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## News Briefs

- On Monday, President-elect Bill Clinton detailed plans for a pre-Christmas economic summit. The summit will include U.S. business and economic leaders. The gathering will be spent developing recommendations in various areas of government policy.

- European Community ministers met Tuesday to reopen negotiations and head off an agricultural trade war with the U.S. This stems from the U.S. announcement last week that if no agricultural trade agreement is reached by December 5, the U.S. will place tariffs on all EC goods.

- The Wake County Board of Education discussed Tuesday night proposed school construction in Wake County. A \$736 million program has been proposed to the board which will add 25 new schools to the county. Expansion, renovation and improvement is also part of the proposed budget.

- After their win over the Virginia Cavaliers, there is talk that North Carolina State is heading to post-season play in the Gator Bowl. The Wolfpack will play Duke Saturday and wrap up its season the following Saturday against Wake Forest.

- Hollywood came to Duke University. Eighty-five Duke students and faculty answered an open call Monday for a chance to play bit parts in the movie *The Program*. *The Program*, starring James Caan and Craig Shefer, is scheduled for release in 1993. The Hollywood crew will be filming for 10 days on Duke's campus.

- Oprah Winfrey is engaged. Winfrey announced her engagement to six-year beau, Stedman Graham last week. No wedding date has been set.

## Class of 1993 wins Cornhuskin'

by Amity Brown

The Senior class won Cornhuskin', a week-long spirit competition among the four classes. The Sophomore class came in second place, followed by the Juniors in third and the Freshmen in fourth. Cornhuskin' is sponsored by Meredith Recreation Association (MRA) and is held every fall.

"I think that overall positive changes were made to Cornhuskin' this year. The cooperation points went over well. Cornhuskin' was much better than last year," said MRA President Stephanie Hubbard, commenting on efforts to decrease tension among classes during Cornhuskin' week.

The Seniors won both the script and costumes for the Skit Parade. The Juniors came in second, while the Sophomores came in third place. The Freshmen finished in fourth place.

Hog Callin' was won by the Sophomores. The Seniors came in second, the Juniors in third, and Freshmen in fourth.

The Senior class won Tall Tale,



Seniors make their grand entrance at their final Cornhuskin' displaying their class theme --Goin' Out With a Bang. photo by Laura Davenport

followed by the Juniors. The Sophomores came in third and the Freshmen in fourth.

The Seniors came in first place for Songs, with the Sophomores taking second place. The Juniors came in third, and the Freshmen were fourth.

Cornshuckin' was won by the Sophomore class. The Juniors came in second, followed by the Seniors in third, and Freshmen in fourth.

Apple Bobbin' was won by the Seniors. The Juniors and Sophomores tied for second. The Freshmen were disqualified for using their hands.

The Freshmen won Attendance. The Sophomores came in second, the Juniors in third, and the Seniors in fourth. Attendance is determined by the combining of class attendance and Cornhuskin' night attendance.

The Juniors and Sophomores tied for Sweatshirts, while the Seniors came in second and the Freshmen in first.

The Junior and Senior classes were each awarded eight cooperation points, while the Sophomore and Freshman classes received six each.

## Competency tests English and mental health

by Jackie Webb

"The test is a real pain to work out."

"Getting ready for it takes time I would rather spend on reading or writing skills."

"Sometimes I worry that students become so concerned about the competency test they lose sight of the larger and more complex task of becoming better writers.

"Knowing the test is just around the corner makes me work harder."

"Doing the [grammar] exercises and writing papers all in one class has prepared me for the test and for all the papers I'll have to write as a psych. major."

"I wish the test counted as part of my average for English 111."

Would you be surprised to learn that the first three comments are from faculty in the Meredith English department, while the second three are from Meredith freshmen? A recent poll of competency test givers and takers revealed several surprises. Dr.

Betty Webb spilled a real shocker: "The test originated in response to students' perception that the demands of English 111 varied dramatically according to instructor—especially in the area of editing." If you're having nightmares about taking the competency test this week or are haunted by having faced it in the past, you can thank former angels for your torment.

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