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Seniors win Cornhuskin '83

What happened behind the scenes of Cornhuskin' Stayin' Alive 1983? It all began in August at "The Retreat" when the Meredith Recreation Association Board spent the weekend at Lake Norman "brainstorming" on ideas for the big night. The Board members include: Jil Humberger, President; Dalinda Dunn, co-vice President; Karen Davis, Co-vice President; Carole Walker, Treasurer; Ginger Ratcliff, Secretary; Lyn Walker, Intramurals Chair; Rhett Ellerbe, Play Day Chair; Laura Walch, Publicity; Grace Lawrence, Sr. Class Rep.; Julie Bell, Soph. Class Rep.; Renee Knott, Freshman Rep.; Kathy Doyle, Member at Large; Jan Gillean, Intramural Advisor; and Rhoda Sowers, Advisor. Committees were formed, duties were assigned and MRA was on their way. Meetings were held every week, and finally the theme evolved - CORNHUSKIN' STAYIN' ALIVE 1983!

Karen Davis and Dalinda Dunn, the MRA Co-vice Presidents, began working in conjunction with the Cornhuskin' class chairpersons: Seniors Kathy Wagoner and Suzanna Lee; Juniors Rhett Ellerbe and Tammy Adtkins; Sophomores Ruth McPherson and Dwanda Weathers; and Freshmen Leslie Swain and Karry McMillin. Scripts were turned in ... and turned in again ... and even again until the final version was derived. Cornhuskin' week was quickly approaching.

Prior to Cornhuskin' week MRA was hard at work on a production that never hit the spotlight "The Movie That Never Was." Dressed in their "Flashdance" attire the MRA Board filmed their version of that ever-so popular movie - "Stayin' Alive;" however, due to mechanical breakdown the movie did not come back in time. (another case of undiscovered stars - that's showbiz.)

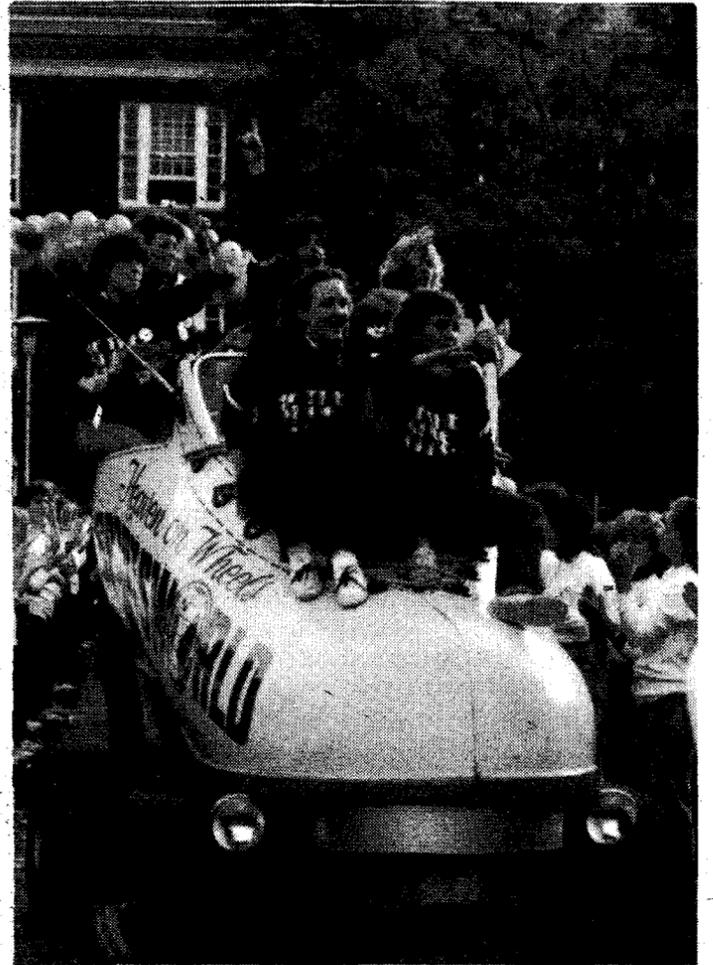
Sunday, October 30 arrived with a splash. Practices began, accompanied by traditional water fights, mysterious phone calls, late night processions through rival hallways - yes, cornhuskin' had arrived. Skits, Hog callin', song practice, Tall Tale, costumes, props - would everything ever get done by Thursday?

