

## Ground breaking ceremony to be held for Hubert Ledford Building

Next Monday, April 13, 1992, at 4:00p.m., is the ground breaking ceremony of the Hubert Ledford Building. So far, psychology majors and minors have been invited by written invitation, but the department wants all Meredith students to know they are invited too. They are so excited to finally dig some dirt for the building, that they want everyone to come and see. Dr. Huber and the entire psychology faculty are excited to begin the new building. The new building will house professors, labs, and classrooms. Come one and all to see history being made!

## Seniors will hold bonfire to continue tradition

Among the many Meredith traditions that we remember here at Meredith, there is one that has been overlooked in recent years. The Class of 1992 wants to revive this tradition.

One night of the week preceding Commencement Week, at a grudge bonfire, each senior burns any article she has most disliked at Meredith. Her memories of Meredith are, as a result, are supposed to be only pleasant ones.

All seniors are invited to attend the Senior Bonfire on Tuesday, April 14 from 9:00 - 11:00pm on the softball field. Bring your "worst memories" to burn. We will read roommate prophecies at this time, also.

### CORRECTION!

In the April 3 edition of the Meredith Herald, there is a mistake in quoting the cost of sending a fax from the library. Actual costs: long distance - \$0.50 per page and a cover page must be included because it contains information such as Meredith's address and fax number if someone would like to send back a response. Local faxes - \$0.10 per page.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

After reading the article on possible grade inflation at Meredith (April 3), I felt compelled to write a response. Being a music major myself, I have had to deal with these same accusations for the three years I have attended Meredith. The article in the April third edition of the paper contained some common fallacies that many people seem to believe concerning students who pursue music as a major in college, here at Meredith and elsewhere as well.

First of all, music is a discipline; it is not easy as many faculty and students outside of the music department seem to think. If music were an easy major, it stands to reason that there would be a great deal more students enrolled in the Bachelor of Music program than there are currently. It takes discipline to study and perform music, a discipline that many people do not have and therefore cannot comprehend. A music major at Meredith spends two to three hours a day practicing her music, whether it be vocal, piano, or organ repertoire. The music does not "come easy" to us because we have studied and practiced on our particular instruments for years before we entered college. There is so much repertoire for each instrument that we could have taken music lessons for thirty years and still not have covered all of the music written for our particular instruments. We encounter much more challenging repertoire in college, just as a mathematics major encounters more challenging mathematical problems in college than she encountered in her high school algebra or trigonometry class.

The repertoire we study in college required daily practice to facilitate learning, and the discipline we develop from our practice habits transfers to our other studies as well. If one were to look at our grades in subjects outside of music, i.e. Religion, English, Western Civ., etc., he or she would see that we achieve equally good marks in these subjects; that is, of course, unless the teachers and professors in these departments have inflated our grades. Would a student in another major do equally as well in a music history or music theory course? Has any comparative study of this nature been done? The newspaper article did not indicate it to be so.

I would now like to address another fallacy contained in the article on grade inflation. Many people erroneously believe that we music majors are graded strictly on our talent and ability to perform. This statement could be no further from the truth, a comparable statement being

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