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Results say "Yes" to more male visitation

by Erica Balmer

The following results have been obtained from the male visitation referendum performed by Senate on Wednesday, November 15.

The strong percentages in favor of changing the current policy indicate that the majority of students who voted in the referendum are in favor of proposing more male visitation at Meredith. Therefore, Senate will be proposing a change to the Board of Trustees during the spring semester.

Senate is currently evaluating the results of the referendum and will formulate the proposal over the next two months. Students must keep in mind that this is a proposal for change, not an automatic change. Approval of the proposal by the administration and the Board of Trustees must be obtained before any change can be implemented.

Senate will be incorporating additional research and student opinions into the proposal. Senate will continue to address both sides of the issue. All student needs are important; therefore, the needs of those in favor of change, as well as the needs of those opposed to change, will be considered.

The number of students that voted was larger than expected. The referendum turn-out was larger than campus wide election of student leaders!

Senate appreciates the active participation of students and thanks all of those who voted on the referendum

Class rings bring smiles

By: Robin Hollingsworth

As junior class president Jonna Anderson put it, the juniors had "waited and waited to order class rings, and then waited and waited for them to arrive, and waited and waited to finally be able to wear them". Finally November 16, 1995 rolled around.

Throughout the day there was no second guessing who the juniors were. They were the ones who had incredible trouble sitting still and concentrating during their classes. All day long they whispered about what to wear and getting film for their cameras.

The long awaited dinner was everything they had pictured it to be. The catered dinner of prime rib and chicken cordon bleu was wonderful and ring dinner chairs Kristy Blackwell, Ashley Parr and Cheryl Ursery did a beautiful job of transforming the dining hall into a festive banquet complete with pianist and carved ice sculp-

ture of a Meredith class ring.

Ms. Carolyn Carter, class of '73 and Catherine Davis, class of '95 were on hand to share with the class their memories of this occasion and the significance the event holds. Ms. Carter offered her congratulations to the class on their recent Cornhuskin' victory before launching into her speech "Haloes and Hearts". She taught a bit of ring history informing juniors of the tradition of a ring dinner is only a decade long, although the rings were originally designed by a class in the 1950's. They remain unchanged with the oak leaf represents Meredith College, the light signifies the enlightenment gained here, and the pine trees symbolize the 'old north state'. Ms. Carter led the class in singing the alma mater and a few Cornhuskin' and lil' sis' songs she passed along.

Catherine Davis, '95 senior class president, reminded all that the class

<i>Referendum Results</i> <i>Male Visitation Proposal</i>		
Total # Votes	748	(This is approximately 38% of the student body)
	<u># of Votes</u>	<u>% of Votes</u>
Residents	675	90%
(This is approximately 61% of all residents)		
Commuters	74	10%
Freshmen	262	35%
Sophomores	193	26%
Juniors	182	24%
Seniors	111	15%

Question #1: Are you in favor of proposing more male visitation in residence halls?

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Juniors proudly display class rings at the Ring Dinner.

ring will always serve as a tie to Meredith and the Meredith family. She told the story of how a group of girls from her class coming in late minus their Cam-cards, but identified by their rings, were admitted by Chief Shattuck "just this once". She added that no matter where a student goes, she will be recognized

by generations of Meredith students united by the memories the ring evokes.

After dinner Jonna Anderson presided over the ring ceremony, at which point the juniors at long last slipped

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