

Leadership Focus

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The members of the Meredith Entertainment Association (MEA) have been unbelievably busy this semester. They've planned a variety of events from picnics, to movies, to a mixer, to the Luau, and now to the Winter Semi-Formal. Jacqui Dato, the President of MEA, said that MEA has several goals they are striving to achieve during the 1991-1992 school year. The primary goal of MEA is to provide a variety of entertainment for the Meredith community. In order to include all of the Meredith community, MEA plans to increase their efforts at attracting commuter students and faculty and staff members to all of their events. With all of their new events, traditional events, and traditional events with new twists, this promises to be an excellent year for entertainment at Meredith.

While MEA is known for their traditional activities, they are always beginning new activities. One of MEA's newest events is Madcap Battle of the Bands. Madcap will be held in Jones Auditorium on Wednesday, February 12, 1992. This event is geared at giving amateur talent the opportunity to perform in front of a college audience. All proceeds from this event are donated to a charity chosen by MEA. This year MEA has chosen the Girls Club of Wake County and the Raleigh Soup Kitchen as its two charities. MEA is looking forward to an extremely successful second annual Madcap Battle of the Bands.

Although MEA is continuously looking for new events in order to broaden their entertainment scope, they do continue to sponsor traditional activities Meredith has come to love. Ticket sales are getting ready to begin for North Carolina State basketball games. "Pacific Heights," "Edward Scissorhands," and "Ghost" are just a few of the hot movies that have been shown by MEA this year. The Balloon Gallery, located in the MEA office

beside the student supply store, offers a variety of balloons year round. They are open from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on Monday through Thursday and from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on Friday. The Balloon Gallery is available to take off-campus orders from parents and can deliver on campus. In addition, they offer a variety of holiday balloons. Spring Fling, another traditional event, will be held on Sunday, April 5, 1992. Spring Fling 1992 may include a beach theme as well as shagging lessons. As you can see, there are a wide variety of events offered to the Meredith community by MEA.

In addition to traditional events, MEA is changing and expanding several of their activities. The largest of their activities, the Centennial White Iris Ball, is one of the events that has been altered. Formerly the Winter Semi-Formal, the Centennial White Iris Ball was improved in order to continue the great sense of tradition at Meredith. The Centennial White Iris Ball was established in honor of the Centennial and the college flower, the white iris. In the future this dance, which is held typically in November, will be called the White Iris Ball. The 1991 Centennial White Iris Ball will be held on Friday, November 15, 1991 at the Raleigh Civic Center. Tickets for the Ball will be on sale from Monday, November 11 through Friday, November 15 in Belk Dining Hall during lunch and dinner and in the Cate Center during lunch. The cost is \$20.00 per couple. White Iris Ball t-shirts will also be on sale from November 4 through November 15. Sounds Unlimited, a video jockey company, will provide the music for the dance. Jacqui Dato, MEA President, encourages everyone to attend the White Iris Ball as it will be a great night to be with close friends and dance the night away.

Ms. Dato and all of the MEA mem-

bers are always eager to hear your suggestions. You can stop by the MEA office during their Balloon Gallery hours or call them at 829-8650. MEA meetings are open as well and are held on Friday mornings at 10:00 am in 206 Harris. Next semester, their meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm with the location to be announced. Future considerations for change within MEA are to move Fall Fest, an afternoon of music, friends, and food held on the Meredith Island, to the same weekend as the White Iris Ball. MEA would then consider moving the White Iris Ball to October. As with all of their events, MEA will be sending out surveys to receive your opinions on this topic as well as many others. Be an active participant in your campus entertainment programming and let MEA hear from you!

**If you've made
up your mind
you can do
something, you're
absolutely right.**

Freshmen, Sophomores Invited to Participate in Math Contest

The Department of Math and Computer Science would like to extend an invitation to all freshmen and sophomores to take part in the Eleventh Annual Freshman-Sophomore Mathematics Contest. This exciting, yet challenging contest will be held on January 11, 1992. The contest consists of a test that participants will take which covers a wide variety of mathematical areas. The only specific content that will be assumed is that of Mat 211, yet an excellent student could be successful without any knowledge of Calculus.

The only eligibility requirement for the 11th annual competition is that students can have no more than 66 hours at the end of the fall semester of 1991. Prizes for the contest include a \$200 first prize scholarship and a \$100 second prize scholarship. Last year's winners include Stephanie Hopkins as the first place recipient and Mary Dana Morrill as the second place prize winner. Katherine Gu, Jelena Martinovic, Kelly Phillips, and Tiffany Short were all recipients of various book and honorable mention awards.

The Math and Computer Science Department is encouraging everyone that is eligible to participate. Registration forms are mandatory and may be picked up from anyone in the department. Please note, however, that all forms are due by Tuesday, Nov. 26. Once again we hope that all those eligible will come forth and take part in the contest and begin the year in a positive and rewarding way.

Emerging Leaders Seminar Series Offered

The Emerging Leaders Seminar Series will be held in Spring 1992 for any freshman or sophomore who would like to develop her leadership skills. Session topics include high self-esteem, goal setting, decision making, situational leadership, and group communication skills.

The series begins January 14 and ends February 25. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 3:45pm until 5:15pm in Kresge Auditorium. A ropes course and recognition dinner also will be included in the series.

All freshmen and sophomores should have received a brochure, which includes a registration form, in the mail. If you need another brochure or would like more information, please contact Cheryl Smith, Program Director, in the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development, first floor of Cate Center (8660). A few spaces are left. . .so don't miss your last chance to take advantage of this great opportunity to build your leadership skills and to find out how you can get more involved at Meredith College!