

# SPORTS

## Angels Beat Christians

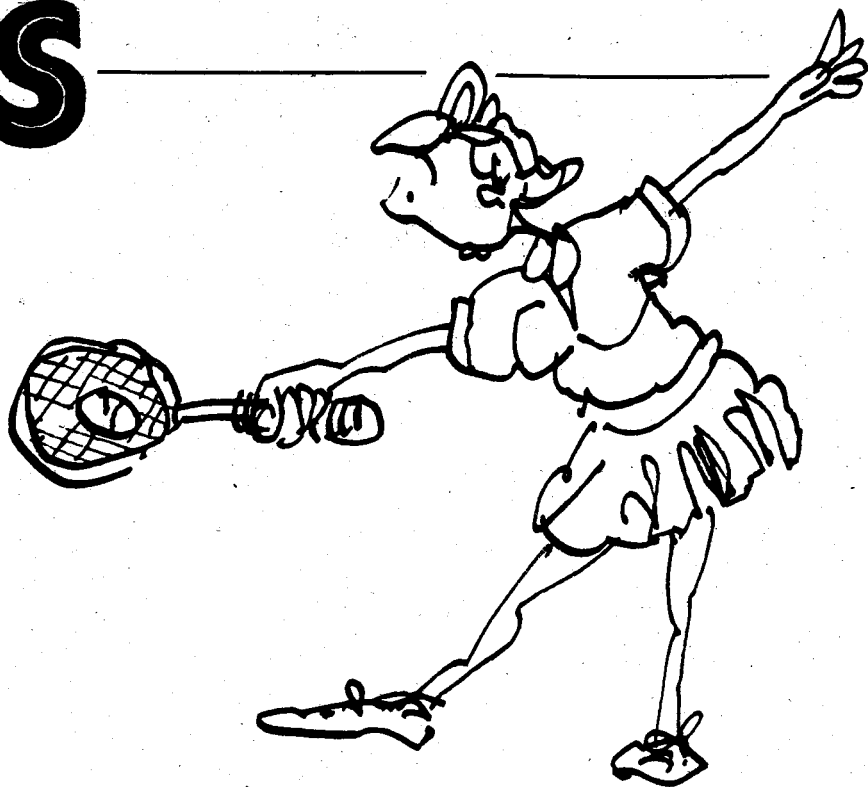
by Amy Gupton  
Sports Editor

The Meredith netters came back fighting on October 1, after placing fourth in the invitational tournament. The Angels defeated Atlantic Christian 7-2 to capture their first win of the season.

Number one seed, Theresa Duffy, took Sonali Mukerjee 7-6, 6-2. Barbara Bulla won her first set 6-3, but lost the match to Susan Maxwell 3-6, 6-0, 6-1. Elizabeth Hornthal added to Meredith's winnings by downing her opponent, Wendy Smith, by a score of 7-6, 6-2. Kim Parker won her

match by a forfeit to give Meredith another win. In the number five seed, Meredith's Amy Messick won her match against Susan Meyers 6-2, 7-5. To finish out the singles Laura Cochrane downed Terri Peele 6-2, 6-1.

Meredith's Hornthal and Bulla lost the first doubles match 7-5, 6-1 to Mukerjee and Smith. However, Meredith captured the second match by forfeit and Cochrane and Gore defeated Maxwell and Myers 6-2, 6-4 to take the third doubles match. Congrats to the Angel netters on an outstanding match!!



## ANGELS SHINE ON VOLLEYBALL COURT

The Meredith volleyball team extended its record to 10-0 on Thursday night, October 3, by defeating Wesleyan College in 3 games in a 3 out of 5 match. Spurred on by a cheering crowd of fans in Meredith's Weatherspoon Gym, the Angels took the first game 15-11 behind the awesome power hits of Sue Reese, who had 5 kills out of 8 spikes. Sue was the

outstanding player of the night with 17 kills out of a total of 26 spikes!

Wesleyan played a much better match than the previous meeting with Meredith earlier this year. Wesleyan had good offensive plays, but their serve returns were not strong enough to hold up under the consistent serving of Meredith.

Meredith displayed their effective serving abilities with Nancy Ratcliff serving 20 for 20, Dalinda Dunn serving 5 aces out of 9 serves, and Paulina Romoleroux aching 5 serves out of 13. Julie Jones played well, having 3 aces out of 3 spikes in the 3rd game.

According to Coach Chamblee, the

team did not play up to their full capability, but they came through when the pressure was on. Meredith seemed to play "in spurts," lacking their usual team unity. However, after being down 6-11 in the 2nd game, the Angels did pull together to win 15-12. They then sealed their victory by winning the 3rd game 15-5.

## Meredith Comes Alive With the Sound of Music

by Lory Gergen  
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Meredith is coming alive with *The Sound of Music* this fall as Meredith Performs opens the curtains with their first production of the season under new director Steve Washer. *The Sound of Music*, which will run during the first three weekends of November, is Washer's first play at Meredith. The Meredith Performs group welcomes Washer with open arms, especially after losing their original director, Margaret Douglas who had to leave the production in September due to complications in her pregnancy. In regard to Ms. Douglas, Dr. John Creagh, who is also assisting with the play, commented, "We miss Margaret very much and are looking forward to her coming back next semester." There is comfort in knowing that Ms. Douglas is doing much better at the present time.

Even with this major setback, the show must go on and with Washer's voice of experience and patience, it has. Washer has been involved with theater since age 13 when he performed with the army theater in Colorado. Washer, an army brat himself, explained that army theater was a theatrical group of men and women in the army, many of whom were professional actors-actresses and directors, who were paid by the army to perform and compete with other groups across the country. In fact Washer's group was the first group in the country to perform *Jesus Christ Superstar* only a few days after it opened on Broadway.

With much experience and interest evolving from his days with army theater, Washer later attended UNC at Greensboro where he directed and performed in many productions and graduated with a B.A. degree in Fine Arts and Directing. Throughout his theater career Washer has also directed quite a few children's musicals and New York plays off Broadway.

Washer, who now resides in Cary with his wife and daughter, has been in the Raleigh area for two years. In his spare time Washer used to enjoy flying and model rocketeering, however, "now," said Washer, "I'm too busy with life." At the present time Washer is teaching an acting class at Theater in the Park.

On the Meredith scene Washer has taken over two courses, Introduction to Theater and Acting Sequence, as well as directing *The Sound of Music*. When asked if he had any specific goals for the play, Washer commented, "I think this play has a good message about how we make our choices in life - it's about our struggles... I want this message to come out." In addition to his goal for the play Washer has asked each main character to set a personal goal for each scene in which that person performs. Elizabeth Wakeman, a Meredith freshman who is stage manager and Washer's right hand person, has caught on quickly to this technique, "Steve has each person set a personal goal for each scene - this will eventually form the backbone of the play." Elizabeth went on to say, "Steve uses a lot of different techniques, especially in helping the actors relate the situations in the play... he has them relate these situations to real life." When questioned about this technique, Washer stated, "I feel that actors have to have a purpose on stage, therefore, instead of being uncomfortable (on stage) they can be an actual person with a purpose." Washer obviously knows how to relate to people and, in turn, to teach these people how to relate to theater - he therefore considers himself an actors director.

At this point the play rehearsals are going well, with rehearsal being held each week night. Washer commented, "I'm very pleased with the progress - it's obvious everyone wants to have a good production." Washer added that generally everyone is cooperative and patient and that he is grateful to everyone who has had a hand in the production.

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