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No 'Mission Impossible' for seniors

□ Campus unifies for week-long events.

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The week that started out with a spirited campus-wide car raid last Sunday night ended Friday with the familiar sound of whistles, chants and cheers. As the week of Cornhuskin' 2000 drew to a close, many Meredith students were at the amphitheater to witness the result of each class' hard work.

"I thought this Cornhuskin' was fantastic," said Christine Kelley, Meredith Recreation Association president. "Each [class] performed really well."

From 6 p.m. until just after 11, members of the Meredith community, along with a few strangers to Corn-

huskin' traditions, watched as each class processed into the amphitheater, acted, danced, sang and cheered.

The night began with the corn-shucking and apple-bobbing events, and the seniors captured first place in each.

Each class performed skits next, and each one related to

the class' Cornhuskin' theme: Mission Impossible: 2001 for the seniors, Round 3 for the juniors, 20 Steps Out for the sophomores and Take 1 for the freshmen. At the end of the night, the juniors placed first in both skit categories.

Hog-callin' skits came next, with the seniors taking first

place. Next the sophomores won Tall Tale. Following those monologues, each class stood and sang their Cornhuskin' songs.

As the judges deliberated, classes serenaded and were serenaded by their big sis and li'l sis classes. The Oddballs and the Bathtub Ring also entertained the audience.

Finally the judges returned with the results: seniors, winning first place in the majority of the week's Cornhuskin' events, placed first overall. Probably no one was more excited than the senior class Cornhuskin' co-chairs Krystal Tyndall and Kate Breen.

"Senior Cornhuskin' is probably the most difficult because everyone has so much to do, so it wasn't until Friday night when I

knew it had come together," Tyndall said. "This is it for us. We went out with a bang."

At the end of the night junior co-chair Tara Fulcher was proud of her class' hard work and called it "a good growing experience" for her class.

"Our class really came together this year," she said.

Sophomore co-chair Erin Taylor was proud of the effort her class put forth in the weeks before the Cornhuskin' competition Friday night.

"We felt so proud of ourselves no matter what the results were," she said.

Freshman co-chair Kelly Rhodes was happy that Cornhuskin' had brought the freshman class together.

"It really helped us get to know people in our class better



Members of the senior class skit committee make their entrance in Friday's parade on a truck. The class also had military vehicles and a fire truck.

PHOTO BY HEATHER THOMSON

Elections reach finale

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After months of watching debates, reading newspaper articles and holding campus-wide discussions, election day finally arrived yesterday.

Up through Monday evening and Tuesday morning, most people could not predict the winner of the presidential election. In every poll, the difference in numbers between Governor George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore was within the margin of error.

All 14 of North Carolina's electoral votes are expected to go to Bush. The final results from the elections were not available before the Herald went to press.

At press time, North Carolina gubernatorial candidate Mike Easley (D) was in the lead against Richard Vinroot (R).

Meredith Votes, the organization that sponsored much of Meredith's election-related publicity, passed out Meredith Votes buttons and decorated campus with red, white and blue balloons as reminders for Meredith community members to vote.

In addition, half of the class' members wore masks representing presidents or soon-to-be presidents, including Bill Clinton, Al Gore, George W. Bush and Ronald Reagan. The rest of the class wore T-shirts that proclaimed "I'm voting. Are you?"

Kathy Palahnuk, a junior and member of Meredith Votes, said that Tuesday's focus was to "remind everyone to get out and vote."

Dr. Clyde Frazier, the politics professor who sponsored Meredith Votes, noted that

"Meredith students are, by and large, civically-minded." Thus, he was not surprised at the positive response the group received on campus.

He also noted that campus interest in elections was influenced by the race itself. "It helped that we had a close election," he said.

Meredith Votes also sent a reminder to students in the form of Frank Jeffreys, a former physical education teacher at Meredith, dressed as Uncle Sam. Palahnuk called Jeffreys a "patriotic reminder."

Yesterday, the polls opened at 6:30 a.m. and closed at 7:30 p.m. The closest polling site to Meredith was at Forest Hills Baptist Church on Dixie Trail.

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