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Campus News

AN UPDATE ON THE EVENTS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE MEREDITH COLLEGE CAMPUS

MEREDITH TRADITION TURNS INTO WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

by Melyssa Allen and Kristen Scott, '05

On April 1, Meredith College celebrated its famous “memory lines assignment” and attempted to set a *Guinness Book* world record at the same time.

The world record attempted was for the most people reading aloud in the same location. The text used was from Geoffrey Chaucer’s *The Canterbury Tales*, in honor of Meredith’s longstanding memory lines assignment of reciting 18-20 lines of Chaucer’s *General Prologue to The Canterbury Tales* in Middle English.

An estimated 300 Meredith College students, alumnae, faculty/staff and others came to McIver Amphitheater for the event. If there is a world record for long distance participation in a world record attempt, that



might go to Suzanne Pomeranz, '72, who called in from Jerusalem in order to read along.

This memory lines tradition, which is part of the English 201 – Major British Writers class, is one that has been in place for decades.

“As a product of Meredith, and, more specifically, the Meredith English department, the reading was a fun way to reconnect with

Meredith and with current students,” said participant Leslie Maxwell, '01.

John Kincheloe, media specialist at Meredith, sparked the interest for this idea around a year ago. The convocation committee at Meredith chose to sponsor the attempt as a part of the yearlong campus focus on “Medieval Worlds.”

“The ‘Chaucer Memory Lines Assignment’ has caused groans for genera-

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NINTH ANNUAL LATINO FORUM HELD AT MEREDITH COLLEGE

by Melyssa Allen

El Pueblo, Inc, a nonprofit statewide policy and advocacy organization, held its ninth annual Latino Forum (El Foro Latino) at Meredith College on Saturday, March 6 and Sunday, March 7.

More than 650 people attended the conference, which has become one of the most important Latino events in the state. El Foro Latino offered a diverse agenda of workshops, presentations and roundtables, covering topics such as state and federal legislative updates, health, community organizing, driver’s license updates, immigration and farm-worker issues.

The keynote speaker for the opening ceremony was Salvador Balcorta, the chief executive officer for Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe in El Paso, Texas. Balcorta is a community organizer, national leader and a Chicano poet. Workshops offered included “Latino or Hispanic? Learning About Our Community,” “Education: Latinos and the Public School System” and “On the Job: The Rights of the Latino Worker.”

Over 120 young people age 13-19 also participated in the corresponding Youth Forum, or El Foro Juvenil, which took place at Meredith on the same weekend. With a

theme of “Our Bodies, Our Minds, Our Future,” the Youth Forum brought together Latino youth and youth leaders from across North Carolina to discuss topics including tobacco use prevention, community organizing and money management.

El Foro Latino and El Foro Juvenil are just two of the events and programs sponsored by El Pueblo, a North Carolina nonprofit statewide advocacy and policy organization dedicated to strengthening the Latino community. For more information, visit www.elpueblo.org.

Newsmakers

Doug Spero, assistant professor of communication, discussed indecency in the media, on WPTF Radio. Spero also served as a convocation speaker at Lenoir-Rhyne College, where he gave a speech titled "The Brave Reporters Who Covered the Brave Civil Rights Leaders of the 1960s."

Clyde Frazier, professor of politics, appeared on the WRAZ-Fox 50 Morning News to discuss the Democratic presidential primaries and the upcoming general election.

Mary-Kathryn Pate, '04, was awarded the Pre-professional/ Graduate Student of the Year Award by the North Carolina Association of Family and Consumer Sciences on March 6. This award was presented at the Annual Meeting of NCAFCFS, which was held in Hickory, N.C. Her leadership as chair of the Student Section of NCAFCFS and president of MAFCS, her enthusiasm for the profession, and her commitment to involving students from all colleges and universities in North Carolina made her an excellent recipient for this award, according to Shannon Baynor Braxton, chair of the Awards Committee.

Allen Page, professor of religion and philosophy, was the subject of a Q&A in *The News & Observer's* university news section. Page discussed the topic of the depiction of Jesus in the movies, including in Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*. Page was also the guest on Tom Kearney's WPTF radio show, *Open Line*, discussing topics including his career at Meredith, his Spring 2004 lecture on the many faces of Jesus, and the image of Jesus in films such as *The Passion of the Christ*.

Ann Gleason, dean of students, was quoted in an article titled "Local Schools Revise Systems," on ways colleges help protect students from identity theft, in the March 15 issue of *The News & Observer*.

Diane Ellis, professor of human environmental sciences, was interviewed for a News 14 story on the Meredith Fashion Association's Cinderella Project. The story, about the effort to collect and distribute gently used prom dresses to local high school students, ran numerous times.

Charletta Sims, director of commuter life and diversity programs, presented at the 7th Annual Symposium on the Recruitment and Retention of Students of Color, held April 25-27 in Kansas City. Sims presentation was titled "Minority Orientation Programs at Predominately White Institutions: Segregation or Preparedness?"

Susan Fisher, associate professor of human environmental sciences, recently presented a talk on Food Runners, a collaborative to reduce hunger, in which she participates here in Raleigh, at the annual Southern Gerontological Conference in Atlanta. Her special area of research is geriatric nutrition.

Anne York, assistant professor of business, was quoted in "New Jobs Calling," in *The News & Observer's* March 22 issue. The article discussed the positive and negative impact on North Carolina's economy resulting from the opening of new calling centers.

WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

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tions of Meredith students," said Kincheloe. "With this event we can all have some grins with it. Meredith students get a chance to claim bragging rights for what they know."

The world record attempt has already inspired some light-hearted bragging among alumnae.

"The math and science departments got a new building, but the English department gets a world record," said Christy Sadler, '03, who was an English major and now works at Oxford University Press.

The world record has not yet been verified. Guinness takes record setting very seriously and therefore much preparation went into making this bid. In order to set the world record, participants were required to recite Chaucer for five minutes. An official steward was assigned to every group of 10-15



Vice President for Student Development Jean Jackson, '75, helps Suzanne Pomeranz, '72, who phoned in from Jerusalem, take part in the recitation.

people, making sure this requirement was fulfilled, and attendees had to sign a participation agreement. Also, video footage and endorsements by two respected members of the community are required along with the paperwork to receive the world record.

"To be able to set a world record is definitely a once in a lifetime experience that I didn't expect to have when I came to college," said student Crystal Robinson.



Theatre students added authenticity to the event by dressing in period costumes.

Celebrating Student Achievement Day featured poster sessions as well as other research presentations.



Excellence Recognized During Celebrating Student Achievement Day

by Melyssa Allen

Nearly every building on the Meredith College campus was filled with examples of undergraduate excellence on Thursday, April 22, as the College held its annual Celebrating Student Achievement Day.

Director of Undergraduate Research Rhonda Zingraff expressed her pleasure with the day.

“Even though our first Celebrating Student Achievement Day last year was just a wonderful experience, I believe the general consensus is that this year’s event was even better,” Zingraff said. “I have heard that from so many people. I was especially impressed by how many sessions had a standing room only audience this year, making it so clear that campus attention to students’ research is getting stronger.”

Meredith honored students for their accomplishments as scholars, researchers, artists, and leaders. The day’s events included an undergraduate research conference, academic and leadership awards presentations, departmental receptions, arts presentations and a dance concert.

More than 200 students participated in some way, including presenting research projects, performing in arts showcases, and sharing information on

leadership, study abroad or service learning projects.

The majority of the day focused on research presentations. Topics ranged from “Intimate Environments and Personal Effects” and “Remembering, Learning and Literacy, to “Symbolism and Motivation on the Human Stage.”

According to Zingraff, Celebrating Student Achievement Day is an opportunity to spotlight talent at Meredith.

“By offering us a whole day to focus on the terrific scholarship that goes on here, and to really notice...how much talent and accomplishment we have all around us, it shows what marvelous dividends we really do gain from everyone’s hard work all through the year. Without this, Meredith would still be remarkable, but with a muted awareness of how much so. With this, we can all see it and applaud it.”

Visit www.meredith.edu/achievement for more information.



Using the experience of insight as a linkage to creativity, fashion design student Brandi Coore, '06, designed and created this gown as an interpretation of her response to the sculpture behind it. Faculty sponsor Mitzi Cook challenged fashion design students Coore, Lisa Hamilton, Virginia Nixon and Jennifer Rice to look at assorted stimuli such as sculpture and architecture as a source of inspiration for creating life-sized structures for the human form.

Meredith College Interior Design Students Win Statewide Competition

The work of three Meredith College students majoring in interior design was recognized at the Carolinas Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (CCASID) spring meeting, held March 27.

Senior Kelley Myerberg, of Chapel Hill, won first place in the 2004 Otto Zenke Competition project for her restaurant design, Typhoon. Myerberg received \$750 and the Meredith College Interior Design program received a matching \$750.

Seniors Andrea Knox, of Benson, and Kristen Oldham, of Winterville, won second place for their restaurant design, The Lobby. They shared a \$500 cash prize.

The annual Otto Zenke student competition is open to all college and university Interior Design programs with Student Chapters of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) in North and South Carolina.

Zenke was esteemed as one of the top interior designers in the world; he had design studios in Greensboro, New York and London. A scholarship fund was established in his memory for interior design students in the Carolinas. This year the competition's project specifications were for the design of an upscale restaurant.

—Heather Crenshaw



FRIENDS OF LIBRARY DINNER FEATURES NOVELIST MARGARET MARON, ARTIST JOE MARON

Novelist Margaret Maron and her husband, artist Joe Maron, were the keynote speakers at Meredith College's Friends of the Carlyle Campbell Library Annual Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, March 23.

Margaret Maron is an accomplished author of mystery novels, many set in the countryside near Raleigh. Her novels feature detectives Sigrid Harald and Deborah Knott. Her most recent book, *Last Lessons of Summer*, features Deborah Knott. *Bootlegger's Daughter*, the novel in which Deborah Knott debuts, won major mystery writing awards when it was published in 1993.

Joe Maron, faculty emeriti at Meredith, is an artist who has shown his work in public and private viewings and collections. He taught in Meredith's art department from 1972-1987.

—Erin Hege, '04

Meredith College Sponsors Successful Cinderella Project

This spring, the Meredith Fashion Association (MFA) collaborated with Cary Towne Center to help local high school women feel like Cinderella. For the third year, the Meredith Fashion Association sponsored its "Cinderella Project," through which formal dresses in good condition are collected for local area high school girls who cannot afford their own dress for the prom.

In previous years, the dress collection and distribution events were held on Meredith's campus. This year, Cary Towne Center provided space in the mall for three drop-off dates, March 14–16 and two distribution dates, March 25 and 27. Cary Towne Center also provided a \$10 gift certificate to use at shoe stores at the mall to anyone who made a dress donation.

Nearly 600 dresses were collected, and 170 dresses were distributed, surpassing the organizers' goal to give away 100. Diane Ellis, professor of human environmental science, is MFA's faculty adviser. The project attracted the attention of the local media, with segments airing on the local 24-hour news station News 14 Carolina, on radio's G-105, and articles in *The News & Observer* and *The Cary News*.

—Melyssa Allen

Meredith Fashion Association President Amanda Schardt, '05, helps high school student Sasha Fowlkes during the the Cinderella Project.

