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Dear Members of the Meredith Community:

This is a note of welcome to both the new members and the returning members of our Meredith community. I have always thought our strongest characteristic is that we stand together as a family, supportive of each other, as we cooperate to meet the challenges and opportunities placed before us in our academic community.

To those new to Meredith, we hope each of you finds our beautiful campus an inspiring and stimulating place to learn and teach. To the new students, we challenge you to learn skills and knowledge that will take you confidently into the next century. We at Meredith recognize the special gifts of a women's college, and hope that you will appreciate and take advantage of them. Our unique environment at Meredith encourages women to develop into their own person, to grow from their experiences, and to make friendships that will last a lifetime.

To those returning, we're glad you're back to help guide those new to our campus, to pursue your own areas of interest, and to build on the memories of your previous experiences at Meredith.

Most importantly, we see each member of the Meredith community as a unique individual who helps create what is special about Meredith. We're pleased you're with us, and we're looking forward to an exciting year.



John Weems, President



photo by Laura Davenport

Incoming freshman Christy Short, Charlotte, N.C., begins her Meredith experience by moving into Vann Residence Hall. Family members Juanita Garten, Tony Short and Stephanie Lusk carry boxes to her room.

Freshmen get carried away by Orientation

by Ellen Williamson

When most Meredith students hear the word orientation, they usually think about Freshman Funanza or the dreaded handbook test. The 1993-94 Orientation Crew adopted the theme "Get Carried Away" to introduce the class of 1997 to the 'new' Meredith experience.

Madalyn Gaito, Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development, said, "We tried to place emphasis on residence halls so we could establish that community."

The students arrived on Thursday. After settling in their rooms, the freshmen ate dinner with their hallmates. That night the students experienced their first hall meeting which included a fire drill and handbook training. There will not be a handbook test for this class and that, said Gaito, will "place more responsibility on them to learn about it." The Serendipity and Kaleidoscope workshops were on Friday and Saturday.

Roger Day entertained at the Funanza Buffet Friday afternoon.

Sarah White, a freshman from Statesville, NC,

said, "The first part of orientation was interesting, but you just wanted to get on with your freshman year later in the week."

Sunday afternoon there was an Activities Fair which replaced the formal dinner. About 30 organizations recruited new members. Gaito said, "I hope it was helpful for freshmen as well as the organizations." Many of the organizations were pleased with the results and the number of people who want to get involved. Camille Hatch, Student Government Association (SGA) president said, "This is a most exciting group of freshmen. They all want to get involved and I'm excited for them."

The freshmen registered Tuesday. Most waited several hours to get their books.

Dana Roberson, Meredith Recreation Association (MRA) president, said, "Orientation went better than it has in past years because there was more free time and fewer meetings."

This year brought in approximately 382 freshmen, 92 transfers and 5 international students to Meredith — all experiencing orientation and all "Getting Carried Away."