

Music performers give annual holiday concert

By Ginny Bonkemeyer

The Meredith ringers, chorus and chorale impressed their audience with the 1995 Christmas Concert Sunday night. Meredith students, as well as many members of the community, enjoyed the concert.

The performers were well-prepared for the concert after many hours of rehearsal. Dr. Lynch, head of the music, speech and theatre department, welcomed the crowd saying, "it is our pleasure to annually present this to the community." He said that he was pleased to see a full house at both performances.

The Children's Christmas Performance Sunday afternoon included performances by encore, girl's chorus, girl's chorale and girl's handbells.

The evening concert began with the members of the Meredith Ringers dressed in black and white entering in a procession down the aisles, while playing music. Throughout the evening, they also played *O Christmas Day In the Morning*, *A la nanita Nana*, *Stille Nacht*, and *God Rest Ye Merry* directed by Janet Freeman.

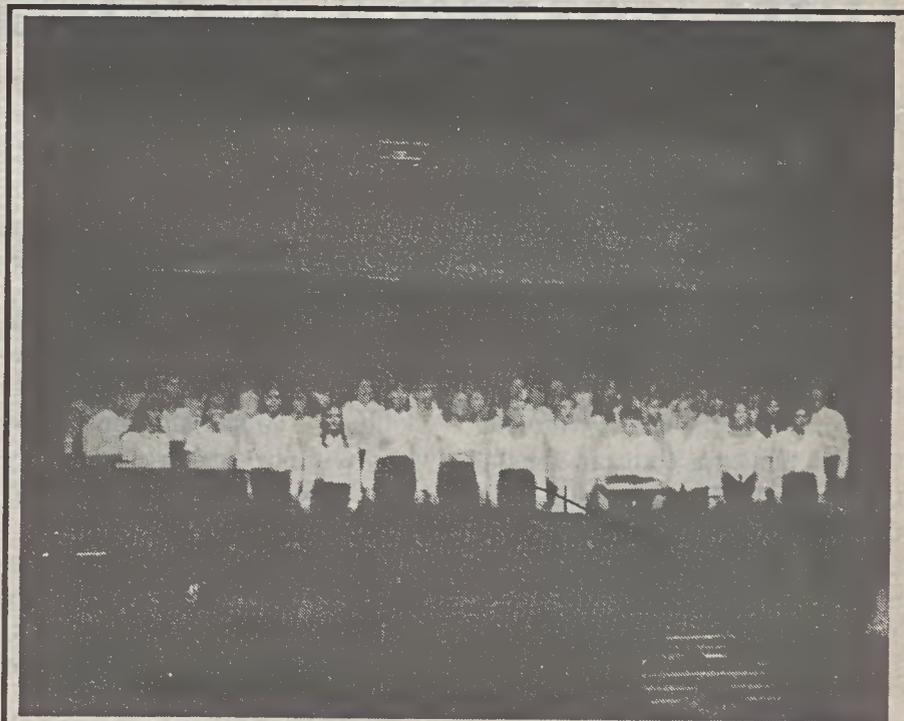
The Meredith Chorus sang six pieces throughout the concert, including *The Jesus Gift*, with soloist Sarah Ronan. The chorus, unified in black skirts and white blouses, were directed by Suzanne Pence. *Gloria* was performed with the accompaniment of the Meredith Ringers.

Sophomore chorus member Katherine Shreve said, "We worked hard throughout the semester, and this was our big finish we'd been working for."

For the end of the program, the Meredith Chorale presented six beautiful pieces with two solo trios: Rachel Shill, Heather Rook and Kim Owens and Rachel Shill, Angie Harris and Dorothy Livesay. The Chorale sang with the accompaniment of the chamber orchestra.

Ellen Havens, a sophomore member of the Meredith Ringers and the Chorale said, "our dedication and determination throughout the semester made a magical Christmas experience!"

The Meredith Ringers, chorus and chorale provided a beautiful selection of music that put the audience into a wonderful Christmas spirit.



The Meredith chorale gives their performance at the Christmas concert.

Aqua Angels swim their way to success

by Clarky Lucas

The Aqua Angels fall performance "A Blast from the Past" was a big splash on Wednesday, November 15.

The synchronized swimming program began at 6 p.m. and included five performances that were featured in past shows.

"The routines the Aqua Angels swam for the fall performance were physically and technically very challenging. The swimmers started practicing the first week of school to learn the figures and choreography for each routine," said Coach Carol Brown.

Sherrie Anders and Perri Sutton's performance "Call it Country" incorporated music like Alan Jackson's "Chattahoochee" and Garth Brooks' "Shameless."

In "Disney," Nina Crawford, JoAnna Grubbs, Crystal McLamb and Cathy Tunstall brought favorite Disney tunes to life like "Les Poissons" from *The Little Mermaid*.

Beth Breitbeil, Amy Fisher and Jennifer Habeeb paid tribute to great frogs like Kermit and Jeremiah in their performance "Green."

In the routine "Far and Away," Marie Carlson and Jennifer Collins swam to theme songs from the movie.

All of the swimmers participated in "Action Adventure" that featured music from the movies *Jurassic Park* and *Terminator*. It was a thrilling performance that included some of the toughest figures and choreography the Aqua Angel perform.

Despite problems during practice Sunday night before the program caused by bubbles in the water and glitches in the sound system, the show was spotless.

"Once we go focused as a team, our hard work and dedication paid off. We had a great performance, and everyone enjoyed themselves," said Sutton.

The Aqua Angel spring performance "A Walk Through Life" will be on March 21 and 22.

"Now that we've got this performance behind us, we are looking forward to the next semester with our new team members," said Grubbs

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The whole performance lasted about two hours. There was an intermission half way through that MEA made worth the wait. As usual, they had their great door prizes. There were tons of tickets to Raleighwood and Rock-Ola, a free tuxedo rental for the MEA formal coming up in the spring and hair care and Jiffy Lube certificates.

"Comedy Sportz" is a comedy club here in Raleigh located at the City Market on Wolf Street. The club is a member of the Comedy League of America, which has branches opening soon in Durham, Charlotte and Greensboro. Already there are clubs in D.C., L.A., Richmond, Orlando, Boston, Chapel Hill and other locations. Don't hesitate to give them a try. By the way, the Meredith Graduates came up on top!

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