

Little Friends sparkle your weekend

by Lisa L. Clark

Have you ever wanted to regress back to your childhood days of innocence? As a college student, I often find myself wishing I was younger without a care in the world. Last spring my childhood days came back at Meredith as I cared for a little friend for the weekend.

My little friend, Katherine, arrived on Saturday morning with excitement as she was eager to push her mother back home for the weekend. She came loaded with her suitcase, a sleeping bag, and most importantly — her teddy bear. After we arrived at my fourth floor dorm room, she informed me that her teddy bear and my teddy bear would become roommates for the weekend. When Katherine had unpacked her clothes in my closet, we proceeded to the courtyard for an afternoon of crazy games such as kickball with a four-foot-wide ball.

At dinner time I was amused when little four feet girls tried to choose their food when they could barely see over the railing. The evening was a child's heaven on earth as we were entertained by a magic show, "Guppy the Clown", and the *Muppet Movie*. We spent the rest of the night in a slumber party in fourth Brewer parlor. The slumber party was everything I had remembered from my childhood — no sleep and giggles all night long.

On Sunday Katherine and I attended a chapel service especially planned for our "little friends." Following worship Katherine's mother came to pick her up, and Katherine informed her mother that she was ready for college (at the age of seven). As Katherine drove away, I thought about how I wished college really was like my "little friends weekend."

Little Friends Weekend is coming up April 27 and 28. Make sure you are a part of the fun.

—MURRAY GIVES LIBRARY BOOKS

Library receives scarce materials on Wake County

by Dr. Frank Grubbs

Mrs. Elizabeth Reid Murray, an Alumna of the College, has declared her intent to present the Meredith Library with a large number of source materials pertaining to the history of Wake County. Mrs. Murray is the author of *Wake, Capital County of North Carolina* (1983) the only thoroughly researched history of the County. *Wake* is only volume one of the protracted history. Mrs. Murray is presently working on volume two.

Woodrow Wilson Scholars bring a touch of China

by Beth Blankenship

As Rose Ling sat at the lunch table in her modern-looking business suit eating Southern fried chicken and apple pie, she vividly described the China she left in 1949 and the China of today.

"I was very lucky growing up in the time period that I did in China," Mrs. Ling said. "I had an education and parents who believed in education for both men and women."

Rose Ling wrinkled her small nose and frowned as she talked about the China of the past in relation to women.

"Women had no freedom of choice, no social life, no choice in marriage. Women did lower-type work in the Chinese industrial factories. China is still a man-centered society."

Rose laughs an almost sarcastic laugh as she begins to discuss the Communist-controlled China of today. "There is no freedom in Communist... China. No one, women or men, is allowed to fully develop to their potential." Mrs. Ling says this because the Communists dictate to the Chinese exactly what they are to do with their lives.

"Education is easy to get today for men and women, but the Communists tell you what you can major in."

"If there is a shortage in engineers, they (the government) send you to specialized school in engineering. I was interested in engineering even though I was put there. The same goes for doctors, technicians."

Mrs. Ling slightly smiles as she thinks of the friends and family she left behind.

"The new leader, Dung, is better than past leaders but things are still not good. If you speak against the government, you may lose your jobs or be sent to a labor camp."

Rose Ling raises her eyebrows and inches closer on her chair as she talks about the government's solution to an overpopulated China.

"There can only be one child per family. If a woman finds she is pregnant with her second child she must have an abortion."

Mrs. Ling shakes her head. "No abortion, no ration of food."

She places her small hands together.

"Many families only want sons. If baby is a girl, some just let them lie without food or medicine until they die."

Mrs. Ling mentions at this point her own four children — two are doctors, one is a teacher, and the other a homemaker. All of them live in the United States.

Mrs. Ling again smiles as she looks off into the distance. She glances back as she thinks of something else she wants to say.

You know, "the inference of the Western world has helped China. Girls used to wear blue pants and blue shirts." She chuckles and waves her hand in the air. "You couldn't tell the girls from the boys. People dress in colorful clothes and even get hair permanents."