Dateline Meredith

Meredith Hosts 2004 Holocaust Observance

Meredith College hosted the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust's 2004 Holocaust Observance program on Sunday, April 18 in Jones Auditorium. The afternoon presentation featured a discussion led by filmmaker and author Joshua Green about his 1998 Emmy-nominated film *Witness: Voices from the Holocaust*, a documentary based on the filmed testimonies of 19 Holocaust survivors. Green also delivered the keynote address on "Justice at Dachau: The Trials of an American Prosecutor."

The participants of the fifth annual student art and writing exhibition were recognized during the event, which concluded with a candlelight vigil by Holocaust survivors and their families.

—Erin Hege, '04

Meredith Hosts N.C. State Science Fair

On April 30, Meredith College served as host of the North Carolina State Science Fair for the second year. Students ranging from third grade to twelfth grade from eight different regions in North Carolina competed. The students had to have already won two preliminary fairs to get to this level. Bayer Biological Products, Fisher Scientific, GlaxoSmithKline and Progress Energy are among the companies that contributed to this event.

Virginia Knight, dean of the School of Natural & Mathematical Sciences, and John Mecham, professor of biology, serve as liaisons for Meredith College and the N.C. State Science Fair. "Many professionals got the impetus to go into the sciences through science fairs," Mecham said. "It is a wonderful way to promote the sciences and for Meredith College to encourage youth to excel in the field of science." —Kristen Scott, '05



Summer Reading Book Chosen

Meredith College freshmen will spend the summer reading *Naked in Baghdad* by NPR correspondent Anne Garrels, this year's Summer Reading Book selection. The book is Garrels' account of her work in Baghdad in the months leading up to the invasion of Iraq in 2003. The Summer Reading Book committee described the book as "lively, accessible, and well written. It raises fascinating questions about the conflict in Iraq, our understanding of the Middle East in general, and the ways information is gathered and disseminated by news media."

McCullough Named Business Woman of the Year

Claire McCullough, Assistant vice president for graduate and professional studies, has been selected as Business Woman of the Year by the Raleigh chapter of the Business and Professional Women's organization (BPW/Raleigh). McCullough will compete for the BPW statewide honor in the fall.

Each year BPW/Raleigh selects a local candidate to be honored as their Business Woman of the Year. She must exemplify the ideals of BPW in action by being a role model and leader of integrity who has made significant contributions to her field of endeavor, other women and her community. BPW/Raleigh, founded in 1919, is a local organization working to obtain political, professional and personal growth for working women. It counts among its members working women in all positions including business owners, corporate executives, professionals and elected officials.

McCullough holds a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. —Melyssa Allen



Pre-Holiday Shopping Trip to New York City

Join Meredith alumnae to enjoy a pre-holiday trip to New York City this November 12–14. Plans include a visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Frick Museum, walking tour of Chinatown and Little Italy, a special reception to meet New York alumnae, and free time to shop, eat and see Broadway shows. The cost for this trip is \$699/per person double occupancy or \$599/per person, quadruple occupancy. A \$300 deposit is due Sept. 1, and the balance is due Oct. 1, 2004. Price includes airfare, transfers, accommodations in a first-class hotel in a great neighborhood, and admission to museums and tours. Make checks payable to Meredith College and mail to Blue Greenberg, Office of Alumnae and Parent Relations, Meredith College, 3800 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, 27607. Call (919) 760-2860 with questions.

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Plan a French Vacation with Meredith Alumnae

Plans are being finalized now for an alumnae tour of France, from Provence to Paris, June 26–July 6, 2005. The tour is to begin in Nice, where the group will stay for several days, checking out the world of the impressionists. There will also be time to visit Cannes and Monte Carlo. Then the tour will travel north by private motor coach, through wine and cheese country, stopping to see the Caves at Lascaux, the great medieval church at Moissac, and the chateau at Chambord. The trip ends with four nights in Paris accented by visits to the Louvre, courier shows, and a culinary extravaganza. Check the Meredith web site, at www.meredith.edu/alumnae/travelprogram.htm for more information, or call Blue

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Sculpture Inspires Arts Collaboration, Performance

by Melyssa Allen

A sculpture on display at the North Carolina Museum of Art inspired a recent interdisciplinary performance by Meredith's arts programs.

Becky Bailey, dean of the School of the Arts, said Meredith was invited to create an hour-long interdisciplinary performance in conjunction with the museum's "Defying Gravity" exhibition. The creative work, titled "Flight Patterns: The Spirit Can Soar," was performed twice on April 30 in the N.C. Museum of Art's Auditorium.

Bailey said that Meredith has "a longstanding record of collaboration on projects with the museum, and when they contacted me about the Michael Richards project (museum officials) said that they would like us to work with them because we have been one of their most dedicated and reliable partners."

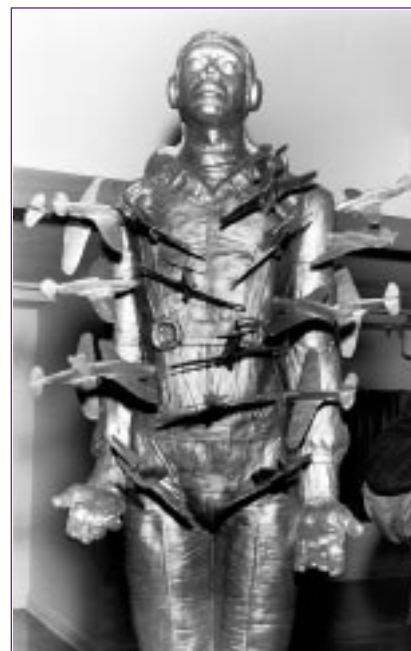
The performance was inspired by a sculpture, "Tar Baby vs. St. Sebastian," by artist Michael Richards. N.C. Museum of Art materials describe the sculpture, which was made from a cast of Richards' body, in this way – "(Richards) is dressed as one of the famed Tuskegee airmen. Unlike traditional St. Sebastian imagery, in which the martyred saint is shot with arrows, the body of Richards' sculpture is pierced with airplanes."

This imagery now seems eerie, because Richards had a studio in the World Trade Center and died in the Sept. 11 attacks. The sculpture was also thought to be lost, but Richards' family had the piece and allowed it to be in the exhibition.

"Flight Patterns: The Spirit Can Soar," featured work by each of Meredith's arts departments – music, dance, theatre and visual arts.

Bailey said the work was designed to illustrate that "the human spirit is transcendent."

The performance opened with dance, which incorporated a videotaped performance projected behind a live performance featuring capoeira, a Brazilian martial arts/dance form rooted in African slave culture in colonial Brazil. Meredith Dance Theatre performed in



Michael Richards, Tar Baby vs. St. Sebastian, 1999, body cast in resin and Fiberglas, painted, and supported by steel shaft, with airplanes cast in resin and Fiberglas, painted, and attached by steel bolts, H. 81 x W. 30 x D. 22 in., overall H. 97 in., Courtesy the estate of the artist

both the filmed dance sequences and the live performance.

Following the dance was a Civil Rights section that paid tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen, "a group of African-American Air Force pilots during World War II, whose heroism and bravery were truly recognized only long after the war ended," Bailey said.

This portion led to a section on war. Professor of Music Ellen Williams sang songs with themes including war, grief and the restoration of the spirit. John Creagh, associate professor of communication, read texts, both poetry and prose, to go with the songs.

The performance ended with music by the Meredith College Chorale, featuring a world premiere arrangement of "Let Me Fly" by composer Robert DeCormier.

Meredith's visual arts program was also represented. Forty students created clay pieces that were put together sculpturally. Meredith College was invited to install work on the grounds of the N.C. Museum of Art.

Alumnae Reunion Attendees "Remember When"



Alumnae Reunion Weekend events included (1) an alumnae chapel service, (2) shopping time in the Supply Store, (3) a State of the College address by President Hartford and (4) an alumnae awards ceremony.



Alumnae Association Presents Annual Awards

Alumnae Philanthropy Award Cleo Glover Perry, '45

As part of Alumnae Reunion Weekend, the Meredith College Alumnae Association presented awards to five alumnae. The Alumnae Philanthropy Award was presented to Cleo Glover Perry, '45.



Established in 1994, the Alumnae Philanthropy Award is given to Meredith alumnae who have demonstrated commitment to Meredith through involvement in the life of the college and through exemplary philanthropy.

Perry graduated cum laude from Meredith College in 1945, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology.

From 1945 until 1975 she was a high school teacher in the Wake County Public School System. Perry's service to Meredith College includes serving as associate director of alumnae affairs from 1975-76, and then as director of alumnae affairs from 1976-1986. She is a past president of the Alumnae Association and has served on the College's alumnae board of directors and board of associates. In 1987, she was presented the Meredith College distinguished alumna award. In 1989, a classroom was dedicated in recognition of her service to Meredith, and in 1999, she was included among 100 outstanding Meredith alumnae in the Park Center mural.

Perry is an active member of Zebulon Baptist Church, teaching Sunday school classes for more than 25 years. She has also been an active member serving in leadership roles of the Zebulon Woman's Club, and North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs (NCFWC) and the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). In 1990 she was named the NCFWC Outstanding Clubwoman of the North Carolina, received the honorary life membership award from the organization in 1991, and received the Juanita Bryant Citizenship Award from the GFWC-NC in 1997.

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Meredith Honors Outstanding Faculty and Staff



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WALDA POWELL



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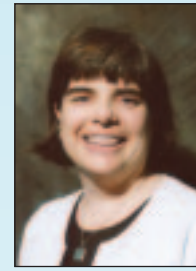
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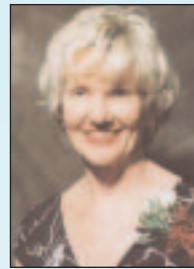
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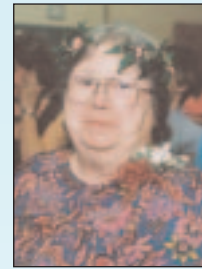
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CAROLYN HAPPER



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Six professors and three staff members were honored during the Meredith College Faculty and Staff Awards and Recognition Ceremony, held on campus on April 23. Retiring faculty/ staff and employees with five, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 26+ years of service were also honored.

PAULINE DAVIS PERRY AWARD

Monica McKinney, *assistant professor of education, award for research and publication*

Walda Powell, *associate professor of chemistry, award for excellence in teaching*

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.

LAURA HARRILL PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Brent Pitts, *professor of foreign languages*

Alyson Colwell-Waber, *dean of special aca-*

demie programs, and Ann Gleason, dean of students

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.

HARRY AND MARION EBERLY FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Janet Nelson, *assistant professor of religion*

Chris Eschbach, *assistant professor of physical education*

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.

PRESIDENTIAL STAFF AWARD

Rick McBane, *media services assistant*

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.

STAFF RECOGNITION AWARDS

Heidi Fletcher, *associate director of admissions*

Belinda Nicholson, *accounts receivable/ billing coordinator*

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.

Faculty and staff members who retired this year are:

Allen Page, professor of religion

Carolyn Happer, associate professor of history

Nan Miller, assistant professor of English

Nona Short, professor of photography and foreign languages

Faculty Distinguished Lecture Examines “The Many Faces of Jesus”

by Melyssa Allen

On Monday, March 22, Professor of Religion Allen Page followed in the footsteps of more than 40 Meredith College faculty members by delivering the Faculty Distinguished Lecture.