Throughout the week entertainment was provided by MRA. Tuesday night, Jeff Robbins, mountain music entertainer, had the Dining Hall hoppin' with his bluegrass melodies. Jeff was followed on Wednesday night by the re-known Duke Pitchforks. The entertainment was brought to a climax on Thursday with the picnic. Each class made their entrance into the courtyard, while the Juniors were rolling in on a large shoe, the Senior chairpersons were circling high overhead ready to make their landing in a helicopter while the rest of the class entered behind a silver "Rolls Royce." After everyone had entered the courtyard, the seniors sang to their little sisters and to all of those

who they will be leaving behind in the Spring. The food was awesome; you'd think it was the State Fair. Lineup time arrived and everyone transformed into their Cornhuskin' identity.

Seven o'clock, the lights were dimmed; two coffins appeared on the stage, occupied by Frankenstein and Werewolf. Much to everyone's surprise the duo leaped out of the coffins and began THROWIN' DOWN to the theme from "Stayin' Alive." Who would believe those dancing monsters were actually Karen Davis and Dalinda Dunn? Karen and Dalinda remarked, "The fun and excitement of being your M.C.'s made all the late night phone calls and hard work worth while. (We're sorry we could not be *everywhere* at one time, but we tried)." Following Karen and Dalinda's opening, the judges were introduced. They were: Linda Shurtleff, Dr. Jean Jackson, Dr. Dorothy Preston, Dr. Cindy Bross, and Mrs. Isabelle Haeseler. The evening continued and three hours later came to a close when the results were announced. The results were:

Winners	1st	2nd	3rd
Cooperation	Jr-Sr	So	Fr
Participation	Sr	Jr	Fr
Apple Bobbing	Sr	So	Jr
Cornhuskin'	Sr	Jr	Fr
Hog Callin'	Sr	Jr	So
Songs	Jr	Sr	So
Tall Tale	Sr	Jr	So
Parade	Jr-Sr	So	Fr
Overall	Sr	Jr	So



Jubilant juniors enter the courtyard in a shoe in conjunction with their theme, "If the shoe fits." [Becky Smith photo]

Cornhuskin' most definitely "Stayed Alive." Although situations arose during the week, all differences were forgotten when Thursday night arrived. The auditorium was filled with excitement and unity from the Meredith Angels. Overriding class competition was the bonding love that makes Meredith ... Meredith!

Math contest to be held

The Department of Mathematical Sciences invites freshmen and sophomores to begin Spring Semester 1984 with an interesting challenge.

The third annual Freshman-Sophomore Mathematics Contest will be conducted on Saturday, January 14, 1984. Participants will take a test covering a variety of mathematical areas. Prizes include a \$200 scholarship for first place and \$100 scholarship for second

place.

The winners last year were Elizabeth Brock and Martha Hamlet with Jenny West and Betsy Blue receiving honorable mention. In 1982 Beth Madren and Cheryl Bailey placed first and second, respectively.

Registration forms are available in 215 Harris or from Professors Kraines or Taylor; they must be returned no later than December 7.

