

Meet me in St. Louis promises to be a smash

Play Review By Sarah White

Meredith College is hosting the first performance in the triangle of *Meet Me In St. Louis*, a play based on a novel written by Sally Benson.

The musical has a cast of 23 actors including a chorus who sings the lyrics of Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane. All of the women actors are Meredith students.

Catherine Rogers, play director and theater professor, had an abundance of Meredith women try-out for the play.

"I was fortunate, for I was able to pick the very top Meredith actors. The supporting actors are just as strong as leading actors.

"It is a great play for Meredith because it has so many women in it," said Rogers. "The first time I saw the play was in New York in 1989. I thought it was charming."

Meet Me In St. Louis takes place during a more simple time in history. A time where life was more cut and dry than it is now. The setting takes place in 1903 and 1904 at the World Fair in St. Louis. The play revolves around the life of the Smith family.

"By the end of the play, you come to care about who the Smith family is and what happens to them," said Rogers.

Laura L. Morgan plays Ester, Lara Smith plays Rose, Elizabeth Z. Baldwin plays the mother, and Kimberly Debus plays Katie.

Lara Smith is confident about the play.

"I believe the play is coming along very nicely. Everything came together at the rehearsal last night," said Smith.

But not only are the actors performing nicely, the costume designer Suzette Pare, the technical director Bill Rogers, the choreographer Viki Atkinson, the light technician Kurt Landry and the stage director Kasey Reynolds are doing an amazing job.

Catherine Rogers is impressed with the set she has to work with.

"Bill has done a wonderful job with the sets. My favorite is the trolley song in scene two," said Rogers.

Come out and find your favorite scene in the triangle's first ever performance of *Meet Me in St. Louis* at Meredith from October 24-29th. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for off-campus students and senior citizens. Meredith students get in free with a Camcard. Call X2840 for ticket reservations.



Meet Me in St. Louis will be sure to put a smile on your face.
Photo by Carolyn Chandley.

SGA Corner

- SGA and the Service Council are sponsoring a canned food drive for the NC Food Bank the week of Cornhuskin' (Oct. 30- Nov. 3). The purpose of the food drive is to demonstrate that even though we get involved in intense class competition, we are still united as Meredith College. Food barrels will be located in the cafeteria and Cate Center. Please support this great cause!
- Campus leaders are reminded of the Ethical Leadership Reception that will be held Oct. 25 at 7:30 in 101 Ledford.
- Suggestion boxes have been placed around campus by the Student Life Committee. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please take the time to fill out your card and place it in the box.
- You are reminded to turn your 24-hour door lock survey in to your RA

Alcohol Awareness Week

- Wednesday, Oct. 25th- Fliers that tell you what the effects of alcohol are on your body will be available in the Cate Center lobby.
- Thursday, Oct. 26th- A list of local cab companies and their phone numbers will be available in Belk Dining Hall and in Traditions in the Cate Center at the registers.
- Friday, Oct 27th- "Create a Poster Contest"- posters due at noon

Make a poster that promotes responsible drinking and/or alcohol awareness and drop it off at the Cate Center Box Office by noon- (no larger than a normal size piece of poster board). There will be a \$50 prize for first place and a \$25 gift certificate for the Meredith Supply Store for second place. The winners will be posted the following week. (Posters become property of Meredith College. They will not be returned.)

Alcohol Awareness Week is sponsored by Programming Board, Student Activities, and the Counseling Center.