Through the lecture titled “The Many Faces of Jesus,” Page said he aimed to summarize “what has happened in Jesus research” during his academic career. Page, on the Meredith faculty since 1973, retired in May.

Page also said that he had learned a lot in dialogue with his students, and told his students in the audience “much of what you hear tonight will be familiar, at least I hope so.”

Page opened with a slide presentation of numerous images of Jesus, taken from paintings, movies and other artistic renderings. The presentation was accompanied by Johnny Cash’s rendition of Depeche Mode’s *Personal Jesus* and other music. Page then discussed the results of varied research into the historical Jesus.

Quoting Albert Schweitzer’s *The Quest of the Historical Jesus*, Page said, “Each scholar went to the well of scholarship and saw his own reflection.” Page noted that Rudolf Bultmann is one of the most influential scholars who did not think it possible to write a biography of Jesus thus he quickly bracketed the question of history to focus on the meaning of the Jesus story.

The focus of Page’s scholarly work through his many years of teaching has been New Testament studies, with special emphasis on the literary development and cultural context of the Gospels in first century Palestine. His scholarly interests have been shared in a number of college courses, most recently a new course called “Jesus at the Movies.”

Through this course, Page asks students to examine “how Hollywood has dealt with Jesus.”

“From silent films to (Mel Gibson’s) *The Passion of the Christ*, what we see



is everyone portrays Jesus as a reflection of the director,” Page said. “It is always the gospel according to someone – Matthew, Mark, Schweitzer, DeMille or Gibson.”

“All put a different face on Jesus, in an attempt to grasp the illusive essence of who Jesus was,” Page said. “All theological language is symbolic, it points beyond itself to a greater reality.”

Page called the 1980s a “renaissance of Jesus research.” He discussed one modern Jesus scholar, Marcus Borg, who wrote *Jesus: A New Vision*.

“Borg makes a clear distinction between the Jesus of history, what Borg calls pre-Easter Jesus, and the Christ of faith, or post-Easter Jesus,” Page said, adding that these two “never become concentric circles.”

Page also called Jesus a “teacher by way of transformation” who through “parables and ‘one liners’ invited people to see things they might otherwise not see.”

Page holds an A.A. degree from Mars Hill College, a B.A. degree from Wake Forest University, an M.Div. degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York and a Ph.D. degree from Duke University. He has taught courses in the Department of Religion and Philosophy ranging from New Testament, to Church History, to American Christianity and World Religions.

The first Faculty Distinguished Lecture was presented by Dr. Norma Rose, in December 1964. The lecture series was designed to “represent a significant achievement of research by a faculty member.” (*Faculty Distinguished Lectures 1964–1981*)

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MARSHALL CALLS CLASS OF 2004 OWNERS OF THE 21ST CENTURY AT SPRING COMMENCEMENT

by Melyssa Allen



North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine Marshall called the Class of 2004 the “owners of the new century” during Meredith College’s May 9 commencement.

Noting that the class of 2004 is the first to have received their college education entirely in the 21st century, Marshall told the graduates “doors are open everywhere for each and every one of you. You can be a leader and challenge the status quo. The road may not be easy...but each and every one of you is prepared to achieve.”

“You graduates own this century,” Marshall said. “Everything each of you chooses to do, from casting your vote to choosing where you live, will mold this new century. Your energy, your expertise and your actions will shape the time ahead of us because this is truly your century.”

A former member of Meredith’s Board of Trustees, Marshall is the first woman to serve as North Carolina’s Secretary of State, the first woman elected to a statewide executive branch office in North Carolina, and the first woman ever elected to serve on North Carolina’s Council of State.

Approximately 330 undergraduates received degrees during the outdoor ceremony in McIver Amphitheater. The college conferred four types of undergraduate degrees: the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science, the Bachelor of Music and the Bachelor of Social Work. Twelve master’s degrees in business, education, music and nutrition were presented to graduates of the John E. Weems Graduate School at Meredith.

Marshall praised Meredith for its nationally ranked academic program and for its science and technology initiatives.

She also noted that former Meredith president John E. Weems gave her the academic robe that she’s worn for all of the commencement addresses she has given across the state.

Marshall pointed out to graduates that the word education also contains the letters for two other words: “caution” and “action.”

“When your common sense screams at you, listen to it, but don’t let caution rule your life,” she said.



North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine Marshall (center) with graduating student leaders. Marshall delivered the 2004 commencement address.



MEREDITH SERVICE LEARNING INITIATIVE HAS POSITIVE IMPACT ON STUDENTS AND SOCIETY

by Christy Sadler, '03 and Kristi Eaves-McLennan



A group of 15 Meredith students, faculty and staff recently visited St. Hilda's elementary school in San Ignacio, Belize, where the group helped with school renovations and local literacy efforts. The trip is one example of Meredith's long-standing tradition of community service.

are illustrative of a longstanding tradition at Meredith. Now, a new initiative is taking this tradition one step further and integrating service into the Meredith curriculum.

In addition to providing a needed service to the community, service learning classes aim to connect the course material to a service project while facilitating discussion about societal issues creating a transformative learning experience for the students involved.

The idea for a service learning enhanced curriculum was born from the dedication to civic engagement that President Maureen Hartford brought with her to Meredith in 1999.

Under Hartford's leadership, Meredith began to cultivate its volunteer and service efforts at the

same time that it was beginning plans to revise its general education curriculum. Members of the general education committee soon realized that the two could go hand in hand.

Reflection Sessions Channel Reactions into Learning

Students in service learning courses are encouraged to think about their experiences outside of the classroom, through reflection sessions, as a means of creating connections between the service learning component and the course content. Reflection leaders, students who have been trained to lead small-group discussions, facilitate this process. In addition, service learning courses may require students to

Each year, the trip participants worked at St. Hilda's, an Anglican elementary school in San Ignacio, Belize. Although the team's main goal was to help with school renovations and assist with local literacy efforts, the students and faculty received as much as they gave.

"A service trip to any third-world or developing nation...really puts into perspective how privileged our nation is," said Alicia Baucom, '05, a social work major who has participated in the trip both years. "I am more careful with the decisions that I make and continue to be tuned into how my actions and choices may be affecting the rest of the world."

Baucom and the other students who dedicated their spring break to service

Spring break trips to tropical locales are nothing new for college students. For the last two years, a group of Meredith students, faculty and staff have also headed for the tropics—not to soak up the sun but to help those less fortunate than themselves.

produce other forms of reflection, such as journals or oral presentations.

Student-led reflection sessions are an integral part of the service learning program's success at Meredith, according to Alyson Colwell-Waber, dean for special academic programs.

"Students feel freer to talk about things if the person who is grading them is not the person leading the discussion," she said. "It seems to be, for many students, a place where they can examine issues that are complex—the solutions are not black or white.

Students are confronted with the shades of gray."

Patsy Pierce, assistant professor of human environmental

sciences, welcomed the idea of incorporating service learning into the Meredith curriculum. Pierce had already been sending her students out into the community to observe children in public schools and to hold workshops for homeless mothers and children but was not sure how to channel the students' reactions to the often difficult situations they saw into a positive learning experience.

Now, Pierce teaches two service learning-enhanced courses with strong reflection components—Young Children's Learning Environments and Supporting and Strengthening Families.

In her Young Children's Learning Environments course, Pierce's students adopt classrooms where teachers have requested help developing quality learning materials. The students discuss their experiences in monthly reflection sessions and write papers that allow them to articulate "goals for themselves and their team and to indicate progress on these goals."



As part of Meredith's "Art and Science: Photography" course, Karen Sampson, '03, took slides that could be scanned into the William B. Umstead State Park vascular plant database. The database is a resource for park visitors and other agencies. The "Art and Science: Photography" course is one of a dozen service learning enhanced courses that have been taught at Meredith over the last year.

Students and Faculty Reap Benefits of Service Learning

Pierce says her students have responded very positively to the new methods, often indicating that they feel they have learned more than in traditional courses.

Pierce's observations about her students' responses to her service learning courses are typical of an effective service learning program, Colwell-Waber said.

"Current research shows that student engagement in learning leads to greater achievement," she said.

Service learning not only leads to an experience of "rich student learning," but it also provides a similar experience for faculty. "[Service learning] lets faculty be like students when they learn to teach this way," Colwell-Waber said.

Pierce said, "I do feel that I am a better teacher using service-learning and reflection because I am getting constant feedback about what the students are learning (or not) and understanding (or not), and I can shift my syllabus as necessary to address these issues."

When Carol Hayes, assistant professor of art, recently partnered with Biology Department Head John Mecham to team-teach a course combining photography and science, she also witnessed first-hand the powerful learning implications of service learning.

Hayes' course explored the relationship between science and photography. As a part of the course, students spent 2-3 hours each week with working with local non-profit organizations on

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— Alyson Colwell-Waber

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photography projects that benefited the agency. The students also created photojournals, wrote reflection statements and participated in reflection sessions.

“At first, I was resistant to the idea of teaching a course with a service learning component,” Hayes explained. “I didn’t understand how a reflection session could be beneficial to the course content.”

After witnessing a reflection session and reading reflection papers, Hayes changed her opinion of service learning.

“By the end of the semester I had witnessed an amazing amount of personal growth among the students in my course. The students changed their egocentric ways of thinking and realized that they were part of a larger world... Overall, it was the most profound teaching experience I’ve had since being at Meredith.”

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– *Carol Hayes*

Psychology and social work major Jasmine Rose, '06, a student member of Meredith’s service learning advisory committee, shared the insight she’s gained as a reflection leader for three semesters.

“I am more confident in leading discussions no matter the group size. I am more confident in talking about controversial issues with a diverse group of people. I am more understanding of people from different backgrounds.”

Meredith Receives Support for Service Learning Efforts

National Groups Award \$150,000 Grant and Staff Volunteer

Meredith College’s service learning efforts recently received support from two national organizations.

The Jesse Ball duPont fund, a national foundation based in Jacksonville, Fla., that focuses special attention on issues facing the South, awarded Meredith a \$150,000 grant to:

- develop more general education courses with service learning components;
- provide training for faculty members who want to incorporate service learning in new or existing courses;
- train more students as service learning group reflection leaders;
- employ a professional coordinator to manage the service learning program and serve as the college’s liaison with community organizations; and
- develop upper-level courses for the general education curriculum.

The funding will enhance the new general education curriculum Meredith developed in 2002, which requires students to address timeless questions about the relationship of the individual to society, about cultural interactions, and about issues of global importance.

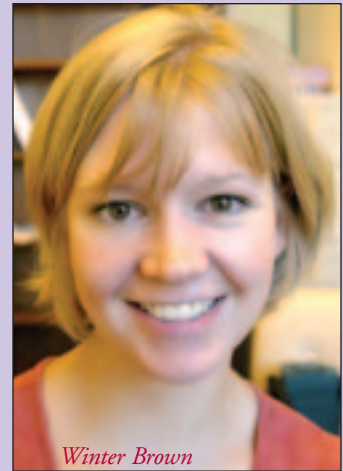
Another important step towards establishing a strong service learning program came in the fall of 2003, when the Americorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program awarded Meredith a volunteer to work for one-year to help establish its service learning program and support the College’s service-related efforts.

