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## FBI investigates Meredith for new recruits

by Addie Tschamler

Special Agent Joan Flemming told Meredith students on Nov. 18 that now was the time to think about work with the FBI.

We hire people in waves, she said. Presently the FBI has a group of employees preparing to retire in the next few years, so the FBI is currently recruiting about 640 new people to send to its academy in Washington, D.C.

The FBI requires its applicants to be between the ages of 23 and 35, be a United States citizen, have good vision and hearing, possess a valid driver's license, and be in excellent physical condition.

"You also must have a four-year college degree and professional work experience," said Flemming, who was once an elementary school teacher before finding a job with the FBI.

Flemming said there is no specific major that can prepare a college student for FBI work.

"There are five entrance programs under which Special Agents qualify: law, accounting, language, diversified, and engineering/science," Flemming said. Most special agents fall under the diversified category, which requires any four-year college degree and three years' full time work experience.

"Any skills are helpful," Flemming said. Flemming gave the example of



photo by Jetson

Our reporter Addie got into a "brawl" with Special Agent Joan Flemming during the FBI demonstration and lost.

horseback riding skills as being helpful in the search for the two boys who were assumed missing from Union, S.C.

For those who plan to enter the FBI Academy,

a test is required in which a score of at least an 80 must be attained.

"Forty-percent of applicants do not pass the test," said Flemming. How-

ever, those applicants are allowed to retest within a year.

If an applicant passes the test, the FBI does a background check to find out about the applicant's character.

"They will check everything about you," Flemming said, so it is best not to hide anything.

Flemming said the FBI checks everything from speeding tickets to drug usage to previous arrests.

"They also check with former roommates," Flemming said, to make sure all of the information noted on the application is correct.

After the background check, high-scoring applicants are scheduled for a class.

Applicants are also interviewed by three FBI agents before being accepted, according to Flemming.

New agents' physical fitness tests

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## Meredith juniors continue their golden tradition

by Clarky Lucas

Members of the junior class couldn't help but grin after receiving their class rings at the Junior Class Ring Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 17.

The candlelight celebration held in Belk Dining Hall gave the women a chance to gather with friends to reflect on their accomplishments and look to the future with an onyx symbol of hard work and unforgettable experiences wrapped around their fingers.

Mindi Outlaw, junior class secretary, kicked off the event with a warm welcome followed by Junior Class President Shelly Barrick with a prayer before the meal.

A slide presentation full of pictures of the class of '96 participating in Cornhuskin', Stunt, dances and college life was shown by Catherine Walker, junior class historian, during the feast.

Belk Dining Hall was decorated with

black and gold balloons for the ceremony. The buffet style dinner that had mouths watering featured prime rib, chicken and artichokes in a mushroom and wine sauce.

Margaret Currin, member of the class of '72, who has excelled in the field of law, spoke about how Meredith College helped to shape her life and contributed to her success. Three qualities she credits Meredith with teaching her are intellectual discipline, leadership skills and the importance of serving others.

Christi Mull, who graduated in '94, also gave a presentation that brought a few tears to many eyes including her own as she spoke of the many ways attending Meredith touched her life. Mull expressed that Meredith gives its students a chance for their voices to be heard, along with a life time of memories. She encouraged the junior class to set an example of excellence



photo by Jan Seate and Laura Ross

These Meredith juniors proudly display their new gold finery after putting on their class rings at the junior class Ring Dinner.

in their professional, social and academic lives.

"I thought their messages were appropriate, and it's good to know that Meredith pride lasts long after graduation," said Joi Williams, junior.

After the programs were completed,

Barrick then announced the names of the students receiving their rings while the class officers presented them to the students.

The Bathtub Ring provided entertainment by performing the song "You Needed Me," and members of the freshman class

serenaded their big sisters with a song to the tune of "Hero."

Julia Rathbone gave the closing remarks, which prompted a flurry of picture taking. Students with wide smiles posed with their shiny new rings that seem to make their status as juniors official.