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## Mardi Gras comes to Raleigh Civic Center

By Robin Hollingsworth

Music, mystery and magic - the White Iris Ball had it all! Friday night a flock of Meredith angels descended on the Raleigh Civic Center for a night filled with romance and fun.

The Meredith Entertainment Association hosted the annual event with its usual flair. The Mardi Gras-style party was a festive affair. Upon arrival guests received authentic Mardi Gras colored beads and elaborate feathered masks. When they stepped into the ballroom they found themselves transported to a New Orleans Mardi Gras celebration. Looming behind the band stage, a detailed mural of a New Orleans avenue dominated the decor. Decorative banners, balloons and streamers reinforced the party atmosphere.

The band performed popular hits for the crowd and those on the dance floor responded by dancing all through

the night. At one point, a conga line even wound its way through the maze of dancers and tables.

A cluster of tables and chairs offered respite for tired feet. A variety of refreshments, including assorted fruits and punch, abounded on the banquet table, offering rejuvenation.

The MEA sponsored event gave everyone the chance to socialize away from the pressures of term papers and tests. As freshman Mandy McCullen stated, "I had a really good time! It gave me an opportunity to socialize with some upperclassmen I haven't had the chance to see this semester."

Everyone there appreciated the chance to let their hair down and enjoy the party. It was a well deserved treat before the agony of final exam period set in.



White Iris Ball revelers enjoy the party atmosphere during the Mardi Gras celebration. Photographed by Carolyn Chandley.

## Open Day for students a success

By Paige Layno

Meredith College hosted Open Day for high school seniors Friday. Students facing the big decision on where to spend their college days had a chance to see the campus and sit in on classes at Meredith.

College administrators were on hand to meet prospective angels. Parents were welcomed also; together there were 268 attendees from Virginia, Maryland, Alabama, South and North Carolina.

The Office of Admissions called upon many members from student organizations to serve as representatives of the college.

Junior Angela Bunn, a member of Student Foundation, served as a hostess and conducted tours. She said the

day went really well, adding, "we seemed to have a large turn-out—more than in the past."

Vanessa Goodman, Assistant Director of Admissions, said a benefit of Open Day was that visiting students usually continue through the application process once they view the campus. Goodman went on to thank the faculty and student body for their support in making a great impression.



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**OR**  
**in Cate Center from**  
**10am-1pm**  
**ALL STUDENTS MUST**