Winter Brown, the VISTA volunteer, was brought to Meredith in partnership with the North Carolina Campus Compact, a coalition of 21 college and university presidents that have banded together to support learning through civic engagement. President Hartford is a charter member of this organization.

The duPont funding and the support from the VISTA program will aid Meredith in achieving its goal of preparing graduates to be active, involved citizens of the world.

“Not only do we want our graduates to be incredibly capable professionals, but we also want them to be responsible citizens,” said Alyson Colwell-Waber, dean of special academic programs.

Staff writer Andrea Weaver contributed to this article.



Winter Brown

CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR CHANNELS GRIEF INTO ART: *A STORY OF THE HEALING OF THE SOUL*

by Leesha Austin, '02



Hunter Darden, '80

“I love words! I love the power of beautiful words even more, especially if they are words that can heal a hurting heart,” explained Hunter Dudley Darden, '80.

Darden questioned her faith when she lost two beloved family members, but rather

than being overcome by her grief, she drew inspiration from these painful experiences and used it to realize her long-held dream of becoming an author.

According to Darden, she had always wanted to be an author, though she had not originally planned to write children's books. One night as she rocked her son to sleep, Darden reflected on her life and how she felt that it was too late to become an author. She remembers thinking, “I'm supposed to be an author by now.”

What Darden didn't know then was that she would realize her dream of becoming an author and that her inspiration would come from the loss of her father, Council Dudley. Darden wrote her first book, *The Everlasting Snowman*, in 1996, as a way of explaining to her own children the death of their grandfather.

The book, Darden said, “gives a general explanation of the natural cycle of life using the melting of a snowman family who return in the form of happy raindrops in soothing watercolor illustrations.”

“I wrote *The Everlasting Snowman* in the hopes of helping other parents and teachers who face this same challenge,” said Darden.

The Everlasting Snowman is Darden's best-seller to date and has sold 16,000 copies, including regional and national orders from bookstore giant Barnes & Noble.

While she has published mostly children's books, Darden, who lives in Statesville, N.C., recently published a novelized

autobiography called *Tapestry*. Named after her father's favorite poem, “The Weaver,” Darden said that *Tapestry* offers “a message about the importance of friendship.”

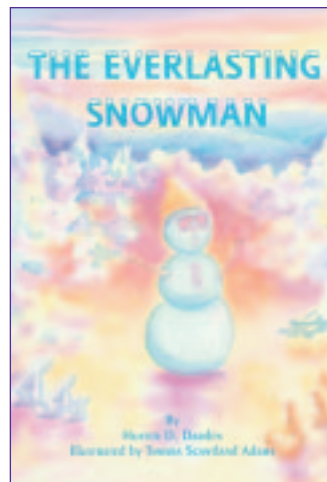
Darden explained that she began *Tapestry* after the “unnecessary death of her sister,” who died two years ago of Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS). Darden now works to educate other women about the dangers of TSS.

Following her sister's death, Darden said that she lost her faith and began writing *Tapestry* in an effort to reclaim it. She hopes that *Tapestry* serves as a “quick, powerful read for someone whose heart is hurting from loss—an aid in grief resolution.”

In an essay about *Tapestry*, Darden wrote that “the main character, Olivia, journals at the end of each chapter. The journals are where she articulates the power punch emotions of grief...She writes out a Grief Survival Plan.” Darden explained, “This is

actually the same plan I mapped out methodically for myself. I...hope that people who are grieving will know that some of the emotions they are feeling are normal.”

During her grief process, Darden appreciated the support of family and friends and the “Meredith spirit” that she experienced when she lost her sister. “Several of my Meredith friends drove up from various areas of the state to spend the night with me the night my sister died,” shared Darden. “I was not surprised at all being that our Meredith friends are our friends for life.”



Hunter Darden's first book, *The Everlasting Snowman*, uses a melting snowman as a metaphor to help explain the concepts of death and eternal life to children. Darden published the book in 1996 following the death of her father.

In addition to writing books, Darden also writes a column for *The Charlotte Observer* (Iredell Neighbors) and describes it as “instant gratification.” She shared that her friends are always afraid to tell her anything for fear that it may end up in her column since she is “always looking for ideas.”

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The "Reel" Thing a story of hope and joy



written by Hunter D. Darden
illustrated by Nicole Arnold

The Reel Thing tells the story of Charlie, a young boy determined to catch Madame Mossback, the oldest fish in the town pond. Darden, who wrote the book after watching her son try to fish for three days, says she hopes Charlie's story inspires "joyful perseverance, eternal hope and optimism."



Darden also started her own publishing company Sunfleur Publications, Inc. in 1996 because she wanted to have control over the look and feel of her first book. Along with the challenges of establishing her own publishing company, Darden found all of the self-promotion involved with book sales to be a major challenge.

As for the challenges of her personal losses, Darden shared that her mother has been a strong influence on her. When Darden questioned her own faith and how her mother could stay so strong in the face of so many tragedies, her mother responded, "Would you have preferred that this had happened to someone else?"

When asked what advice she would offer to current Meredith students, Darden responded, "If you have a dream, don't ever let go of it until it is fulfilled. If you have the drive and the will, you can make it happen." Darden revealed this tip and others when

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she was featured in the article "16 Successful Authors—

The Inside Scoop," published in the December 2003 issue of *Writer's Digest Magazine*.

Additional advice that she offers to other aspiring writers is to "read voraciously. Practice the skill of writing by journaling. Listen to people and observe the world around you. There's always a good plot begging to be hatched. Go to book signings and pick the brains of the authors."

Darden credits her Meredith psychology degree as another strong influence on her writing. She relied on her degree to write her second book, *Pete's Angel*, a story about a child with low self-esteem.

She added that she especially enjoyed Jack Huber's psychology courses while a student at Meredith: "I was always intrigued about how the mind works, and it has a lot to do with my writing."

For more information about Darden and her books, visit her web site: www.booksbyhunter.com.

CLASS NOTES

Compiled by the Office of Alumnae and Parent Relations from January–April 2004. Information may be edited for space limitations and content restrictions.

'41 Annie Laurie Overton Pomeranz

Sara Hayworth Davis is a retired teacher living in Charlotte, N.C. *Elfreda Barker Johnson* is retired and living in Ebony, Va.

'44 Annie Mary Matthews Luke Grace Alexander Swann

Madeline Latta Purcell is retired and living in Petersburg, Va.

'47 Vicky Manty Chesnutt Dorothy Loftin Goodwin Esther Hollowell Kidd Joyce Thomas Porter

Viola Manty Chesnutt has retired from teaching private piano lessons. She lives in Raleigh, N.C.

'48 Jolene Weathers Edwards Edith Camp Muth Edith Stephenson Simpson

Frances Ward Black Holland is a retired educator living in Kannapolis, N.C. *Lorena Osborne Phillips* is retired and living in Raleigh, N.C.

'49 Pauline Cone Beers Idalia Oglesby High Mary Humphrey Langston Jennie Newbold Lee

Helen Carr Bigham is a homemaker in Charlotte, N.C. *Jean Fleming White* is a piano teacher living in Warrenton, N.C.

'53 Jane Cate Fowler Dorothy Brigman Sutton

Juanita Ipok Smith, who lives in New Bern, N.C., works as a tour guide at Tryon Palace. *Ann Seagrove Tolleson* is retired and living in Hickory, N.C.

'54 Carolyn Belton Bonahue Doris Allen Litchfield Dorothy Knott Preston

Jane McKy Campbell has retired from teaching and lives in Relay, Md.

Virginia Corbett Carroll is a sixth grade teacher at St. Pauls Middle School in Fayetteville, N.C. *Doris McMillan Faires* is retired and lives in Decatur, Texas.

'57 Jo Ellen Williams Ammons Joyce Herndon Goodwin Mary Edna Grimes Grantham

Bettyann Smith Goslee has completed National Board Certification and is a fifth grade teacher for Pender County Schools.

'59 Elizabeth Taylor Barber Peninah Powell Brown Sue Ridge Todd

Janice Wilson Fowler is president of Fawson, Inc. in Hillsborough, N.C.

'60 Lillian Brandon Dinklage Helen Booe Marley Emily Campbell Tuck

Anna Fay Jackson Campbell is enjoying her retirement in Greenville, N.C., by staying busy with Elderhostel, her church, and her family. *Kitty Berger DuPlessis* has been teaching piano for 32 years in Elizabethtown, Ky. She enjoys teaching Sunday school and spending time with her 20 grandchildren. *Jane Wagoner Hoover* is retired and living in Dallas, Texas. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her two grandsons. She and her husband are planning a trip to France in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary. *Shirla Griffin Hudson* has retired and is living in Virgilina, Calif. *Rosemary Edwards Sundeen* spent time in Guatemala and Peru, after retiring from teaching English-as-a-Second-Language. Inspired by the culture and textiles, she now runs a small import and travel business in Manhattan Beach, Calif. *Emily Campbell Tuck* has been reconnecting with her Meredith classmates and spending time with her three grandchildren, after returning to live in her home state of Virginia.

'61 Carole Hamrick Johnson Margaret Ratley McNeill

Rachel Rogers Thompson is a kindergarten teacher with Tyler Independent School District in Tyler, Texas.

'62 Peggy L. Crutchfield Pattie Steen Fleming Brenda Payne Millar

Verna Dryden Asplen is retired and living in Cambridge, Md. *Brenda Payne Miller* is a magnet school coordinator for Wake County Schools in Raleigh, N.C.

'63 Barbara Blanchard Allen Jean Hege Durham Victoria Glenn Weathers

Margaret McGuirt Broome lives in Monroe, N.C., and is a second grade teacher for Union County Schools. *Joyce Tripp Miller* works with communications and special events for MUST ministries in Alpharetta, Ga. *Linda Baxter Thompson* resides in Mt. Gilead, N.C. and is a retired teacher.

'64 Brenda Elliott Brickhouse Jo Crowder Dermid Martha Rivers Dickson Joy Adams Lucas

Betsy Long Bucks lives in Ellicott City, Md., and is a technical specialist for the Maryland Department of Education. *Norma Hanchev Elrod*, of Madison, N.C., is employed as a remediation tutor for Rockingham County Schools.

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

Patricia Tupper Hyatt, an active Christian Science practitioner and teacher, is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship and is a writer and editor for magazines published by the Christian Science Publishing Society. Recently she served as a world officer, conducting church services at the international headquarters. *Marie Dunn Inscore* works as the director of special programs and continuing education for Edgecombe Community College in Rocky Mount, N.C. *Sandra J. Mayhew* is retired and living in Cornelius, N.C. *Carol Andrews Southerland* recently worked to establish a Sylvan Learning Center for a franchiser. She was also contracted to order books and set up a new

high school media center for Pitt County, and is tutoring S.A.T. prep at Parrott Academy in Kinston, N.C.

