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1990-1991: Celebrating Meredith's Charter Centennial

## Class of 1991 takes overall award

### Seniors "Wrap Up" Cornhuskin'

#### Clear skies light up first Cornhuskin' to take place "Under the Harvest Moon"

by Julia Haskett

On a clear moonlit night at the amphitheater, the freshmen "Let the Good Times Roll," the sophomores soaked in an "Underwater Fantasy," and the juniors jived to "We Go Together." But it was the Class of 1991 who took the top overall honors in last Thursday's annual Cornhuskin' events.

WINGS, Meredith's "non-traditional age" students, started the evening's main events with a skit about the nightmares of a typical re-entry student.

The junior class won top prize in the cornshucking contest, although WINGS representative Marsha Fletcher, who grew up on a farm, tore her way to a big finish long before the others. (WINGS and faculty are invited to compete but are not eligible to win.) The seniors came in first in the apple bobbing competition.

The parade contest followed with the seniors taking another first place with their creative use of music, dance, and singing in "Wrapping Up The Century" of Meredith College. The junior class take-off on the movie "Grease" earned them second place.

The junior class "Teenage Mutant Ninja Pigs" captured first place in the Hog Calling contest. Way to go, dudes! The seniors M.C. Suey and dancers rapped to "Can't Cook This" and took second place.

Dr. Nan Stephenson played a fire hydrant in the faculty Tall Tale. Students shrieked as several dogs were led onto the island and began surrounding her,

although none of them took aim. "45 Divine" from the junior class took a deep breath and never let up during her funny sketch about the demise of 45 records and won first place in the Tall Tale contest. The second place senior class "crook" provided some esoteric hints to the junior class and challenged them to find her.

Faculty members Jean Jackson, Rhonda Zingraff, and "Bernice" Cochran, a.k.a. the Pointless Sisters, flamed the crowd into a frenzy with their rendition of "Fire." About 15 other professors joined them in an original rap song, saluting their alma maters.

The class song competition followed with the harmonious seniors tipping their top hats to first place. The sophomores gave their big sister class a run for their money as they sang several "sea" songs, including tunes from the popular movie "The Little Mermaid" and a song in the round to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."

The big and little sister classes serenaded each other with songs of love, friendship, family and sisterhood. Nary a dry eye was to be found as the sophomores sang to their graduating big sisters "May you find all the dreams you've planted in your heart."

The ever-popular Bathtub Ring had the crowd on their feet and clapping to such good ole' country tunes as "Mountain Dew" and "Rocky Top." Everyone joined in as the Bathtub Ring

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## Beauty at What Cost?

Last week's Herald reported on "Dump Gillette" Day, a protest designed to inform consumers about that company's unnecessary use of animals to test their products. This week, we examine specific tests used by Gillette and other companies and provide readers with a shopping list of products by brand name, indicating whether or not they are "animal kind."

Next week we will present the issue of using animals for biological and medical study.

Using animals for cosmetic testing is a heated and complicated issue. While cosmetic firms argue that there is no

alternative to the use of live animals, animal-rights groups have shocked the public with videos and information regarding the way animals are used to test the safety of cosmetics.

Although only 1% of animals used in laboratories are used for cosmetic testing, many consumers and activists are voicing opinions that this is too many. While many people feel that using animals for medical research is a necessary evil, consumers are beginning to question the use of animals for the sake of yet another "new and improved" *continued on page 5*

## "I Can Drink All Night and Not Get Drunk"

**How much alcohol could an average size person drink in one hour before reaching the legal level of intoxication ( blood alcohol concentration of 0.10%)?**

Herald reporters asked a number of students, faculty, and staff this question during the last two weeks. The variety of responses was astounding. Some answers were right on target, while others were completely out of the ballpark.

Alcohol is a factor in 25,000 deaths each year on U.S. highways. Drinking and driving results in more than 500,000 serious injuries each year, as well as over one million arrests yearly.

The legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit is 0.10%. Although this is the legal limit, your chances of having an accident increase long before this limit is reached. At a BAC of 0.05%, your chances of crashing increase by one and a half times. A BAC

of 0-0.04%, although not legally considered under the influence, can still impair crucial driving skills. At the legal limit of 0.10%, the likelihood of crashing is 6 times greater. These are startling statistics considering that 50% of all *continued on page 7*



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**Correction:** The Herald offers its sincere apology for reporting incorrectly that Abeer Mustafa, interviewed for a recent Student Focus article, was a citizen of Pakistan. She is, in fact, from Palestine. We do our best to report the facts correctly and encourage readers to point out any errors or misstatements.