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## Juniors prepare to hunt Crook

□ The annual tradition kicks off today

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For their first three years at Meredith, juniors look forward to it. They watch the class ahead of them search, and they think, "Soon, we'll be on the same hunt."

For the class of 2002, that wait is over--the Crook Hunt can begin.

And for the class of 2001, the next week will be one of hope--hope that the juniors do not find the carefully hidden Crook.

Senior Kate Breen said, "We trust our executive board that they've hidden the crook in an appropriate place."

The annual Crook Hunt, which began at 8 a.m. today, lasts through next Wednesday. If the junior class has not found the Crook by then, the senior class will have successfully

hidden the Crook.

While finishing lunch in the BeeHive, junior Christine Kelley, senior class president-elect, said, "I am confident that we will find it."

Each morning of the Hunt, the senior class will provide, according to the Student Handbook, "enigmatic clues," which will be posted in Belk Dining Hall.

Tonight, the junior class will meet in first Heilman parlor for a Crook Hunt launch party, according to junior class President Jessica Landon.

Amanda Knox and Ashley Taylor, juniors, are making T-shirts for any junior who wants one. The shirts will say "Got Crook?" and "What's crookin'?"

Landon said that the junior class executive board divided up the campus on a map. Then, she said members of the junior class assigned themselves places to hunt according to the divisions on the map.

But when asked about a strategy for hunting the Crook,

Knox said, "It's top secret."

Junior Keri Medlin said of the Hunt, "I think it's good that [the Hunt] is between the juniors and seniors because those years have the most competition."

Not only will the junior class have to find the Crook, but also the class will have to work its way around the "fake crooks" that the senior class is allowed to hide.

Landon said, "We really want to find it, but we also want to remember that it's just a game."

"I'm looking forward to the competitive festivities, and I am confident that the class of 2001 will once again be victorious," said Jenille Shelton, a senior, about the events coming this week.

Senior Susan Grotzky is also excited about what the Hunt represents at Meredith.

"I think that the Crook Hunt is not only a lot of fun but also is a longstanding Meredith tradition that affords each class the opportunity to show its

class spirit," she said.

The Crook may be hidden anywhere on campus, indoors or outdoors, inside or outside the driving loop.

If the junior class finds the Crook, on this year's Class Day, the senior class carries the Crook, bearing a black ribbon, into the amphitheater.

If the junior class does not find the Crook, on Class Day, the Crook will bear rainbow colors, the senior class' colors.

In the past, the Crook Hunt, for many juniors and seniors, has been a source of tension.

But Landon hopes that the Crook Hunt won't negatively affect the strong relationship that exists between the class of 2001 and the class of 2002. "I don't think it will," she said.

Junior Susannah Grant paralleled Landon's thoughts, saying, "I hope that there's no tension, that there's just fun times."

No matter how the hunt turns out, Breen echoed the sentiments of many by noting, "I'm excited about it."

## Seniors join ranks of alumnae

□ Ceremony bittersweet for many seniors

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Most Meredith students know someone who is a Meredith College alumna.

From mothers and grandmothers to cousins and big sisters, current students are, in some way, already connected to the Alumnae Association.

But it is not until students become last-semester seniors that they really come to realize that they, too, will be alumnae some day. It is during that last semester when they receive official-looking invitations to the Senior Induction Ceremony, sponsored by the--gasp--Meredith College Alumnae Association.

Meredith seniors were one

step closer to graduation on Wednesday, Apr. 11 when the Alumnae Relations office formally inducted them in Meredith's Alumnae Association.

Students were treated to heavy hors d'oeuvres in the Johnson Hall Rotunda before the ceremony in Jones Chapel. While they were in the rotunda, many seniors discussed their plans, or lack thereof, for after graduation.

"The realization of graduation set in," remarked Lesley Parr, one of the three Class Day co-chairs.

Fellow senior Keri Burton agreed with Parr. "It really made it real that we'll be graduating in a few weeks," Burton said.

Once the group gathered in the chapel, officers from the Alumnae Association spoke, including Wendy Holman of the class of 1999.

The officers of the class of 2001 were presented, and the

seniors sang the Alma Mater.

Then senior class president Meredith Bolton gave remarks, followed by the keynote address by Amber Burriss Sheely, '89, who showed the seniors a slide show and told stories of her years at Meredith.

Her underlying message was that at some point, Meredith alumnae will want to reconnect with Meredith College.

But she stressed that alumnae will have a chance to make that reconnection through the Alumnae Association. Sheely stressed that alumnae can remain a part of Meredith for the rest of their lives.

"It was nice to know that even though we're graduating soon our connection to Meredith is always going to be constant," said Hilary Allen, Class Day co-chair with Parr and Wallis Kirby.

Senior Megan Cassell enjoyed Sheely's talk. "I liked

that she said that sisterhood doesn't end when you graduate. I hadn't thought about that."

Cassell, like many other seniors, found the ceremony to be an emotional time as she felt tears welling in her eyes during the ceremony.

What the seniors had really been waiting for, however, was the presentation of the controversial Class Doll. As class doll co-chairs Anna Abernathy, Marley Finch and Angela Cummings unveiled the doll, cameras from all over the chapel flashed.

Burton said that the presentation of the doll was, for her, the most memorable part of the evening. "She was really beautiful," Burton said.

For the rest of the Meredith community, the class doll will be presented again at Class Day on May 12, the day before graduation, at 4 p.m.