Mrs. Ling pushes her tray aside and looks up.

"There is still a food ration," Mrs. Ling said. "One day you can only buy 50 cents worth of meat. It depends on how much meat is available. There is a lot of rice. Always rice."

La Cantatrice Chauve: C'etait bravo!!!

by Lisa L. Clark

Meredith's department of foreign languages is ready for Broadway! Four of the department's faculty along with several other Meredith students put on Eugene Ionesco's *La Cantatrice Chauve* on March 19th at 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. The comical play brought numerous spurts of laughter from the audience as they watched the actors in their humorous behaviour.

The play is based on the Theatre of the Absurd which is a drama that elaborates on the absurdity of man's condition. The characters in the play lack individuality, and they act insane. They have

a total lack of communication, and they ramble aimlessly about any subject that comes to mind.

Dr. Jacques Comeaux and Juanita Guarderas play Mr. and Mrs. Martin, an average middle class family. Dr. Brent Pitts and Dr. Burgunde Winz play Mr. and Mrs. Smith who play the exact replica couple of Mr. and Mrs. Martin. The action centers around an evening at home where these two couples have totally absurd conversations. Dr. Mary Thomas plays Mary, a high spirited maid. During the course of the play, a fireman enters the Smith's home who adds more absurdity to the conversation. Nicole Berberat plays the fireman. By the end of the play

the audience is lost in this crazy dialogue where the moral is also completely lost.

Other students who helped with the production are: Elizabeth Aycock as stage manager, Elizabeth Brock and Alicia Hutcheson for publicity, Janice Bentley, Lia Braganza, Joy Whitley, Honey Greene, and Taryn Johnson for props, Pamela Hardin and Julie Bell for make-up, Lizzy Mills for prompting, Nadine Ellsworth for sound effects, and Lisa Clark for lighting. These foreign language students and faculty spent many hours preparing for the production and should be commended for a successful performance.

Dr. Frank Grubbs, Head, History & Politics, said Mrs. Murray's decision to present us with the beginning of what will be significant amount of sources on Wake County history, will allow Meredith to become the sole depository of Wake historical materials. Several other Colleges would have been very pleased to obtain this material, Dr. Grubbs stated.

Head Librarian Janet Freeman, Dr. Grubbs, Mrs. Murray, and Professor Thomas Parramore have held several meetings to determine the proper way to house the Wake materials. Eventually, the Department of History will work up a Locator File on Wake County which will provide scholars with a full index to the Elizabeth Reid Murray Collection.

Summer School credits need approval

If you are planning to earn credits toward graduation during the summer at a school other than Meredith, you must have the courses you take approved before they can be added to your academic record. The form for summer school course approval can be picked up in the registrar's office. Your adviser and the appropriate department head(s) at Meredith must sign it and it is then brought back to the registrar's office for pro-

cessing. When you are enrolled at the other school, you should request that a transcript of your work there be sent to the registrar's office at Meredith. When the transcript arrives, it will be matched with the approval form and the approved courses will be added to your record.

Questions about this procedure will be answered in room 120, Johnson Hall or by calling 8593.

SALUTE TO STUDENT LEADERS Awards and Recognition for Outstanding Leadership

by Rhoda Sowers, Director
of Student Activities

Each year students come together in Jones Auditorium to give recognition and praise to outstanding student leaders selected by the committees and officers in each organization. On Friday, April 12, 1985 at 10 a.m., ten organizations will

salute those students who have shown exceptional leadership skills and dedication to their organization. Over 25 awards will be presented and the ceremony will be highlighted by a slide show depicting events from the past year in which student leaders were involved.

The Student Development Division

encourages everyone to attend to honor these outstanding individuals. Receiving awards are just not the same when few people are present to acknowledge their presentation. So show your support and interest in your student leaders and friends on Friday, April 12, 10 a.m. in Jones Auditorium.

Tomorrow's Business Women's Club

Year End Party and ELECTIONS will be held Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Conference Room. All members welcome.