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### Hunt, fire kick off Cornhuskin'

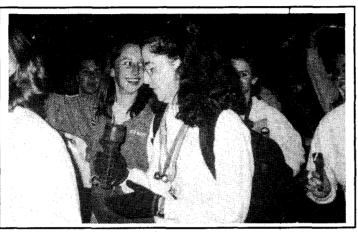
LESLIE MAXWELL Editor in chief

Meredith's most famous fall tradition, Cornhuskin', kicked off on Monday evening with the start of class practices, the Big Sis/ Li'l Sis Bonfire and

MRA Scavenger Hunt.

Sophomore Amanda Austin, MRA Vice President, said, "I thought there was an excellent turnout."

Usually, the Bonfire is held Monday and the Scavenger



Seniors Hilary Lichty, Rachel Langley and Christian Melvin (I-r) celebrate the start of Cornhuskin'.

Hunt on Tuesday. However, because of Halloween's falling on a Tuesday, MRA officers knew that turnout might be sparse. Thus, MRA combined the two events, a move that Austin liked.

Before the Scavenger Hunt began, each class' Cornhuskin' co-chairs revealed the class' theme. The class of 2004's theme is "Take 1," the class of 2003's is "20 Steps Out," 2002's is "Round 3" and 2001's is "Mission Impossible: 2001."

Then, each set of co-chairs gave its clues, sending the masses gathered between the Ellen Brewer House and Weatherspoon Gym scattering

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# Class of 2002 celebrates ring as 'Tie that Binds'

TRACY SUMNER Staff Writer

Ring Week for the class of 2002 culminated Friday evening with the Ring Dinner at 6 p.m. in Belk Dining Hall. The junior class joined in the Faircloth side of Belk in excited anticipation of putting on their Meredith rings together for the first time.

Ring Dinner co-chairs Jenny Wilson and Amanda Knox worked extremely hard to plan the event. One of their biggest tasks was working with the decorations committee to decorate the dining hall appropriately for the evening.

Along with tablecloths and centerpieces, the committee created place mats with old pictures of Meredith students showing off their rings. There were also tissues provided at each table for "tears of joy." Each student received a special souvenir ring case with an

engraved Meredith seal and a picture frame.

"The Ring Dinner was very elegant," commented junior Ginger Moore. "It did not feel like we were eating in the dining hall. It was a perfect way to end Ring Week."

Members of the freshman class served the juniors dinners of chicken cordon bleu and spinach lasagna. "It was very nice for our little sisters to serve us. It made the dinner more formal," said Stephanie Iones

After the dinner, the class watched a slide show. Each student was asked to submit a current picture of herself for the show. The co-chairs also contacted each student's parents and requested a childhood picture to include in the slides. They also asked the parents to write a letter to their daughter.

Laura Koonce said, "The surprise pictures and letters from our parents made it an emotional evening."

Two speakers were featured at the dinner, along with a spe-

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## Daughters, fathers share special dance

JONI SMITH Staff Writer

Sophomores enjoyed a night out on the town Saturday night with the best date they could find: their dads. The annual Father/Daughter Dance was held from 7:30 p.m. until midnight at the North Raleigh Hilton.

Sophomore Hannah Flauaus said, "The Father/Daughter Dance was a once in a lifetime opportunity. It was a chance to go to a semi-formal without worrying about your date was thinking."

At the dance, the women and their fathers ate a dinner prepared by the Hilton staff. They chose from steak, fish or a vegetarian plate. For dessert, the couples enjoyed strawberry cheesecake and coffee. The ballroom was decorated with balloons.

A slide show was shown throughout the dance, displaying pictures of the girls with their fathers. The slides ranged from baby pictures to shots taken at high school graduation.

"We had a really good time. My dad thought everything was very nice," Meg Perdue said

The music played by the disc jockey varied to play songs both generations enjoyed. Songs such as "Butterfly Kisses," "YMCA," "Bye Bye Bye," and "Let's Do the Twist" were played throughout the event.

Kristen McClean said, "I never thought all of us would be doing the train with our dads!"

Many sophomores enjoyed the chance to spend quality time with their dads and forget about school and work for one night. "I had a great time spending time with my Dad. I don't get to see him a lot so it was nice for me to have a chance to spend some time with him."

According to the Dads and the students, the Father/Daughter Dance was a huge success. Sophomores are now looking forward to the Mother/Daughter Tea this spring.



Happy Meredith juniors show off their newest piece of jewelry.

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