

Meredith world traveler is a talk show junkie

by Christina Peoples

The best thing that ever happened to Jeaneen Logan was getting away from Meredith.

Logan, a Meredith senior and former Association for Black Awareness (ABA) president, spent her last semester studying abroad in the Universitas Nebrissensis in Madrid, Spain.

"I feel so good because I got to see and do things that everyone reads about," said Logan.

When asked about her experience in Spain, Logan's eyes immediately lit up and she began talking very animatedly with her hands.

Logan's favorite part of Spanish culture is the openness of its people. She said that the son of the family she and Meredith Taylor stayed with was always willing to advise them on the best places to eat or shop, and he and his friends would insist on sharing their food or drink with them wherever they went.

"This is the best example of what makes up Spanish culture and mentality. They invite you to be a part of the fun," said Logan. "If you are friends with one person and are introduced to other new friends, the friendship is automatic."

While in Spain, Logan also had the opportunity to travel to Paris, France. Logan noticed a real difference in the way people responded to her in the two countries.

"In Spain they have small cafes called Terrazas that are lively with music, drinking and conversation ev-

erywhere. The tables are round and surrounded with friends," said Logan. "In Paris the cafes have chairs in rows, which is very organized and rigid. The people sit, sip drinks and watch people go by."

Logan had a great experience with one of her teachers at the university.

Marissa Marina, her art and history professor, was "phenomenal."

"I've never met a woman so interesting. She knew everything about everything," said Logan. "She was so happy and proud of her culture, and she wanted to share it with her students."

Logan remembered how Marina could lecture seriously about the Spanish Civil War and then entertain them with funny colloquial Spanish expressions that adults use. Logan said that her lack of knowledge of Spanish did not hinder her from laughing.

Marina could also tie her personal expe-

riences into the lectures about the art, even though she was only a girl when the war happened.

"She said the greatest gift to her that gives her the most pleasure is knowing that her students will carry the information they receive out of the class into the real world," said Logan.

Logan plans to use her history and Spanish double major and her experience in Spain to help her in law school. She is not sure what type of law she wants to practice, but she would like to work in a field where she could travel back and forth to Spain.

"I don't want to lose my Spanish, and I would like to incorporate it into my daily work," said Logan. "I would like to become fluent in the language, but I know that it takes a number of years living in a country to do so."

Logan is in the process of applying for a Fulbright Scholarship to go to Costa Rica. If she receives it, the government would pay for a year of study in the foreign country.

Christa Bucks, a good friend of Logan's, recommended her experience in Costa Rica so highly that Logan could not resist the chance to try to go.

Logan spoke as enthusiastically about her family as she did her experience in Spain. She said she enjoyed having an older sister (and now a beautiful niece), and they were very close.

"We had a big dog when I was little that my sister was never afraid of, and I was always terrified of it. My sister was not afraid of anything; she was just curious," said Logan. "She always understood that I was scared, and she wasn't cruel and never teased me about it."

Logan also said that when she went abroad, the worst part was leaving her family for such a long time.

"It wasn't like being at college, I couldn't jump in the car and drive to see them. We had an ocean between us," said Logan.

Logan came to Meredith because she met someone in her extended family who went to Meredith and liked it a lot. At that time Logan was a junior in high school looking at colleges, and she came and stayed at Meredith for a week.

"I liked the size, the fact that it was a single sex school with less distraction, building more and stronger relationships with women and the openness of classes. Since I've been here I have found that it is all true, and I haven't been disappointed," said Logan.

A special part of her Meredith experience was being ABA president last year. Logan enjoyed working up from being an active member her first two years to being elected president her junior year.

"It was the best feeling to be in charge of something I care so much about," said Logan.

During her presidency Logan re-

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"Adios, Meredith," says senior Jeaneen Logan. Logan donned her cap and gown for Founder's Day Convocation.

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