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## Admissions Prepared to Open Doors to High School Seniors

by Vanessa Goodman  
Managing Editor

The Office of Admissions at Meredith College is preparing four programs in the 1985-86 year for high school seniors and their parents to give them the opportunity to view a college day in operation.

The high school open days are held four times a year - three times in the fall and once in the spring. The basic purpose of them is to allow prospective students to gain a "feeling" for campus life.

The Office of Admissions has designed two schedules - one for the stu-

dent and one for the parents - which run simultaneously.

Student hostesses, selected by faculty members, guide prospective students to visit classrooms in the morning and take them on a tour with their parents in the afternoon.

The parents attend an information session in the morning where they are addressed by Dean Burris and by members of the Admissions Staff. Each speaker touches on a facet of student life.

In the afternoon the seniors hear a student panel and are able to ask questions to various students from each of

the classes on campus.

Before departure the students and their parents are given a final opportunity to ask questions on a one-to-one basis.

In the Rotunda of Johnson Hall representatives from the Admissions Staff, Dean of Students Office, Career Services, and the Honors program are available to answer any questions.

This is the eleventh year for Open Days and Julie Browning, Associate Director of Admissions, thinks that they are "very successful" and "rarely a negative experience."

The Admissions Staff averages about

230 students a year in open day and a high percentage of that number go on to enroll.

In 1983-84 242 students came. Eighty-seven percent of that number applied and 48 percent enrolled.

Ms. Browning says that these programs are "big recruiting efforts and the only time that prospects are allowed to view classes and to get close to Meredith in a formalized way."

The first open day of the year will take place on October 2, 1985.

## Langston Elected Freshman Class President

by Cynthia L. Church  
Co-editor

The speeches were made. The ballots were checked. The votes were tallied. The results were posted. On September 19 Wendy Carol Langston became the president of Meredith College's largest freshman class.

"I cried when I found out I won," Langston said. "I came back from shopping and... came down the hall where some girls were outside my doors. They looked sad and told me the results didn't look good."

"Then Mary Ann (Lisenba) jumped up and said, 'You're Pres.!'"

Langston is from Princeton, North Carolina where she lives with her parents Willard and Ann Langston. She is

the youngest of three daughters.

A graduate of Wayne County Day School in Goldsboro, North Carolina, Langston was active in school activities such as politics. She served as treasurer of her junior class and was involved in clubs. She was also active in her church. She was president of her youth group at Princeton United Methodist Church.

These positions helped Langston develop many leadership skills. Through her work as an assistant manager at her family's business, Langston Motel and Cottages at White Lake, she learned how to work with people, carry responsibility, and be dedicated.

Her dedication to the freshman class is one reason Wendy Langston ran for president.

"I thought it would be neat to represent the freshman class. We've got a bunch of great girls in this class. I'll do my best for them." Langston said.

Langston plans on working to help resolve the problem with the freshman-sophomore parking. She is open for suggestions on the best way to handle this and hopes to work closely with her classmates.

As a political science major, Langston hopes to gain insight on how to be a successful politician. She hopes her office will give her the experience to pursue her career.



Wendy Carol Langston

## Financial Office Awards Scholarships

by Kathy Brown  
Features Reporter

Meredith College awarded or coordinated \$1,265,087 in assistance for 430 students in the 1984-1985 school year.

Seventy-eight percent of the awards were over \$2,000 and 95 percent of the awards were over \$1,000.

To qualify for financial assistance the Office of Scholarships and Financial Assistance requires that a student is eligible if analysis of her application shows that her family is not able to pay the amount that meets the yearly student expense budget for Meredith.

The 1984-1985 "expense budget" for on-campus students was \$6,350 and \$5,600 for commuting students.

There are two types of assistance available for students at Meredith; "gift assistance" (scholarships and grants) and self-help (loans and employment).

Many factors determine if a student is eligible for either type of assistance. Such factors are gross family income, assets and liabilities and the number of children in college.

If the qualifications for financial assistance are broken down, a student may or may not have to repay the amount. Federal and State Grants along with Meredith College Scholarships do not have to be repaid. The money received through National Direct Student Loans and Guaranteed Student Loans do have to be repaid.

Dr. Hiott, Director of Financial Assistance, said, "Most financial assistance is based on established need." Hiott prefers the term financial "assistance" because it implies that the student has made every effort to finance her own tuition before seeking a supplement. [Continued on page 8]

## Meredith Makes Music

by Malinda Britton  
Entertainment Co-editor

The Raleigh Symphony orchestra will perform on October 5 in Jones Auditorium at 8 o'clock p.m. with free Admission.

Other visiting artists will include piano, voice recitals, violin and organ recitals.

The Raleigh Symphony Orchestra Young Artists will perform throughout the month of November and the National Opera Company will provide a special concert in conjunction with the Eastern Carolina University Orchestra.

All concerts are free with the exception of the National Opera Company

and the Meredith choral groups at which events tickets will be available at the door.

Student recitals in organ, voice and piano will be present throughout the semester. These concerts will feature the Meredith College music majors in performances open to the public.

The Choral Society will be heard in their fall and Christmas concerts. More about the Meredith College music events will be presented in a subsequent article.

The music department promises to be entertaining for those who have great interest and little money.

## Phi Alpha Theta Inducts New Members

by Mary Beth Weaver

The Phi Omicron Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta inducted (at right) Elizabeth Brock, Trasi Campbell, Sophie Grady, and Carolyn Sheridan Tuesday, September 10. Phi Alpha Theta is an in-

ternational honor society for the history student. The second best known honor society in the United States, Phi Alpha Theta only inducts students who have an overall grade point average of 3.0 and a history grade point average of 3.1.

The Phi Omicron chapter was established at Meredith in 1975, and in 1976 this chapter won the nation's Outstanding Chapter Award. Led by its president, Liza Dozier, and its advisor, Dr. Carolyn Grubbs, Phi Omicron tries to uphold the ideals of scholarship in history.



FOUR INDUCTED INTO PHI ALPHA THETA

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