

News Briefs

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- An American attending Brandeis University was taken off life support after suffering injuries in the Gaza Strip bombings. Alisa Flatow was declared brain dead, and her father authorized doctors to remove his daughter's organs for donation.
- One of the largest studies ever undertaken of the nation's elementary schools concluded that too many of them use class time poorly. The study, released Monday by the Carnegie Foundation, urges educators to devote new attention to improving elementary schools. The Carnegie study was presented to more than 6,000 of the nation's elementary school principals.
- Haitian officials responded Monday to critics and pre-election violence by delaying June elections for three weeks. Opposition politicians welcomed the news but threatened to boycott the elections if President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's government shuts them out of the electoral process.
- Proponents of a federal program to release red wolves in North Carolina have some new ammunition — a survey that indicates public support. The survey by NCSU found that 51.7 percent of the people contacted by telephone supported the wolf release, while 30.2 were opposed. Red wolves, an endangered species, have been released in a five-county area during the past seven years by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Meredith makes big splash into spring

by Melissa Cloer

Two of Meredith's organizations recently presented spectacular events: On Thursday, Apr. 6 the surf was up with Stunt '95 presented by Meredith Recreation Association, and on Sunday Meredith Entertainment Association sponsored Spring Fling. Both were successful and drew large crowds.

Stunt consisted of many activities from eating to singing. The picnic began at 4:30 p.m. and gave everyone energy for all the games in which they would compete. Hot-dogs, hamburgers, pasta salad, cole slaw, potato salad, chips and ice cream were served. After feasting on dinner, there was the limbo contest. Four members from each class competed to see how low they could go. The sophomore class came in first, seniors in second, juniors in third, and freshmen in fourth.

Next was the bat spin, a dizzy experience, in which the seniors won, the sophomores placed second, the juniors third, and the freshmen in fourth. The three-legged race took some tough work, and the winning class was the juniors, followed by the seniors, sophomores and freshmen. Tug of war came up next, with the winning class of the two games facing off. The seniors came out on top with the freshmen taking second, sophomores third, and juniors fourth. In the balloon toss, the seniors got first place, the sophomores second, the freshman third, and the juniors fourth. There was a tie for first place in the sponge toss game between the sophomores and freshmen. The seniors came in second, and the juniors third.

The grand finale was the lip sync contest. The freshman class performed a song from the *Lion King* and re-

ceived third place. The sophomores performed a song from the movie *Annie* and came in fourth. The junior class did a variety of introductions to old television shows: the *Facts of Life*, *Happy Days*, *Laverne and Shirley*, and many more. This presentation placed them in second. The seniors went on stage as a group and acted out various

people parked their cars in any available spaces and took off to the front lawn, where all the action was taking place.

While listening to the cool tunes of Cravin' Melon, Far Too Jones, and Hausman Syndicate, people played volleyball, moonwalked, sumo wrestled, or ate and watched the bands play.

Ann Slate, a co-chair for Spring Fling, stated, "I think it went great; there was a good turn out."

I asked Slate about the bands and how they got them because Cravin' Melon acknowledged Jamie Morris during their set. Slate told me that Jamie had heard Cravin' Melon play at frat parties, got in touch with them, and invited them to play at Meredith with their opening band Far Too Jones. When the band Hausman Syndicate heard about Cravin' Melon playing, they offered to play here for free.

If you are wondering why so many people from all around Raleigh were at

Spring Fling or about the commercials for Cravin' Melon playing at Meredith over the radio, MEA's vice president, Heather Hudgins-McKean, called radio stations and informed them, so there would be a wide variety of people there. She also advertised in the *Herald* and *Spectator* and put up banners around campus.

When I asked her about how she thought Spring Fling went she said, "It was a huge success! There were Meredith students, State students, and fraternity guys. Everyone was into the bands



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Seniors won the day with their fantastic renditions of songs in the lip sync competition. They also came out on top in bat spin, tug of war and balloon toss.

songs. Their excellent performance placed them first in the lip sync. Overall, the seniors got first place, the juniors second, the sophomores third, and the freshmen fourth.

Page Brown, Stunt co-chair, stated, "I think Stunt went great. I'm glad I got to be a part of it! I think co-chairs and all four classes should really be commended. They did a lot of hard work, and I think it showed a lot of creativity and originality."

Sunday was a great day for MEA's Spring Fling! The weather couldn't have been any better. The sun was shining, and it was hot. Crowds of



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Junior Julia Rathbone hopes her balloon can take the pressure in the balloon toss.

and playing volleyball."