'66 Rachel Owen Bivins D. Phyllis Duncan Paula Lowry Herren

Nell Wilkerson Chesley has moved to Minnesota, where she is celebrating the birth of her fifth grandchild. *Judith Wilson Daniel* has retired from teaching and is living in Williamsburg, Va. *Pam Jordan Gurley* retired and is planning to spend a year cruising around the Great Loop with her husband, before settling at Sunset Beach, N.C. *Lucy Whedbee Hancock* is an elementary school principal for Newport News Public Schools in Newport News, Va. *Bet Booker Lawson* recently retired after 27 years of teaching in Durham, N.C. *Jean Lyles McLead* teaches with Clinton City Schools in Clinton, N.C. *Anne Parker Phillips* resides in Scotia, N.Y., where she is enjoying retirement by volunteering, spending time with her six grandchildren and traveling with her husband.

'67 Judith Carroll Gardner

Stella Memory Crutchfield lives in Oak Ridge, N.C., and teaches with Guilford County Schools. *Retta Clements Hughes* teaches Family and Consumer Sciences at Bunker Hill High School in Hickory, N.C. *Rita Nurkin Randall* is the office manager of the Beaufort Historical Association in Pine Knoll Shores, N.C. *Martha King Tucker* resides in Columbia, S.C., where she is a H.O.S.T.S. coordinator and instructor for Richland School District 2. *Mary Faith Milton Warshaw*, who moved to Beaufort, N.C., after retiring from retail, is working on a book and enjoys painting the beautiful Beaufort porches. *Frances Maness Wooten* is a high school mathematics teacher for Virginia Beach City Public Schools in Virginia Beach, Va.

Alumna Receives Lifetime Achievement Award



by Erin Hege, '04

When Meredith alumna Annie Laurie Overton Pomeranz, '41 was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from *The Sanford Herald* she said, "I just can't believe it." At Meredith,

those who know Pomeranz can certainly believe it.

Pomeranz has been a model alumna in Sanford and at Meredith. Her over 60 years of service to Meredith have brought in hundreds of students and generous amounts of funding to improve campus. In Sanford, Pomeranz has become a strong link between Lee County and the N.C. Symphony, establishing local performances for adults and children in Lee County schools. Her passion for music started when she majored in music at Meredith.

Pomeranz's three aunts, two cousins and her two daughters all attended Meredith. "Attending Meredith is a family tradition for us," she said. "It is an outstanding institution that was a meaningful part of our lives while we were students and it continues to be as alumnae."

As an alumna, Pomeranz has served as a member of the Board of Trustees, started funds for the music department, has been a class agent and was awarded the College's Distinguished Alumna award in 1971.

For over 40 years Pomeranz hosted an event at her home for Lee County prospective students, and she would bring students for campus visits. Pomeranz was largely responsible for sending around five students to Meredith each year since she began hosting her gatherings in the 1950s.

Always the music activist, she led the charge of the Cooper Organ Campaign, in honor of the late Dr. Harry E. Cooper, head of the music department for over 30 years. In 1970, Pomeranz organized the campaign to fund the \$85,000 Cooper Organ and after only six months of fundraising, the organ was built. Pomeranz said, "Working on the fund for the Cooper Organ has been one of my favorite services to Meredith. We saw the need for the organ and just decided we had work to do, so we did it."

"I have had the 'Meredith experience' as a student, an alumna, a trustee and as a parent. I feel so much pride and honor to be associated with Meredith in so many ways."

'68 Brenda Carol Jones Chenery
Lynn L. Dodge
Suzanne Guthrie
Letchworth
Nancy Batson Mizelle
Marion Nolan O'Quinn
Kathryn Booth Stewart
Clara Safrin Wade

Helen Sink Bingham, of Lexington, N.C., works for Davidson County Community College as the director of corporate and community relations. *Claudia Currin Daniel*, of Raleigh, N.C. is a teacher with Wake County Schools. *Nancy Herring Stallings* teaches at Enloe High School in Cary, N.C. *Kathryn Booth Stewart* works for IBM Business Consulting Services in Durham, N.C.

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

Judy Kennedy Winslow works as an adjunct faculty member for math and college success at Martin Community College in Plymouth, N.C.

'70 Mary Turner Wannamaker
Cathy Moran Winstead

Peggy Williams Elmore, of Charlotte, N.C., is a realtor for Coltingham & Chuck Realtors. *Anne Davenport Godley* teaches first grade for Sampson County Schools in Clinton, N.C. *Frances Gary Clarke McInnis*, of Raleigh, N.C., is a teacher for Wake County Public Schools. *Anne Carroll Ward* works as a teaching assistant for Gaston County Schools in Gastonia, N.C.

'71 Anne Bryan
Suzanne Reynolds

Carolyn Pond Fisher is the assistant principal of Holmes Middle School in Colorado Springs, Colo. *Virginia Bost Ford* works as a school counselor with Cleveland County Schools in Shelby, N.C. *Paula Smith Hare* is a pre-school teacher and secretary at Forest United Methodist Church in Forest, Va. *Judith Smith Maxwell* is a self-employed farm manager in Bainbridge, Ga. *Ann Clark Munns* lives in Burlington, N.C., and teaches for

Alamance-Burlington Schools. *Dawn Parnell Sweeney* tutors for Granville County Schools in Oxford, N.C.

'72 Elaine Dawkins Daves
Betsy Allen Hood
Jean Brown Webb

Elizabeth Biggs Britt teaches at Waccamaw Academy in Evergreen, N.C. *Beth Garrison Culp* works as the director of student affairs at Pace Academy in Atlanta, Ga. *Penelope Gallins* is the director of marketing for Wayne Homes in Raleigh, N.C. *Joanne Baker Miles* resides in Greensboro, N.C., and works as an education specialist for Guilford County Schools. *Ann Johnson Shields* is the director of Trinity Church Nursery School in Scotland Neck, N.C.

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

Connie Everhart Burleson, of Salisbury, N.C., is a K-5 music specialist for Rowan-Salisbury Schools. She is the organist and handbell director for Mooresville ARP Church. *Betty Barker Cannon* is the president of All American Transportation, Inc. in New Bern, N.C. *Mary Anne Corey Crowe* is in real estate sales with Roanoke Real Estate in Williamston, N.C. *Mary Jo Bundy Lambert* teaches sixth grade math and science for Wayne County Schools in Mt. Olive, N.C. *Barbara Dorsett McClure*, of Wilmington, N.C., is the assistant finance director of New Hanover County. *Marilyn Fowler Neely* is the director of small business at Sandhills Community College in Southern Pines, N.C.

'74 Phoenix Chen Haydon
Linda Keith Ray
M. Elaine Williams

Eleanor Hill Jordan is the president and CEO of the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County. *Janet Olive Kinsey*, of Cary, N.C., teaches kindergarten for Wake County Public Schools. *Frankie Houser Petty*, of Raleigh, N.C., teaches for Wake County Public Schools. *Meredith Marr Watson* is the principal of Moonlight Design Inc. in Raleigh, N.C. *Judy Williams* is the claims manager for Nationwide Insurance in Charlotte, N.C.

'75 Lynn Jones Ennis
Sherri McGee
Jo Ann Williford

Mary Lee Bailey is a staff secretary and teacher at Duke Memorial United Methodist in Durham, N.C. *Mary Jo Williams Carr* is a music teacher for Clinton City Schools in Clinton, N.C. *Laurie Cressman*, of Raleigh, N.C., works as a media specialist for Wake County Public Schools. *Karen Powell Nery*, of Apex, N.C., is the dean of the school of education at Campbell University. *Beth Baugh O'Neal*, of Wendell, N.C., teaches third grade for Wake County Public Schools. *Carolyn Comer Price* teaches first grade for Alamance/Burlington Schools. *Nancy Morris Turrone* owns and manages Seegars Fence Company in Greenville, N.C. *Anne Pollack Waller*, of Trenton, N.C., is a first grade teacher at Arendell Parrott Academy. *Susan Dunstan Ward*, of Winterville, N.C., is a reading recovery teacher for Pitt County Schools.

'76 Kathy Viser Kalmbach
Susan Goodwin
Thornbrough
Kathleen Bailey Wyche

Kathryn Morgan Cates tutors for Person County Schools in Roxboro, N.C. *Deborah Batten Leshner* is a music teacher at Smithsburg High School in Hegerstown, Md. *Karen Creamer Morgan*, of Wake Forest, N.C., is a music teacher for Wake County Schools. *Janet Fish Watson* is president of Coldwell Barber Watson Properties in Rocky Mount, N.C.

'77 Virginia Patrick Avery
Anne Edge Dale
Joyce Nethery Kemmerer

Gail D. Anderson, of Raleigh, N.C., is the refugee program consultant for the State of North Carolina. *Phyllis Franklin Carimi* is a homemaker in Bedford, Va. *Becky Armstrong Coleman* works as a merchandising representative for National Retail Services in Wilmington, N.C. *Debbie Doss* is a teacher at McMichael High School, celebrating her 26th year as an educator. *Sharon R. Stephenson* is a physician for Women's Health Alliance in Cary, N.C.

'78 Jacqueline Lawrence Huber
Frances Cuttle Newby

Deanne Dorsey teaches at Millbrook Methodist Preschool in Raleigh, N.C. *Christa Burris Middleton* works as a tax accountant for Roger Taylor, CPA in Winston-Salem, N.C. *Georganne Branham Griffin* is a guidance counselor for Wake County Public Schools in Raleigh, N.C. *June Mitchell Phillips* is a math teacher for Lenoir County Schools in Winterville, N.C. *Julia Dorman Ray* teaches fifth grade for Columbus County Schools in Tabor City, N.C. *Alix Willcox Synder* is a patient coordinator for Conway Regional Surgery Center in Conway, N.C.

'79 Billie Jo Kennedy Cockman
Pandora Dunn Holloway
Michelle Scott Ivey
Anna Comer Stidham
Katherine Keith Thomas

Kay Pollock Bender, of Pollocksville, N.C., is a coach and teacher at Arendell Parrott Academy. *Mandy Mitchell Dozier* works as a physician's assistant at Forsyth Radiological Assoc. in Winston-Salem, N.C. *Pandora Dunn Holloway*, of Garner, N.C., is the director of compliance and audit services for WakeMed. *Rita Blevins Jennings* works with special education students in an inclusion setting in Greensboro, N.C. *Sharon Wood Lloyd* teaches French for Albemarle County Schools in Keswick, Va. *Mollie Allen Royal* is a homemaker in Chesapeake, Va. *Anne Loy Stanfield*, of Mebane, N.C., is a school social worker for Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools. *Miriam O. Victorian*, of Houston, Texas, is an attorney with Andrews Kurth, L.L.P.

'80 Victoria Ballard Currin
Jane Belk Hemingway
Deborah Tucker Kirkley
Margaret Bassett Williams

Victoria Ballard Currin, of Fuquay Varina, N.C., is a business training leader for Progress Energy. *Lisa Trainham Dahlgrew* is a wholesale account executive for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in Charlotte, N.C. *Ella Plyler Frantz* started a business designing and making jewelry in Raleigh, N.C.

'81 Susan Kellum Levin

Diane Hoggard Boyd works with computers and accounting for Everett Insurance Agency in Hamilton, N.C. *Julia King Lopez* is a realtor for Market Properties in Davidson, N.C. *Janet Green Rosie* is a settlement annuity specialist for Ringler Assoc., Inc. *Cynthia Ingold Willets* is a substitute teacher for Alamance/Burlington Schools.

'82 Linda Carter
Laney Hodge Edwards
Lesya Seay Howard

Christine Buchanan is a student services manager for N.C. State University in Raleigh, N.C.