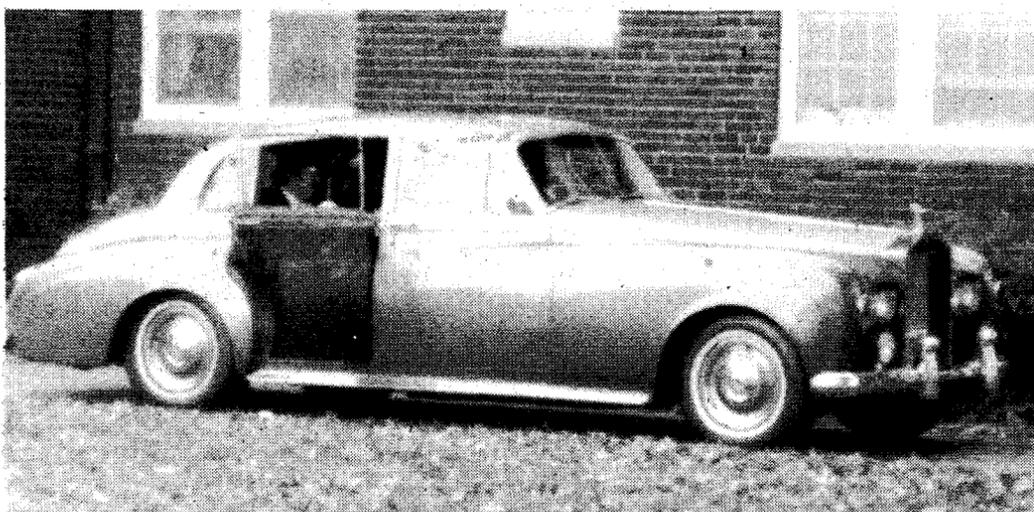
Silver Shield inducts seven

On the evening of Nov. 13, 1983, the Silver Shield Leadership Honorary Society inducted seven new members, four from the present 1984 Senior Class and 3 associate members from the present Junior class. According to the society constitution, members shall be chosen on the basis of "constructive leadership, Christian character, and service to the School."

The following Seniors were selected for the 1983 Fall Induction: Grace Akers, Terrie Holland, Julie Lloyd, and Susan McDonough. The following Juniors were selected as Associate members and will gain full membership in the spring: Ruth Cochrane, Martha Hamlet, and Anita Waters.

The purpose of the society is to promote by example and precept a well-rounded student life, to develop a high type of Christian activity, to promote an understanding between faculty and students, to set a high standard of honor and cooperation in the student body, to make the honor system a real force on the campus, and to perpetuate the ideals and traditions of Meredith.

The present members are Harriet Platts, President; Noel Pellish, Vice President; Kim Causey, Sec. Treas.; Elaine Jolly, Ginger Ratcliff, Johnette Frazier, Ann Fordham, Ann McKee, Lisa Loftis, Anna Pearson, Jan Joyner, Caroline Cooper, and Carol Brooks Uphoff.



Senior class president Kim Causey and class advisor Dr. Jim Johnson led the seniors into the courtyard in a classy '67 Rolls Royce for their theme "Rags to Riches." [Becky Smith photo]

Much time needed to prepare dinners

by Lee Eggleston

Thursday, November 17, the annual Thanksgiving dinner was served in Belk Dining Hall. Preparations began for the dinner on October 19, right after Fall Break.

A great deal of aesthetics go along with the food preparation for this event. Tables must be added in the cafeteria, and the salad bars must be taken down and replaced by

buffet tables. Decorations are important in adding to the atmosphere of the dinner. The tables are set with linens and silver rather than the usual trays and paper napkins.

The cafeteria staff also must be fed the night of the dinner. Time has to be considered in order to stay on schedule and feed everyone, but the staff seems to do an excellent job every year.

Although the Thanksgiving

dinner is a big event, before the cafeteria staff can get back to a normal routine, the Christmas dinner must be served. The preparations for this banquet are even more elaborate than those for Thanksgiving. Ice sculptures must be templated and carved. Pastries must be made and the food must be prepared.

The Christmas banquet will be held December 7, and our thanks go out to everyone in the cafeteria for their hard work.