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## Meredith organizations serve the community

by Marsha Tutor

The fall semester has been filled with numerous service projects by Meredith clubs and committees. Some of the service projects include: a Halloween carnival, a canned food drive, visiting the Tammy Lynn Center, and many more. Meredith students are hard at work not only in their academics, but also in their service toward others.

The Phis Club of Meredith, with President Christy Odom, recently visited the Tammy Lynn Center, a residence and school for children with physical disabilities. During their visit, the club members helped the children decorate pumpkins with paint and glitter. The Phis also spent time talking and interacting with the children through games and storybooks. The Phis Club and the children had an extremely exciting day.

The Stringfield Hall Service Committee, headed by Amy Hester and Karen Edwards, held a Halloween carnival on Thurs., Oct. 27. The carnival lasted from 6-8 p.m. and ran with the help of Jenny Lewis, Meredith Walker, and other first floor residents. First floor Stringfield hall dues helped pay for the carnival, and the residents contributed small prizes for the kids. About 15 to 20 kids from the Salvation Army and children of the faculty attended the carnival. The carnival games included: "Cauldron Toss," "Candy Corn Guess," "Go Fish," and "Velcro Halloween Toss." Both Amy Hester and Jenny Lewis agree that the carnival was a success, but hope that next year more children will attend.

MCA, Meredith Christian Association, has been very active in service toward the community. MCA President is Jan Yow and MCA Service

co-chairs are Megan Carney and Shannon Barefoot. Nov 1-22, MCA is conducting a canned food drive for the Raleigh Rescue Mission. Collection boxes for the food are placed in the Cate Center and Belk Dining Hall.

Also, four members of MCA will be visiting the Women's Correctional Institute. The members will make Christmas cards and Christmas ornaments with the women.

In December, MCA will be stuffing stockings with toys for the kids from the Salvation Army.

These Meredith organizations encourage students to participate with them in any of these fall service projects.

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## Alumnae help students get career connections

by Kristine Stagg

Students interested in everything from interior design and public administration to accounting and marketing were given practical advice on how to face the business world after graduation from Meredith alumnae at Career Network Day on Monday, according to Rebecca Highsmith in the Office of Career Services.

Meredith Alumnae Preparing Students (MAPS) sponsored the event, along with the Office of Alumnae Relations, the Office of Career Services, and the Networking Committee of the Meredith Alumnae Association.

Career Network Day allowed students to ask a panel of alumnae in different fields questions about the "real world." Approximately 95 students attended the eight sessions and gave the event an overall rating of excellent, said Highsmith.

Students learned about the wide variety of jobs that are available in the business world and, as one student said, a career "does not have to railroad you because careers can branch out." The panel stressed the need for people to be happy with their jobs, said Highsmith.

More people attended the MAPS sessions this time than the one held in the spring, said Highsmith. For future sessions, the sponsors are trying to meet the needs of the students by providing more convenient times for students to attend more than one session. In addition, they would like to provide more of an opportunity for students to mingle with the panel.

"There is something special about watching the alumnae with the students," said Highsmith. "They remember what it was like to find a job, and they survived."



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These Canadian geese were enjoying the nice weather while frolicking on Meredith's lake. This goose's "bottom's up" is the only kind Meredith will allow.