

## Which way will you turn?

It's time again to take the pictures off the wall, dust off the memories of Cornhuskin', dances, picnics, intramurals, and friends and pack them away in our hearts. It's hard to say good-bye, especially to a place that has made our dreams come true for the last four years. But, as Thoreau said, "Things do not change; we change." Meredith will remain intact along with its traditions and ideals. We, however, have a long road ahead of us. We are at the crossroads.

Which way will you turn? Some will marry; some will start careers; some will simply play. Whichever way we choose to turn, we must remember we are a product of our environment, an environment we consciously chose after graduating from high school. Now we must choose again the environment we want to shape and be shaped by.

We, as seniors, will leave Meredith on May 11. But, even after we leave, we will be remembered because we have made an impression. I'm sure each of us can recall some instance in which a lasting impression was made. Perhaps it was with a professor or your little sister or an organization. This year in itself will be a memorable one for many years to come: the

## Seniors plan for the future?

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The Class of 1986 is approaching the dawn of a new day — the sky's the limit and they are future-bound! Just what might these soon-to-be Meredith Alumnae be up to in the years to come? Of course, many of these women have acquired employment — ranging from data processing to education. But enough of seniors' work — on the lighter side:

**Leslie Roberts:** I want to own CBS and rewrite storylines for "Young and the Restless" and "Guiding Light."

**Sarah Le:** I want to buy up the Kerr Drug chain and spend my spare time at Crabtree Valley Mall.

**Nancy Ratcliff:** I plan to enter the 1988 Olympics and win the Decathlon. While I'm not training, I'll probably be in the sun — getting a much-needed tan.

**Teresa Duffy:** After working several years at Eaglecrest Golf Club, I'll retire and show my skill as a race car driver and partial owner of Bowties with Nancy Ratcliff.

**Amy Little:** I'll be the President of PTA and, on the side, President of the National Preservation for the Nine Lives of Cats."

**Thonsie Gunn:** I'll probably be a Domino's Pizza maker — but remember, Buzze, too much Pizza makes too much Thonsie.

**Stephana West:** Upon marriage to Jay Bilas, we'll travel on the off-season and I'll be a star Duke fan during the on-season.

**Holly Jenkins:** Owner of Cheers and Star Bartender.

**Mary Stuart Creedmoore:** After a long day of pulling my hair out with my students, I'll probably try to get a little sunshine, but not a burnshine.

space shuttle tragedy, the controversy over admitting men to Meredith's graduate program, the Soviet nuclear disaster, student government's luminary project. This year will be remembered.

Now is a time for looking back and taking stock of our lives. As Dr. Lewis said at the baccalaureate service, we must determine who we are, where we are and where we are going. As we leave Meredith, we will cherish the friendships we have developed and the accomplishments we have made. But, we must also look forward to new friends, a new home and a new beginning. We have a fresh start. The slate is wiped clean and it's time to meet the next challenge — the challenge of success.

Meredith has prepared us for that challenge not only with a degree but also with a foundation of strong character. Living under the honor code for four years at Meredith will surely carry over in our future lives. We have learned to be upright and honest or else pay the consequences. Also, we have learned that self-satisfaction can be a much greater reward than any other external measures of achievement. There is nothing like the exhilaration of knowing you have done your best,

reached the height of your potential, surpassed what you thought were your own limitations.

Yet, still we are challenged now to reach for higher goals. While we have mastered the theories in our chosen fields of study, now we must put them into practice. The words we read in textbooks are meaningless unless we can utilize them by demonstrating our knowledge. As graduates from a women's college, we are also challenged to prove wrong August Strindberg, one of many theorists and writers who believes woman is simply the biological intermediary between man and child. We have been prepared to work competitively with men, beside men and above men.

It is time to leave Meredith with the memories of the good and the bad.

remembering always it was our time here that made us what we are today. Although we will not have a room of our own to come back to in the fall, there will always be a place for us at Meredith. As alumnae, we will continue to be a part of the Meredith community. Just as students at Meredith, we, as alumnae, will be encouraged to remain active in the affairs and growth of the College. It is your decision. Which way will you turn?

Whichever road you choose, remember to look back but strive to reach forward looking up, always up. Don't let your dreams slip away. Good luck and God-speed.

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**Mary Hazel Morris:** I plan to open my own accessories shop, where I can spend all the time I want browsing.

**Charlotte Kinnard:** I'll have a training center teaching people to scale gates and walls in one bound, without breaking any tables.

**Laura Cochran:** I'll be at Dreams: owner, manager, and best customer.

**Kim Raper:** Married in June, pregnancy by July, watching "Young and the Restless" and crying right along with Paul and Lauren — a typical Meredith

graduate.

**Joan Collins:** I'll probably wander around Myrtle Beach looking for a place to take a shower.

**Lisa Taylor:** I hope to be employed.

And to echo Lisa Taylor, I hope we are all employed. There are many other "worthy professions" that the Class of '86 will involve themselves in. Whatever the time ahead contains — just remember — they are our future . . . And what a future it will be!

Well,  
here it is . . . Graduation.  
I'm full of emotion—joy, sadness  
and a little bit of everything in between.  
This time of year always occurs,  
but this year it seems different.  
In less than two weeks, we'll separate,  
some to remain in familiar surroundings,  
others to disperse far and wide.  
It's times like these that you would give  
everything you have for the friends you've made—  
And at the same time rue the day you ever laid eyes on them.  
It hurts too much to say goodbye.  
But the memories are plentiful—the good and the bad.  
The time we laughed, at nothing and everything,  
And the times when love and a hug made the hurting seem not so painful.  
The year has gone too quickly—  
but not unprofitably.  
The friendship we have is unique,  
there are few who share in such a beautiful experience.  
For we know the true meaning of a heart-felt friend—  
one that lasts forever.  
We may be packing up the dreams of today  
but the memories will never be packed away.  
They will stay beside us and share in each day,  
enriching our hearts with laughter and tears.  
You may be leaving to start new rainbows—  
each in a different direction.  
But the memory of the rainbow that we created will  
always be a special part in our lives.  
Reach for your dreams and fill each day with  
blues, pinks, oranges and greens.  
Never forget the year the we shared . . .  
"We'll keep you close as always  
It won't even seem you're gone.  
'Cause our hearts—in big and small ways  
Will keep the love that keeps us strong."  
Friendship is never having to say goodbye  
So we won't say goodbye—

Only I Love You

I'll Miss You

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