

Seniors begin their final countdown

By Kimberly Zucker

The countdown has finally begun for the class of 1996.

Tuesday, February 6th, the senior class celebrated 96th night. They eagerly awaited the stroke of midnight to ring in the 96th day before graduation.

Kyle Hoffman and Christi Owl were the senior co-chairs for the big event. Their hard work and dedication helped to make the night unforgettable for the senior class.

The night began at 9:00 in Kresge Auditorium with a slide show. The slide show started off with the class's first day at Meredith College. Accompanied by emotional music, the slide show carried the senior class up to the present.

Tiffany Privitte said, "The slide show definitely brought back a lot of old memories."

When the slide show ended, the sophomores came in to give the seniors a class gift. Each senior received a purple cup with the night's theme "Celebrate Good Times" on it.

Next, the seniors marched into Johnson Hall's rotunda screaming and cheering for their class. As the seniors poured into the rotunda, the bathtub

ring awaited them on the balcony.

The bathtub ring, consisting of Jessica Drew, Perri Sutton, Molly Shepherd, Angela Denney and Kim Owens, joined hands and began to sing.

As most seniors were wiping their eyes, the bathtub ring skipped to the steps and began to let loose with "Girls' Night Out."

Looking back on the singing, Jessica Drew said, "Being in bathtub ring has been one of my best experiences at Meredith, and 96th night was one of the most reflective times in my life."

After the singing, several sophomores came to wish the seniors good luck. Everyone was moved as members of the sophomore class reminisced about the past, and talked about the future.

When the sophomores finished, the senior class went wild and the fun was only beginning. Next, Carolina Karaoke set up and members of the class were invited to sing. Almost everyone participated in songs from "I Will Survive" to "Shoop."

Spirits were high in the senior class as they eagerly awaited the arrival of their little sisters. Right before midnight, the sophomores burst into the balcony of the rotunda and surrounded



Seniors celebrate 96th Night by singing karaoke among other activities.

the seniors.

At midnight, the sophomores serenaded the seniors, and dropped a ton of confetti and balloons onto the seniors.

The sophomores rushed down the steps to join their big sisters for food and fun. The classes enjoyed cake and

punch as the karaoke continued.

Perri Sutton said, "Once the t-shirts came in and I could relax, I had a great time being able to catch up with my friends and my class."

The sophomores and seniors relaxed in the party until 1:00 am. It was a time of reflection and fun as the seniors realized that graduation was only 96 days away!

Meredith student runs for state position

By Arinn Dixon

Sophomore Kendall Barnes gained her interest in politics in a most unusual way. Her dad is a politics buff and, as far back as Kendall can remember, her whole family has gathered around the television every Sunday to watch "This Week With David Brinkley." "By watching that show and talking with my dad, I picked things up," Barnes said. "I started to get interested in politics."

That original interest has taken Barnes a long way in the world of politics. She is a politics major, the president of the Meredith College chapter of College Republicans and Meredith's chairman of the Students for Hayes Organization, which pro-

motes support for North Carolina Republican gubernatorial candidate Robin Hayes.

As president of the College Republicans, she organizes meetings and works toward the goal of getting as many Republican politicians in office as possible. The group has about 40 registered members, 15 of which come to meetings regularly. "We always want to have more people," Barnes said. "People need to know what's going on in politics."

As chairman of the Students For Hayes, Barnes spends many hours a week going to press events, making countless calls and stuffing envelopes. She also organizes students on campus in support of the candidate.

In spite of her many accomplishments, Barnes' biggest task lies ahead. She is running for the position of Executive Vice Chairman of the North Carolina Federation of College Republicans (NCFCR). Elections will be held February 24 at the NCFCR Spring Convention, and until then Barnes will be campaigning hard. She travels to colleges and universities across the state with other candidates to give her campaign speech. This week she will visit seven schools including UNC-Charlotte, Campbell and UNC-Greensboro. The goals she speaks about are increasing membership at schools that have College Republicans, getting organizations started at schools that don't, like ECU and ASU, and bringing

College Republicans around the state closer together.

If elected Vice Chairman, Barnes' main duty will be serving as the chairman's "right-hand-man." "If he [the chairman] calls at 2:00 am and tells me to do something, I'd better get up!" Barnes explained. She would also keep up the contact between all of the chapters of College Republicans and generally make things run smoothly.

Barnes says she would love to live in Washington and go into politics someday, perhaps working behind the scenes on a campaign. She is one Meredith woman we should look for in the future of politics. She certainly has the ambition to do it.