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What's Your Calling? By Olivia Slack and Kristin Morin

Your answer could be, as it is for many freshmen entering college, that you're not sure. It's a lot to ask of freshman to already have a career in mind, much less a career that they know they'll love enough to qualify as a "calling." Meredith College's 2018 summer reading book sought to offer some advice to readers about how to find their own calling through real stories told by people who've found theirs.

This year's book, *Callings*, was compiled by StoryCorps founder David Isay. The book is comprised of transcribed interviews that detail how some people have managed to find their calling in life and turn it into a career.

According to Dr. Steven Benko, one of Meredith's Associate Professor of Religious and Ethical Studies, *Callings* "speaks to that idea that work is meaningful." He noted that there's been a lot of focus recently on how college prepares students for careers not only by educating them but by showing them what kinds of careers are available. Benko said that *Callings* emphasizes this message and that freshmen should take from reading the book that "[finding your calling] is work. That these careers that these people engaged in didn't just happen to them."

Dr. Christina Romanelli, an English instructor at Meredith who lead summer reading discussion groups, commented that *Callings* was a different kind of summer reading book, one that was "really good at being inspiring and a positive conversation starter." She thought that the book helps students feel "empowered to think broadly about what a calling is." According to Romanelli, the book was accurate in showing that sometimes it

Silent Sam Has Been Dismounted Huma Hashmi, Staff Writer

On the night of Aug. 20, protesters tore down the "Silent Sam" Confederate monument at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, the statue being a focus of protests since at least 1968 in response to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., although, calls for its removal came earlier published in an op-ed from the Daily Tar Heel in March of 1965. According to UNC campus police estimates, the university has spent \$393,000 dollars between July 2017 and July 2018 alone on its security.

Though the Civil War was long over by the time the status was commissioned in 1908, the ideology behind it carried over Confederate sentiments. When industrialist and Confederate State veteran Julian Carr spoke at the 1913 unveiling of the statue then known as the "Soldiers Monument", he made its intended symbolism clear. The statue, which earned the nickname "Silent Sam" in the 1950s, was commissioned by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and served as an emblem of "the welfare of the Anglo Saxon race," Carr orated. He stressed that although the Confederacy was defeated, "the cause for which they fought is not lost." Carr offered a personal anecdote as well. He recalled during his speech at his

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Silent Sam on July 13, 2018
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Since then, the protests against Silent Sam and the ideology it represents have long been present, ebbing and waning. However, in the last few years, neo-confederates have used the statue as a rallying point, ushering in a new wave of anti-racism activism and protesting.

In October 2015, when members of The Real Silent Sam Coalition placed a black garment on the barrel of the statue's gun, the cloth symbolized the skirt that Julian Carr hung in shreds after the "horsewhipping[ing]." Then, between

30 and 40 members of the coalition marched from McCorkle Place to Memorial Hall where they briefly disrupted the University Day proceedings to decry the memorial to Confederate soldiers of the university and racism they believed persists on campus.

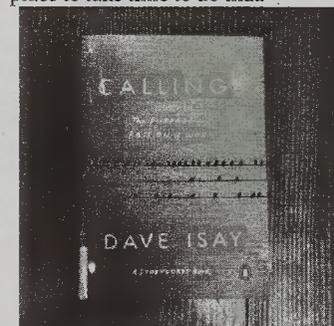
The coalition says "the monument is falsely represented" as honoring students, was erected "at the height of North Carolina's white supremacy movement to incite fear in the newly freed black population" and makes many students feel unwelcome on campus.

The dramatic demonstration on Aug. 20 followed decades of controversy and protest at the university that had accelerated in the last year after the fatal eruption of racist violence in Charlottesville, Va. where at Unite the Right rally, anti-racist protester Heather Heyer was stuck and killed by a neo-Nazi driver.

After Silent Sam's toppling, according to Thomas Goolsby, a member of the UNC System Board of Governors, the monument will be reinstalled within 90 days of its take down.

On Aug 23., Goolsby said in his Youtube video, "We will

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takes a while to find your calling, as demonstrated by her own winding journey to becoming an English professor, and that message is valuable for students. She noted that "there's a certain amount of knowing one's self in finding a calling and knowing what's important to you in finding a calling," and that college can often be the ideal place to take time to do that.

In addition to reading *Callings*, on Sept. 5 freshmen were required to attend "Meredith Callings: A Panel of Powerful Women," a program that showcased faculty, students, and alumnae who shared their experiences with finding their callings. They related how they got to where they are now and offered advice, including focusing on "fulfillment potential vs. earning potential," as the panel's trustee representative Adrienne Cole said. Following the program, freshmen who had attended offered their impression of the event and the book. Adeline Rhodes and Savana Mitchell agreed that it was "nice hearing other peoples' stories," and Faith Beverly added that the event

was "inspiring" and that she felt that attending the panel and reading the book would help "guide [us] to find [our calling]." The reception to *Callings* itself was also positive: as Anna Wisniewski said, *Callings* was a book that "[she] actually related to, because [she's] undecided" unlike other summer reading books she's had to read in the past. This sentiment was shared by many students. Kaitlyn Galdamez gleaned from her reading that you should "do what you want to do in life, and not just because of the money."

Overall, reactions to *Callings* were positive on the parts of both professors and students, with everyone generally agreeing that it was inspiring and gave a great message about how to apply your college experience to finding your ideal career.

Meredith v. Guilford, Meredith v. Stockton By Mimi Mays, Associate Editor



At Meredith's first home soccer game of the season on Sat., Sept. 8, our nimble Avenging Angels battled both the humidity and Guilford College, but emerged victorious on both counts.

The Saturday sun was no match for #18, Madison Thompson, who scored the first goal of the game for Meredith in the first frame. Guilford soon struck back with a point in the second frame, and just when it looked as though the match would end in a tie, #22 Ansley Bucknam bested the Guilford goalie to make the last goal of the game. The Angels' 2-1 win was rewarded with cheers and a picnic with their families in the shade.

"We're very proud of our team; they fought hard the whole game," remarked Coach Paul Smith. "A lot of teams, when you're up 1-0, and the other team comes back 1-1, they may fold," he explained, "but we did not. I'm very proud of the whole team."

The Angels played Stockton University on the afternoon of the 9th, and after a long two frames and two overtimes, the match resulted in a 1-1 tie. Jessica Wallace, #5, scored for Meredith near the end of the first frame.

Today's match in Roanoke has been postponed due to weather, so the Angels' next matchup will be a home game versus Emory & Henry College on Sep 18.