

Maddox appears in "Guys and Dolls"

How many girls, packing for a return to Meredith after Christmas, look forward to contributing to one of Raleigh's most popular theatres? This prospect certainly did not cross the mind of Carol Ann Maddox, a Meredith senior, and yet she is now playing in the Village Dinner Theatre's production of "Guys and Dolls". The musical began two weeks ago and will run for four more weeks, and although Carol must spend six nights a week at the theatre, she is really enjoying herself. "It keeps me pretty busy, but it's really fun", she said of her involvement in two contrasting parts - chorus girl and Salvation Army worker!

Carol Ann's situation is encouragement for all to become involved and go out after things that are of interest to you. Although she had tried out for both musicals at Meredith in the past two years and met with no success, Carol Ann did not flinch from trying out for a part in "Fiddler on the Roof" at the suggestion of Mrs. Jane Sullivan of the music department. Mrs. Sullivan remembered her from the try-outs at Meredith and suggested she try for the "last minute casting". And last minute it was: Carol Ann tried out on a Monday night and the show opened on Tuesday! But her efforts were rewarded, for W. C. Hartigan, the director at Village Dinner Theatre, called her up later for the part in "Guys and Dolls". Even more encouraging to timid souls is the fact that Carol Ann had had no musical training here, save for

one semester of voice which was audited! In "Guys" she sings in five songs.

Admitting that the dancing was the hardest thing to master, Carol Ann says she enjoys it now because it's so snappy. And what about the professional actors from New York who come to perform at the theatre? Carol Ann's supposition that they were "wild and woolly" was shot; they turned out to be warm, friendly human beings. In the suspense preceding critics night, the old traditions came out: "break a leg" was a common expression and kissing was widespread! Carol Ann displays a pair of dice given to her by a member of the cast on opening night, for luck. (The play concerns the gambling nights on Broadway, in part.)

Although Carol Ann said she had no plans for future theatre, her experience will be cherished. More Meredith girls with talent should stick their necks out as far.



Springs Weekend is coming soon! Representatives to the Springs Court were chosen in January and will be presented in a special program in the amphitheater during Parents' Weekend, April 28-29. The Court includes (sitting, left to right) sophomore Dodie Kane, freshman Patti Estes, Queen Lynn Moore Arrington, and sophomore Laura Ann Bailey. Standing (left to right) are senior Frannie Carter, junior Vivian Craig, Maid of Honor Becky Carraway, senior Becky Burris, and junior Donna Rhodes. Not pictured is freshman Dondra Traylor. These girls will be formally presented during the Springs ceremonies.

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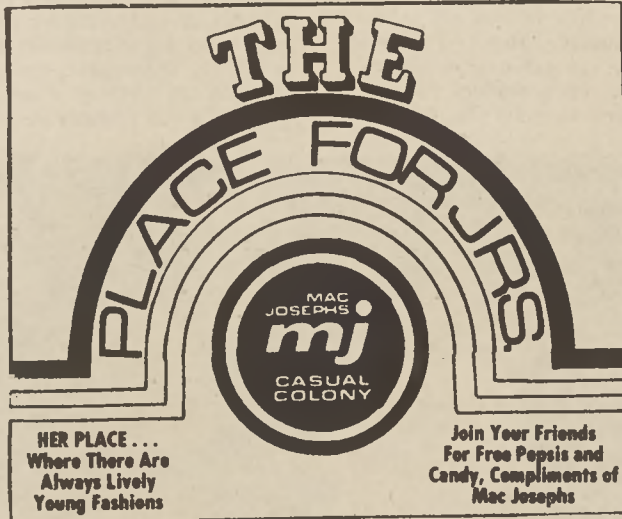
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