3/1/05.
Eleanor Beddingfield Smith, 1/24/05.

1935 *Hazel Faulkner Edwards*, 3/21/05. *Minnie Brooks Merrell*, 2/15/05.

1936 *Ruth Morgan Worthington*, 9/22/04.

1938 *Dorothy Horne Decker*, 3/25/05.

1939 *Alta Critcher Harrington*, 11/28/04. *Lucy Rogers Kaler*, 12/20/04. *Alice Glasgow MacKenzie*, 2/9/05.

1940 *Evelyn Wooten Belton*, 11/16/04. *Gertrude Foster Boone*, 10/15/04.

1941 *Rachel Maness Straight*, 1/2/05.

1942 *Nancy Calloway Bost*, 10/30/04.

1945 *Evelyn Gwaltney Davidson*, 12/23/04.

1946 *Emily Lassiter Sheely*, 1/9/05.

1948 *Jean Beckman Lovelace*, 2/25/05.

1952 *Peggy Poole Buie*, 2/05/05.
Janet Tatum Davenport, 11/12/04.

1953 *Patricia Dula Davis*, 12/30/04.

1955 *Jettie Bradshaw Miller*, 2/20/05.

1957 *Lorine Smith Caveness*, 2/19/05.

1959 *Anne Woodside Van Nostrand*, 12/17/04.

1971 *Cassandra McRorie Thompson*, 3/23/05.

1977 *Jacqueline Minson Ball*, 3/6/05.

1980 *Melanie Jean Morgan*, 2/17/05.

1987 *Martha Ellen Vaughan*, 12/01/04.

SYMPATHY

1930 *Edna Beddingfield Yarborough* in the death of her sister.

1938 *Lib Nanney Page* in the death of her husband.

1939 *Grace C. Dunkley* in the death of her husband.

1944 *Madeline Latta Purcell* in the death of her husband.

1946 *Lillian Lineberry Bedford* in the death of her husband. *Frances Pope Newton* in the death of her son.

1947 *Gene Horton Arthurs* in the death of her son.

1949 *Rita Britt Williams* in the death of her mother and father.

1954 *Melba Barbour Arnold* in the death of her husband. *Nelia Edwards Borrer* in the death of her husband. *Rebecca Wicker Clayton* in the death of her husband. *Sonny Hamilton Quinn* in the death of her mother.

1955 *Rebecca Calloway Daniel* in the death of her sister.

1956 *Mish English Smith* in the death of her mother.

1963 *Annette McFall Epps* in the death of her mother.

1964 *Sandra Sessoms* in the death of her mother.

1968 *Patsy Wilson Lockhart* in the death of her husband.

1969 *Mary Helen Simms Patterson* in the death of her father. *Marilyn Childress Vernon* in the death of her father.

1974 *Frances Gurganus Burden* in the death of her mother and father. *Martha Beale Eppes* in the death of her husband.

1975 *Jean Jackson* in the death of her aunt.

1976 *Pam Wrenn Gilliam* in the death of her son.

1977 *Peggy Beale* in the death of her brother-in-law. *Anne Edge Dale* in the death of her father. *Jan Stewart Hinson* in the death of her mother. *Evelyn Buie Shytle* in the death of her mother.

1978 *Celia Brown Mitchell* in the death of her husband.

1979 *Landis Beddingfield* in the death of her aunt. *Anne Arnold Keen* in the death of her father. *Kim Lathan Neisler* in the death of her father.

1981 *Mary Peterson Coble* in the death of her husband.

1982 *Mary Kay Wilson Carpenter* in the death of her father. *Julie Knott Watson* in the death of her father.

1987 *Tabitha Hall Alexander* in the death of her father. *Lisa Barnett Burch* in the death of her father.

1990 *Jayne Potter Teel* in the death of her father.

1995 *Catherine Davis Rideout* in the death of her grandfather.

1996 *Emily Robinette Harpe* in the death of her grandfather.

1997 *Virginia Wilson Hunsberger* in the death of her father.

1999 *Jennifer Pugh Matthis* in the death of her father.

2001 *Jennifer Lyn Howard* in the death of her mother.

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