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

Patricia Mixon Crowe is a processing assistant V for the N.C. Department of Correction in Raleigh, N.C. *Ada G. Freeman* lives in Goldsboro, N.C., where she is a clinical social worker for Highgate Clinic, PA. *Elizabeth Hardison Hower* is a homemaker in High Point, N.C. *Rebecca Fisher Parks* owns an insurance agency in Rocky Mount, N.C.

'84 Kimberly Elliott Dittman
Evelyn Booth Hughes
Amy Dement Lowe

Lisa Bailey is editor of the historical publications section for the State of North Carolina. *Beverly Herron Carlton*, of Cary, N.C., works as a senior manager in contracts administration with SAS Institute. *Emily C. Craig* is a communication specialist with Gaston Hospice in Gastonia, N.C. *Melissa McLaney Eidson* teaches fourth grade for Yadkin County Schools in Elkin, N.C. *Robin Rowe Faulker* is a guidance counselor at Bunn High School in Louisburg, N.C. *Carol Hawkins Fields* teaches at Bethesda Christian Academy in Durham, N.C. *Elizabeth Madren Kasai*, of Kernersville, N.C., is the director of finance for UnitedHealthcare. *Amy Dement Lowe* is the owner and an interior designer for Southern Settings in Raleigh, N.C. *Ann Thomassen Parker* worked

part-time with Williams Sonoma, but is now a part-time teacher and an active volunteer at her children's school in Marietta, Ga. *Alice Grigsby Steckenrider* is a licensing assistant for the N.C. State Board of CPA Examiners in Raleigh, N.C. *Sheri Wayne Stockton* works as an underwriter for United Guaranty Services, Inc. in Charlotte, N.C.

'85 Zan Delner Bunn
Autney Reavis Nelms
Linda Lee Page

Nancy Almon is an elementary school counselor in Cumberland County Schools. She earned a Master of Education, and has traveled across the U.S. and the former Soviet Union performing musical theater with a children's ministry.

'86 Lyn Sicheloff Joyner
Nancy Shore Sawtelle
Kelley Milstead Woggon

Stella Miller Downs, of Pollocksville, N.C., teaches for Jones County Schools. *Angela Moore Sintef* is a parole case analyst for the N.C. Department of Corrections in Garner, N.C. *Jeanette Whitley Talbot* is a clinical dietician at Wilson Medical Center in Nashville, N.C.

'87 Kelli Barefoot Stroud
Donna Wilson Thagard
Dana Pierce White

Susan Beck Kunar is a music teacher at Greensboro Day School in Greensboro, N.C. *Dianne Morgan Sowers*, of Cary, N.C., is teacher for SAS Institute.

'88 Bettie Shipp Rabb
April Wall Rightmyer
Linda Froneberger Sturgill

Hollie Thomas Rollins is a homemaker in Winston-Salem, N.C.

'89 Amanda Stroupe Masters
Deborah L. Shaw
Kristin Richey Watkins

Katherine Kline Danner has moved from New Jersey to Birmingham, Ala. *Shirine A. Hossaini* is a producer for the Middle East Television Network, a new satellite channel based in Northern Va.

FROM YOUR CLASSMATES

'90 **Leanne Jackson Camp**
Deanna R. Harris
Lisa Woodruff Roberds

Barbara Anne Bundy Lentz is a security information engineer for General Dynamics in Hurdle Mills, N.C. *Deborah Gray Parrish* owns and directs the Playhouse Child Care Center of Henderson (N.C.), Inc. *Marcy Stephens Rackley* recently moved from Minneapolis, Minn. to Long Island, N.Y., where she is taking time off from work to stay home with her daughter. *Michelle Rowe Walsh* serves on the executive committee for the N.C. Jaycees. She coordinates competitions to help members improve their professional skills. *Debbie Brown Willemschen* recently returned to her high school love of acting, and played the part of M'Lynn in the production of *Steel Magnolias* at Raleigh's Durant Road Musical Theater.

'91 **Melissa Lynne Loving**
Laura Peedin Moushey
Nancy Cole Reece

Angela Brooks Barton is an intelligence analyst for Orion Scientific Systems in Washington D.C. She is staffed to the Joint Intelligence Task Force Combating Terrorism on Bolling Air Force Base. She and her husband have also started a catering business in Arlington, Va. *Jodi Lynn Vogel Binard* is the systems engineer consultant for Bank of America in Jacksonville, Fla. *Alyson Honeycutt* works as an elementary school counselor, teaches parenting classes, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Piedmont Mediation Center in her hometown, Lexington, N.C. She also contributed to the seventh edition of Dr. M.E. Millikin's textbook *Understanding Human Behavior*. *Maria Williams Styers*, of Louisburg, N.C., is in her fifth year as a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher for Franklinton High School. *Melanie Teague*, of Hickory, N.C., serves on the executive committee of the N.C. Jaycees, where she is in charge of family life and spiritual development.

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

Mary Beth McNeill Lawrence, of Raleigh, N.C., is an applications developer for SAS Institute. *Mary Riddick* is interim director of children's activities at her church in Kinston, N.C.

'93 **Courtney Marks DeFrusco**
Allison Grainger

Donna Turner Eyster is a partner at a law firm in Raleigh, N.C. She is enjoying being a grandmother. *Katherine Granger* works as a senior financial analyst for Nortel Networks in Raleigh, N.C. *Kristi Narron Legnante*, of Youngsville, N.C., is a training designer and developer for Nortel Networks. *Kelly Brown McCracken*, of Sanford, N.C., is a district director serving on the executive committee of the N.C. Jaycees. She is in charge of five chapters, helping them to run projects to benefit their local communities. *Susan Finley Thomas* volunteers locally in Fayetteville, N.C., and online with cleft lip and palate support groups.

'94 **Amy Shepard Galvin**
Alicia Virginia Morris

Melanie Solomon Keefe is the owner and president of Parker Pawn in Fayetteville, N.C. *Shannon Arlette McGinnis* works as the assistant professor of music and coordinator of accompanying at Truman State University. She recently received her doctorate of musical arts in accompanying and chamber music from the University of Michigan. *Allison Hodges Molinaro*, of Cary, N.C., teaches for Wake County Public Schools. *Tricia Sumner Murray* is the senior interior designer for Little Diversified Architectural Consulting in Raleigh, N.C. *Rebecca Faw Spears*, of Wilkesboro, N.C., is an AIG teacher for Wilkes County Schools. *Adrienne Hurt Staten* teaches for Lexington City Schools in Lexington, N.C. *Caroline Roney Ward* enjoys being a mother in Mebane, N.C.

'95 **Melissa Barakat Boyd**
Teresa Latham Keever
Katie E. Tyre

Shannon Baynor Braxton, of Graham, N.C., teaches middle school for Orange County Schools. *Kristi McLaughlin*, a teacher in Hampton, Va., created a game to help students prepare for end-of-course tests. She turned the game into a small business and has sold it to school districts all over the country. *Elizabeth Smith Wetherell*, of Cadillac, Mich., has been named production manager at Lakeside Title, LLC.

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

Bobbie Lynn Broadwell, of Raleigh, N.C., is a technical writer for GlaxoSmithKline. *Suzan Gardner Tripp* is moving to Belize, where she and her husband will work as missionaries to build an orphanage for abused children.

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

Deanna Lemond, of Black Mountain, N.C., was recently named English-as-a-Second-Language coordinator for all public schools in Buncombe County. *Audrey Meskill Wisner* works for CIGNA and lives in Morrisville, N.C.

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

Heather Leigh Brewer is the director of operations for Area Services & Programs, Inc. in Raleigh, N.C. *Kim Collins* is a full-time teacher and cheerleading coach at Green Hope High School in Cary, N.C. She and a fellow teacher are planning a trip to London with several 10th grade students. *Caroline Brooks Geel* teaches math at Sanderson High School in Raleigh, N.C. *Kaye Dawn Harrison Newsome* was promoted to office manager of Sadler Motors, Inc. in Emporia, Va. *Tammy Broughton Essic*, of Mocksville, N.C., graduated from Catawba College in May with a master's degree in elementary education. *Emma Powell*, of Wilson, N.C., is a Wake County Public Schools

teacher. *Meredith Lovelace Swindell* is an executive assistant for the N.C. General Assembly in Raleigh, N.C.

'99 **Wendy D. Holman**
Shannon T. MacFarlane
Mamie McKinney Sutphin

Krista Williams Bunting is a reading recovery teacher for Pitt County Schools. She was named the teacher of the year for 2004, and earned a master's degree in reading from East Carolina University. *Allison Carter Burns* is the assistant manager for Apple One Employment in Dunwoody, Ga. *Beth Eastman* works as a teacher at Exploris Middle School in Raleigh, N.C. *Anne Mebane Hine* is president of Hine Sitework, Inc. in Fremont, N.C. *Wendy Holman* is a human resources generalist at First Citizens Bank in Raleigh, N.C. *Caren Hanley House*, of Smithfield, N.C., is the branch manager of Central Carolina Bank. *Jen Everett Joyner* is a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker, Howard Perry and Walston in Raleigh, N.C. *Mary Sharpe Kreuser* teaches fifth grade for Guilford County Schools in High Point, N.C. *Julie Walsh Lamb*, of Franklin, Va., teaches fifth grade math for Franklin City Public Schools. *Danielle Lara Mir* is a research associate for the Southeast Environmental Research Center in Miami, Fla. She received a Master's of Science degree in marine ecology and is doing research in coastal ecosystems in southern Florida, mostly within Biscayne National Park and the Florida Keys Marine Sanctuary. *LoriAnn Messina Moscato* works as a territory manager for Salix Pharmaceuticals in Raleigh, N.C. *Melissa Gray Proctor* is an interior designer for Today's Interiors in Raleigh, N.C. *Jennifer Snow Thomas* is an inventory manager and surgery technician at Northwoods Animal Hospital in Cary, N.C. *Jennifer West* is an attorney for Hyder & Overas in Richmond, Va. *Karen Apple Wickersham* lives in Raleigh, N.C. where she enjoys being a stay-at-home mother.

Distinguished Alumna Award

Claire Sullivan, '72



Claire Sullivan graduated from Meredith College in 1972, earning a Bachelor of Arts in history. Sullivan's own history with Meredith College goes much further back; she is the daughter of Jane W. Sullivan, '46, a former member of Meredith's music faculty. Claire Sullivan's sisters, Ayn Sullivan Cole, '70, and Louise Sullivan Peters, '74, and her daughter Chatham Fralix, '99, are Meredith alumnae; her daughter Jane Langford is a member of the class of 2006.

Sullivan earned a Master of Arts degree in history from Seton Hall University in 1974, and now works in the insurance field for BenPro, Inc., located in Raleigh, N.C.

Serving as president of the Meredith College Alumnae Association from 2001 through 2002 is just one way that Sullivan has served her alma mater. She is a past member of the College's Board of Associates, a former class agent, a former member of the Meredith Housing Committee and a former member of the Alumnae Association board of directors. She is now a member of the Alumnae Legacy Scholarship Campaign Committee, Alumnae Association Nominating Committee and Alumnae Reunion Weekend Steering Committee.

