

Editorials

Looking Back: A Graduation Reflection

Jenny Gerardo, staff writer

Seventeen years ago, a five year old girl moved from Santana, a small Mexican town, to North Carolina. She left in tears and kept telling her parents to leave her with her grandpa. But, the little girl's pleas did not work. She moved to the United States and started a new life. Soon after arriving she was enrolled into public school. At first the little girl struggled in school because she had no idea what the teachers or her classmates were saying. But, she quickly learned English and she started to enjoy school. She loved going to school. By the second grade the little girl had set a goal for herself, she would go to college, graduate, and do something great with her life.

On May third I will accomplish the goal that I set for myself when I was in second grade. Each day May 3 gets closer and closer and each day I thank my parents for not listening to their five year old daughter. I also thank them for sacrificing their lives for me. My parents moved to the US because they wanted a better life for their family and it is because of them that I have been able to attend Meredith. If they would have done what I had asked to I would have gotten to start my journey. A journey that start the first day I step on Meredith's campus. Over this past four years I have seen myself grow as a student, a professional and an individual. It was at Meredith that I found out that my passion for helping people could be a profession. It was the professors at Meredith that help me realized how much potential I had. Meredith has provided me with so many oppor-

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tunities and so many memories that as I my journey comes to end I am saddened by the fact that soon I have to leave. But, I no longer fear what is to come because it was here, at Meredith, that I learned the skills to be successful in life.

The Meredith Herald congratulate its graduating seniors, Maitlyn Healy, Katy Koop, Jenny Gerardo and Caitlin Davis.

Thank you for all of your hard work.

So You're Picking Ivy, Eh?

Morgan Lloyd, contributing writer

There is no doubt that Class Day is one of the most special traditions for the Bigs and Lils of the senior and sophomore classes. Picking ivy is hard work, but totally worth the beautiful daisy chains that line the amphitheater for the Class Day ceremony. Here are some fun ways to prepare for picking ivy with your class, sophomores:

1. Be sure you bring gloves to protect those manicures.
2. Wear long pants because you will inevitably be up to your knees in ivy.
3. Stretch before you find yourself squatting from 5-9 am.
4. Pick ivy in groups as you will find it is much more enjoyable when picking

among many friends.

5. Finally, when you think you can't pull another string of those pesky ivy leaves, just remember that it is all worth it because you have the best BIG sis ever!

In my opinion, this is one of my fondest memories at Meredith to date. I stayed up all night to pick ivy for my big sis class. To say that 2015 was exhausted by the time we carried the chains into the amphitheater is an understatement, but we wouldn't trade it for the world. We proudly presented the chain and created an "11" in the center for our BIGS. As you prepare for your chance to pick ivy this year, keep these tips in mind and remember to have fun, 2016! It's a tradition you will always remember.

**Happy summer vacation!
Look for the Meredith Herald in the fall.**

Meredith Hacks: Life Hacks for Avenging Angels!

**This week: Exam Week Happenings
Cody Jeffery, assistant editor**

Are you tired of homework? Tired of studying? Looking for a little relaxation before finals? Well, Meredith College is here to help! Be sure to check out some of these weekly events taking place on campus to clear your mind and relieve some of your stress.

Since exam week is all about studying and preparing for final tests and projects, the Carlyle Campbell Library will be open 24 hours for exams. On Sunday, April 20th, the library will open at 6pm and will stay open 24

hours all week. The library closes at 10pm on Saturday, April 26th and then opens again at 8am the next morning (Sunday, April 27th), staying open 24 hours until the last day of exams. The library will close at 6pm on Thursday, May 1st. As usual, any time the library is open Starbucks coffee is available on the main floor for just \$1.90 a cup.

In addition, the library is also sponsoring a Relaxation Station that will be open from April 24 until May 1. Located on the ground floor of the library in Room 020, the Relaxation Station will include board games (Apples to Apples, Cranium, Clue, Jenga, Twister, Monopoly, and many others),

card games, bubbles, coloring books, and puzzles. A Wii will also be set up so that students can play the library's popular Wii games.

To kick off the library fun on Reading Day (Thursday, April 24) from 3-6pm, the Wake Tech Massage Therapy program will be providing ten minute chair massages in the library. The sign-up sheet will be outside of room 020 starting Monday, April 14, 2014. Don't miss out!

Also on reading day, SLS will be hosting a "yard sale" at 2:00pm in the Cate Center selling t-shirts and other left over items from the 2012-2013 academic year.

If you're staying up and getting the late night munchies, the Residence Housing Association will be hosting their popular Pancakes at 11 (until 12:30pm) event in Belk Dining Hall on April 23rd. There will many awesome door prizes and an opportunity to see a Residence Director get pied in the face!

With all these events taking place on campus, everyone will be able to get through finals and find ways to relax in between study sessions. Good luck Meredith! Summer will be here before you know it.