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Meredith gives its students roots and wings

by Christina Peoples

Meredith celebrated the end of its Second Century Campaign on September 23 at 10 a.m. in Jones Auditorium with Governor Hunt as the special guest and keynote speaker.

"All of you who are Meredith College, I commend you on this wonderful success. The money raised through this campaign will be invested in ways to better help teachers teach and students learn," said Hunt. "People have given [of their time and money] because they wanted to. They believe in Meredith College and all of you."

The ceremony began with powerful organ music provided by Dr. David Lynch, head of the music department. While the music played, the members of the platform, the faculty and the senior class marched into the auditorium in their academic regalia.

Kelly Formy-Duvall, Student Government Association (SGA) president, offered the invocation, and the Meredith Chorale sang a hymn. The themes for both the invocation and the hymn were glory, honor, praise and adoration to God and to Meredith.

Dr. John Weems, president of Meredith, gave the welcome and introductions. He recognized the seniors who were in their academic regalia for the first time, and he also acknowledged the trustees.

Some of the members of the platform were Paul Williams, trustee chair; Dr. Gary Walton, faculty marshal; Michelle Pigford, senior class marshal; Barbara Allen, chair of the Second Century Campaign; Kelly Formy-Duvall, SGA president; a representative from the Baptist State Convention; and the presidents from each class.

Weems gave a brief history of the

campaign that began in February 1991 and ended in February 1994. The original goal of the campaign was to raise \$10.6 million, but the final tally was \$11.8 million. The immediate goals of

improving and building facilities, and faculty and student development were decided on after years of active planning by administration, faculty, students and alumni.

"I feel this is a proud goal because we are not only

building buildings, but also lives," said Weems. "I don't know of another such drive to take 50 percent of the goal [money] and establish student scholar-

ships."

All of the projects associated with this campaign—the renovation of Belk Dining Hall, the creation of Wainwright Suite, the building of Ledford, the renovation of Noel House, the renovation of Joyner, and the additions to Weatherspoon—are either finished or are about to be.

Other important improvements made with the money raised are: computer labs have been installed all over campus, a campus-wide fiber optic network has been created, faculty endowments have grown by one million, and the number of student scholarships has doubled.

"With all of these accomplishments, Meredith is completely debt-free," said Weems. "There has not been another three-year period in Meredith's history that approaches all of this support."

After discussing the campaign, Weems introduced Governor Hunt. Hunt grew up on a cattle farm in Wilson County where his family still resides. In

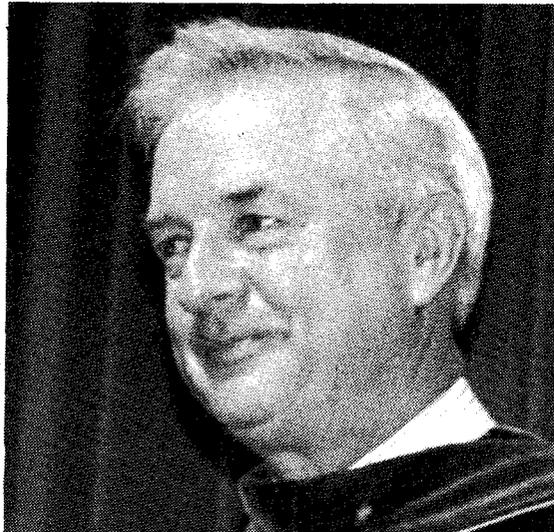


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Governor Jim Hunt delivered the keynote address to Meredith students, faculty, and friends.

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Family Day 1994 draws large crowd

by Keri VanDoren

Family Day 1994 was held on Sunday, Sept. 24 here at Meredith. The day's events kicked off at eleven o'clock in Jones Chapel with a student led worship service.

The crowd size at the event doubled from last year, and to the surprise of Reverend Sam Corrothers many of the people who came to worship had to stand. The congregation was called to order by the Meredith Ringers performing "I sing the mighty power of God" The sermon was led by three people, giving the congregation three different points of view. Freshman Beth Boyette was the first to speak. She spoke of memories of her childhood and the importance of remembering where you came from. Jan McNeill, a senior, spoke next; she reminded us all that we must enjoy our families, and that they are always there

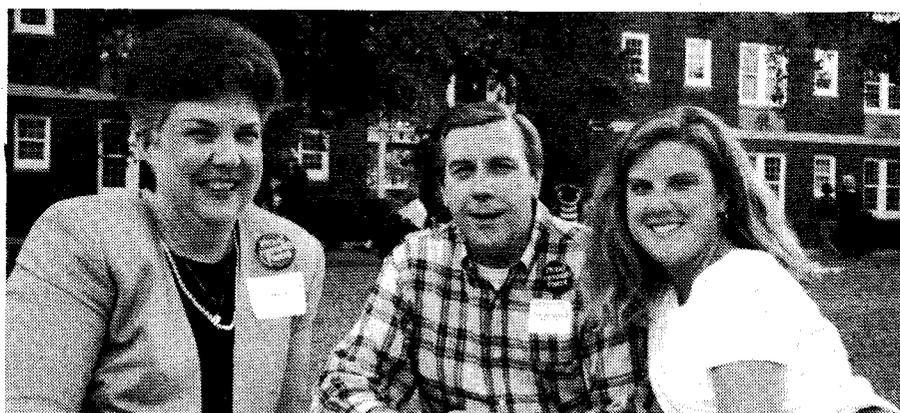


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The number of family members and students attending Family Day this year more than doubled from previous years.

for us. Barbera Watts, a member of the W.I.N.G.S. program, talk to the congregation about flexibility.

After the service many families went into the courtyard for a picnic lunch. After waiting in line for what seemed like an eternity, students and their

families were greeted with an abundance of food. Pasta salad, potato salad, fruit salad, rolls, corn-on-the-cob and hamburgers were piled high on the tables. Families sat around on the lawn, either on blankets or on benches, and enjoyed a peaceful lunch together. North

Tower Band provided lively entertainment for everyone in the courtyard. They played a variety of music, from Top 40 to beach music to oldies. Even the slight, short drizzle in the afternoon didn't seem to faze anyone.

From one o'clock until five the dorms were open to everyone. Guests signed in on the first floor parlors. In the relaxing atmosphere of the rooms students, the parents, other family members, and boyfriends could relax and talk. Overall it was a day to relax and show our parents how much they are loved.

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