Doris Allen Litchfield, '54



Doris Allen Litchfield graduated cum laude from Meredith with a degree in religion. As a student, she was a member of the Silver Shield, chair of Religious Emphasis Week, and an officer in the Baptist Student Union. After graduation she completed graduate course work at Duke Divinity School and Andover Newton Theological Seminary, and earned teacher certification at Elizabeth City State University.

Litchfield's career has included teaching in Chowan County public schools, serving as director of Christian education at churches including: Saint Paul United Methodist (Goldsboro), Saint Michael's Episcopal (Raleigh), Queen Street United Methodist (Kinston) and at Edenton Street United Methodist (Raleigh). She also served as director of alumnae relations at Meredith from 1987-1992, and as activities director at Springmoor Retirement Community from 1992-1996.

In addition to serving as alumnae director, Litchfield's contributions to Meredith College include being alumnae office secretary from 1957-58, and as the class agent for her class's 50th reunion. She is also active in the community, including participating in Church Women United, on the board of the Interfaith Alliance of Wake County, as co-circle leader of the United Methodist Women, and in a variety of roles at Edenton Street United Methodist Church.

Career Achievement Award

Gwendolyn Picklesimer Davis, '62



Gwendolyn Picklesimer Davis graduated from Meredith College with honors in 1962 with a major in business and minors in mathematics and economics. In 1963 Davis returned to Meredith as a clerk in the accounting office. While working at Meredith she filled many positions in the accounting office including chief accountant for the college. When she left in 1970 she had helped establish a strong financial aid program for students.

In January 1971, she joined the College Foundation, Inc. (CFI) as a loan officer. During her career, she has served CFI as director of loan administration, program administrator, program director, director of resource management, chief operating officer, vice president and corporate secretary, senior vice president and chief administrative officer. In 1993, Davis was named president and chief executive officer and held that position until January 2004. Davis will serve CFI in a consulting role until her retirement in July 2004.

During her 33 years at the College Foundation, Inc., Davis also served on numerous boards such as the North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NCASFAA), the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs (NCHELP), the College Board and the Student Loan Servicing Alliance (SLSA). She is also an active member in the Raleigh community, serving on the Board of Directors of Preservation North Carolina, the Brentwood Scholarship Committee and the 4-H Clubs of North Carolina Scholarship Committee.

Pat Nathan, '74



Pat Nathan graduated from Meredith College in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry, as a member of the first Meredith class able to earn a Bachelor of Science degrees. After earning her master's degree in statistics at North Carolina State University she pursued a career in the growing technology industry.

She has held positions in procurement, engineering and quality. She worked at Data General Corporation for 14 years before she joined Dell Computer Corporation as their director of quality in sales and then as vice president of customer loyalty in 1995. Nathan is now vice president for diversity at Dell.

Nathan actively attends reunions and supports the Meredith Fund. She is a strong advocate for educating and encouraging young girls to pursue a career in the mathematics and science fields. Currently living in Windsor, England, Nathan founded the first European chapters of Women in Technology International (WITI) in England and Ireland. She is now a WITI board member, a Dell sponsor for Duke University and an executive sponsor for the Dell MBA Recruiting Program.

Margaret Simmons Plays Piano for Broadway Legend

by Andrea Weaver



Margaret Simmons, '65, has played piano for many talented

singers, but few have enjoyed as long and successful careers as Broadway legend Carol Channing.

Simmons, a professor with the School of Music at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC), accompanied Channing during an October 2003 performance at the university's Public Policy Institute, founded by the late U.S. Sen. Paul Simon. (Simmons also played at his funeral in December 2003).

Simmons and Channing held one practice session, devoting most of their time to preparing the Tony Award-winning singer's signature number, "Hello, Dolly!"

"Our rehearsal was at 3 p.m. and we finished sometime after 5:30 p.m. The gig was at 7 p.m.," Simmons said. "She has very firm notions about what she wants. She does a wonderful show because she's been around forever."

Simmons, a Baptist minister's daughter, grew up in Wadesboro, N.C. She developed a love for music in her father's church. Her mother, a piano teacher, nurtured her skills. Simmons followed her sister, Ruth Ann Shaw, '52, to Meredith, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in piano. She has master's degrees in music theory from Florida State University and in accompanying from the University of Illinois.

Simmons taught at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C., before moving to SIUC in 1977, where she is an accompanist and vocal coach.

"I love singers," Simmons said. "Nothing thrills me like voices do."

Simmons and an SIUC colleague, Jeanine Wagner, compiled and edited "A New Anthology of Art Songs by African American Composers," published in April 2004 by Southern Illinois University Press.

'00 Cameron Talbert Hunter Holly Johnson Ingram Kelly Tetterton Lesley Warren

Jami Barnhill works as a sales associate for Rich Commercial Realty in Raleigh, N.C. Maxine Elaine Ellis is a paralegal for Cranfill, Sumner, & Hartzog in Raleigh, N.C. Christine Johnson Harper attended Focus on the

Family Institute in Colorado Springs, Colo., before moving to San Diego, Calif., where she worked as client services director for Pregnancy Resource Center. She is currently a stay-at-home mother. Gerri R. McLaughlin is a support supervisor for Nelson & Company PA in Durham, N.C. Elizabeth Pegram works as the major gifts associate for Physicians for

Social Responsibility in Arlington, Va. Leslie Roberts is a development officer for Tulane University in New Orleans, La. Stacey Stanley Wiggins graduated from the University of North Carolina's School of Law and was admitted to the North Carolina Bar. She works as a law clerk for United States District Judge Malcolm Howard.

'01 Hilary S. Allen Leslie Gilliland Lynette Laura S. McAulay Christian C. Melvin Melissa D. Neff Lesley M. Parr Elizabeth Anne Bondurant Spires Wallis Kirby Stott Elizabeth C. Warren

Heather Spell Arrington is the assistant director of student leadership development programs at East Carolina University. She was recently elected president-elect of the North Carolina College Personnel Association.

Deborah Batten works as a nurse manager at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Selma, N.C. Tonya Cope is an English and yearbook teacher at Hugh M. Cummings High School in Burlington, N.C. Jamye Hickman is in the Ph.D. program in Engineering Psychology at Georgia Tech. She has been the recipient of several honors, including four grants and the opportunity to present her master's thesis to the American Psychological Association in Hawaii. Betsy Rhame works at a real estate law firm, Ferris & Associates, in Raleigh, N.C. She is working on a master's degree in English at North Carolina State University. Sally Johnson Timaeus teaches music at Rachel Freeman Elementary School in Wilmington, N.C.

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

Regan Brown works in Research Triangle Park as a human resources coordinator for Embrex, Inc. Laura Crumpler, of Garner, N.C., serves on the executive committee of the N.C. Jaycees and is editor of the Jaycee newsletter. Tameka T. Foye, of Cary, N.C., is a supervisor for Aramark Corporation. Tangie Hofer is a home-

maker in Cary, N.C. Elizabeth Baynes Johnson teaches second grade at Wendell Elementary School in Wendell, N.C. Stephanie Jordan is the senior project coordinator for marketing at Red Hat in Raleigh, N.C. Nikki Norris works as a paralegal for Stephenson & Stephenson, L.L.P. in Raleigh, N.C. Virginia A. Traver, of Arapahoe, N.C., is the vice president of administrative services at Pamlico Community College. Carrie Stewart Tulbert is the AIG specialist at Lakeshore Middle School in Kannapolis, N.C. She recently traveled to Disney World and enjoyed a Caribbean cruise. Jean L. Watkins is the web master for Vintage Studios in Raleigh, N.C. Katie A. Watson works in Research Triangle Park as an Avonex Patient Coordinator for Biogen Idec. Amber Lynch Whitley is the education reporter for her local newspaper, *The Wilson* (N.C.) *Daily Times*. Kristina G. Wood, of Raleigh, N.C., works as a collection officer for the State Employees Credit Union.

'03 Dori White Franklin Beth Jarvis Sara Thornton

Mariko Foust received a Master's of Science in nutrition, and is a clinical trials specialist in the Department of Medical Psychiatry at Duke University Medical Center. Mary Beth Jackson works as a human resources assistant for the town of Morrisville, N.C. LaDonna Logue is an account executive for MMI Associates in Cary, N.C. Sara Phillips is a medical assistance counselor for UNC Healthcare Systems, in Chapel Hill, N.C. Allison Rowe, of New Bern, N.C., teaches tenth and eleventh grade English at West Craven High School. Christy Sadler, of Cary, N.C., received a promotion at Oxford University Press. Sara Thornton teaches third grade at Green Elementary School in Raleigh, N.C. Lora Tillman works as part of Cisco System's sales force in Research Triangle Park. Jackie Weatherly is a visual information specialist with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency in Gaithersburg, Md. Tanesha Williams teaches English at Millbrook High School in Raleigh, N.C., and is planning a trip to Paris.

MARRIAGES

1971 *Gloria Thaine Little* to Edward E. English, 10/12/02.

1973 *Elizabeth Berry Credle* to Thomas Hall, 1/13/00.

1984 *Margaret M. Tripp* to Timothy Bonafair, 11/22/03.

1989 *Paula Carol Rogers* to Roland Kenneth Wagner, 11/22/03.

1990 *Jacqueline Paige Davis* to John Michael Pufky, 11/11/03.

1993 *Lori Ann Bernstein* to Edmond Clayton Wallace, 9/13/03.

1994 *Myla Jan Faircloth* to David Samuel Pugh III, 11/1/03. *Mary Elizabeth Walton Ford* to James Gordon Stephenson Jr., 5/10/03. *Laura Elizabeth Mohr* to Sean Patrick Scanlon, 11/15/03. *Tricia Sumner* to Bruce Gordon, 11/9/03.

1995 *Heather Maria Dixon* to William Monroe Ward II, 12/20/03. *Marion Lee Guin* to Stephen Stith, 6/23/01. *Georgia Lee Hanford* to Nicholas Farhad Burger, 10/4/03. *Caroline Garrison Hunt* to Patrick Wellington Kesler, 11/1/03.

1996 *Deana Lynne Smith* to Daniel Mark Chaimovich, 5/10/03. *Beth Smith* to Duane Maxie, 10/4/03.

1997 *Jamie E. Cowan* to Dustin K. Hardy, 11/8/03. *Joanna Blair Mercer* to Jeffrey Scott Hale, 12/6/03. *Elizabeth Lanier Steed* to Timothy Paul Lynch, 9/27/03. *Robin Jennifer White* to Ned Wilson Mangum, 10/4/03.

1998 *Pamela-Elaine Goodwin* to Jeffrey Michael Beruk, 11/15/03. *Kaye Dawn Harrison* to Russell W. Newsome, 10/18/03. *Candace Renee Whitehurst* to Craig Allen Lehew, 7/19/03.

1999 *Katherine Smith Dickinson* to Stephen McIntosh Hite, Jr., 6/21/03. *Meredith Elizabeth Pulley* to Joseph Randy Hodges, Jr., 8/2/03.

2000 *Kelley Lynn Carter* to Scott Andrew Sides, 4/10/04. *Shannon Jenkins* to Sebastian Alvarez, 1/3/04. *Julie Elizabeth Packer* to Denton Farmer Lee III, 10/18/03. *Mary Kathryn Parker* to Robert Lee

Cato, Jr., 11/15/03. *Amber Caroline Pittman* to Gregory Scott Barnes, 10/18/03. *Blakely Elizabeth Woolard* to Robert Brownrigg Kinsey, 11/1/03. *Sally Wooten* to Kevin Queen, 12/28/02.

2001 *Cassie Byrum Evans* to Daniel Jarrod Williamson, 11/15/03. *Sally Blake Johnson* to Kevin Lee Timaeus, 3/6/04. *Dorothea Mills Park* to Anthony Vincent DeLoreto, 2/21/04. *Heather Leigh Spell* to Troy Wesley Arrington, 12/20/03. *Mary Kemple Sutphin* to Joshua Pretlow Henderson, 10/4/03.

2002 *Elizabeth Baynes* to Gregory Hillard Johnson, 6/28/03. *Candace Jill Donovan* to Nicholas Alexander Errato, 7/26/03. *Kathleen Ehle* to Scott Parrish, 8/23/03. *Kimberly Michelle Glover* to David Michael Holton Jr., 10/25/03. *Catherine Elizabeth Holden* to Dustin Andrew Koufman, 11/8/03. *Julie Elizabeth Kerr* to James Steven Swanner, 12/13/03. *Sarah Maxwell Lang* to Jeffrey Ryan Clapp, 10/4/03. *Ashley Ann Maher* to Justin Matthew Marlow, 12/27/03. *Ashley Ann Taylor* to Alvin Ashton Watkins III, 11/15/03. *Kristen Pope Thompson* to Micah Bray Christman, 12/20/03.

2003 *Elizabeth Grace Hinnant* to Tommie R. Jones Jr., 9/27/03. *Lauren Lunsford* to Marty Christopher Pearce Jr., 6/21/03. *Lindsey McAdams* to Bart Perry, 8/2/03. *Lara Kristen Stroud* to Jonathan Harland Dick, 12/27/03.

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

1987 *Susan Tart Edgerton* a son, Zachary Thomas, 6/1/03. *Sheila Vaughan Seagle* a son, Jayden Douglas, 6/27/03.

1989 *Kathryn Strange Jones* a daughter, Mary Whitaker, 10/22/03. *Beth Williams Oates* a daughter, Elsa Joy, 2/26/04.

1990 *Kelli Harris Hammill* a daughter, Emily Katherine, 12/03/03. *Martha Ann Brawley McConell* a daughter, Lillian Vaughn, 6/25/03.

1991 *Marlin Leonard Bradberry* a son, Adam Timothy, 6/27/03. *Dana Lucy Egan* a daughter, Reilly Anne, 10/8/03. *Maria Williams Styers* a daughter, Emma Kate, 10/3/03.

1992 *Cheri Nola Leonard* a daughter, Allison Cheri Nabil Rabbani, 5/14/03.

1993 *Sara Puckett Smart* a son, Tate Matthew, 3/13/03. *Katherine Summer Spinak* a daughter, Julia Elizabeth, 11/18/03. *Sally Goodwyn Thomas* a daughter, Maryanne Lyn, 9/29/03.

1994 *Nicole Raynor Baker* a daughter, Megan Leigh, 5/25/03. *Jennifer Minor Gunter* a daughter, Aubree Dawn, 9/12/03. *Tracy Howell Harkness* a son, Landon Gray, 12/16/03. *Rebecca Faw Spears* a daughter, Clara Madison, 4/29/03.

1995 *Sarah Barnes Adams* a son, Samuel Theodore, and a daughter, Emma Margaret, 2/5/04. *Jennifer Pevehouse Bianchi* a daughter, Lily Wyburn, 11/7/03. *Allison Trabucco Cain* a daughter, Emma, 5/12/03. *Elizabeth Austin Everitt* a son, John Austin, 8/11/03. *Tam How* a son, Ashton, 6/19/03. *Susan Horne Landrum* a daughter, Anna Elizabeth, 7/21/03. *Kristin Applehans McGlaughlin* a son, Earl Benchoff, 3/21/03. *Susan Marlowe Melvin* a son, Zachary Marlowe, 8/8/03. *Leah Ritchie Mills* a daughter, Meredith Lynn, 9/23/03. *Shina Suzuki Oshima* a son, Kazuma, 10/30/03. *Tonya Loper Paul* a daughter, Sydney Paige, 9/23/03. *Catherine Davis Rideout* a daughter, Dimney Louise, 2/27/04. *Melissa Bannister Shaia* a son, Harry Joseph, 11/4/03. *Thomissa Talley Wallwork* a daughter, Isabel Pate, 2/19/04.

1996 *Laura Morgan Roberts* a son, Jessy David, 11/15/03. *Shauna Pender Schmidt* a son, Aiden Coy, 11/21/03.

1997 *Rebecca Carruth Parker* a daughter, Elizabeth Grace, and a son, Henry Rives, 3/3/03. *Elena Reeves Spencer* a daughter, Avery Christian, 11/5/03. *Dena White Waters* a daughter, Grayson Lane, 1/28/04

1998 *Rachel Bordeaux Ashby* a son, Carlton Stephen, 9/13/03. *Tammy Broughton Essic* a daughter, Sadie Anne, 4/17/03. *Caroline Brooks Geel* a son, Christopher David, 2/19/03.

1999 *Pamela Puckett Bennett* a daughter, Audrey Rivers, 10/3/03. *Katherine Hoyle Suther* a son, Davis Wilson, 2/26/04. *Holly Hester Yarbrough* a son, Gavin Clarke, 2/6/04.

2000 *Christine Johnson Harper* a daughter, Kylah Grace, 6/22/02.

2001 *Shannon Hayes Callahan* a son, Connor Scott, 11/5/03. *Tracy Caldwell McElroy* a son, Connor Caldwell, 11/20/03. *Rebecca Horne Stanley* a son, Nolan Daniel, 9/11/03. *Wallis Kirby Stott* a son, Joseph Larkin, 3/12/04.

2002 *Natasha Farrington Evans* a daughter, Cameron Elizabeth, 2/5/03.

DEATHS

1929 *Louise Ange White*, 12/8/03.

1934 *Jean Simpson*, 1/27/04.

1935 *Loretta Nichols Clements*, 2/13/03. *Kathleen Sears Lawrence*, 2/23/04.

1938 *Margaret Shepherd Dover*, 2/23/04.

1942 *Madeline Kivett Hartness*, 11/26/03. *Jane Pope McDevitt*, 1/26/04. *Marie Perry Odum*, 12/9/03.

1943 *Hazel Carver Breeze*, 2/4/04.

1944 *Gloria Anderson Cranford*, 12/26/03.

1946 *Marilyn Ferrell Gay*, 9/18/03.

1947 *Marguerite George MacIntyre*, 6/9/03.

1948 *Norma Marie Kinlaw Ponder*, 12/13/03.

1949 *Earline Harris Edwards*, 11/03/03. *Margaret Westmoreland Gibson*, 2/23/04.

1950 *LaVerne Harris Stevenson*, 1/23/04.

Alumna Amanda Rogers, '03, Finds Dream Job in "Victory" Lane by Melyssa Allen



Fundraisers such as fishing tournaments, bake sales, NASCAR celebrity autograph sessions and charity auto races combine with the opportunity to help children to create what Amanda Rogers, '03, calls her dream job.

Rogers, who majored in business administration, is special events manager at the Victory Junction Gang Camp, a camp in Randleman, N.C., for children with chronic or life-threatening illnesses. The camp, which opened this summer, is the most recent addition to actor Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camps.

NASCAR driver Kyle Petty and his wife, Pattie, founded Victory Junction in memory of their son Adam. The camp is located on land donated by Kyle's parents, Richard and Lynda Petty. Because of all these ties to NASCAR, Victory Junction has a racing theme, complete with a snack bar called "The Brake Shop," a dining hall that looks like pit lane, and a medical center called "The Body Shop."

Rogers provides support to individuals who organize fundraisers on behalf of the camp, and she also arranges official Victory Junction events. In 2003, there were more than 140 events benefiting Victory Junction.

"Every single day is a little different for me," Rogers said. "I can be working on a budget for a tournament one day; the next preparing a packet of helpful hints for planning an event and by Friday talking to our ad agency to design an invitation for an event."

An internship at Petty Enterprises, the parent company of the Petty Racing Team, led to her job at Victory Junction.

Rogers started with an unusual project. "My very first fundraiser involved a man who wanted to ride his motorized barstool from Florida to California," she explained. "This event received a great amount of attention from radio and newspaper throughout the southeast. Unfortunately, my barstool man only made it to Texas, but I was so proud of him!"

Enthusiastic donors such as the "barstool man" make the job fun for Rogers, and make all the effort worthwhile.

"I enjoy reaching out to these event planners," Rogers said. "It is refreshing to hear their enthusiasm and to meet them face-to-face when they make the donation."

Rogers manages larger scale events, such as a celebrity auto race held in Florida this January. She helped organize the celebrity autograph sessions, event logistics, catering and any other details necessary for a successful event. She also assists with communications projects such as press releases and media relations.

"I am fortunate to have found my dream job," Rogers said. "I am lucky to have a job that keeps me on my toes and is never the same."

For more information, visit www.victoryjunction.org.

1955 Earline Martin Walker, 12/12/03.

1958 Barbara Browning Garrett, 2/23/04.

1961 Mary Parrish Shoaf, 12/6/03.

1965 Mary Elizabeth Hight Pearce McKeown, 2/5/04.

1967 Martha Ann Butler McGavern, 11/27/03.

1972 Louise Stanback Hough, 2/7/04.

1975 Myra O'Neill Carrigan, 11/16/03.

1977 Jean Dover Elliot, 3/15/04.

1978 Barbara Aldridge Blackman, 12/7/03. Emily Alene Sockell, 12/5/03.

1984 Carole Walker Potter, 1/13/04.

1986 Mary Beth Boggan Palermo, 1/13/04.

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1931 Anne S. Haskins in the death of her brother.

1940 Nora Binder Leitch in the death of her sister. Helen Canaday Simms in the death of her husband. Evelyn Marshburn Turner in the death of her husband.

1945 Cleo Glover Perry in the death of her husband. Wallis Kirby Stott in the death of her grandfather.

1949 Elsie Corbett Hatch in the death of her husband.

1962 Billie Stallings in the death of her son. Ida Carol Senter Wilson in the death of her mother.

1963 Clabron Ann B. Powell in the death of her mother.

1964 Penelope Senter Bethune in the death of her mother.

1965 Sally Howard Moore in the death of her father.

1969 Mary Helen Simms Patterson in the death of her father.

1970 Mary Turner Wannamaker in the death of her husband.

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1975 Sue Ellen Beal Parrish in the death of her father. Susan Senter Worell in the death of her mother.

1976 Mary Ann Leitch Henry in the death of her aunt.

1977 Peggy Frisby in the death of her husband.

1984 Donna Wilson Thagard in the death of her grandmother.

1987 Lucy Oliver Henry in the death of her father.

1988 Vanessa Goodman Barnes in the death of her cousin.

1992 Katrina Walker Brittain in the death of her mother.

1997 Jennifer Leigh Ledford in the death of her father.

1998 Anna Frances Bolin in the death of her mother.

1999 Holly Hester Yarbrough in the death of her mother.

2002 Ashley Taylor Watkins in the death of her grandmother.

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