

NC State lacrosse open to Meredith students for fall

By Jennifer Thompson

Meredith offers many sports and clubs for its students to get involved in; however, lacrosse is not one of them. Ginger Hudson, Shannon MacFarlane, and Jill Green are three of Meredith's students that go over to NCSU three times a week to play on the women's club lacrosse team. Hudson says, "Playing lacrosse is a great way to exercise and meet people."

What is lacrosse anyway? Many people have heard of it but have no idea what it is. Lacrosse is similar to soccer and ice hockey. It's played with a stick with a net at the end of it and a ball. The object of the game is to pass the ball, catching it in the nets, and make a goal for one point.

Lacrosse originates from the North American Indians and was called Bagataway. The games sometimes lasted two to three days and the teams consisted of two to three hundred people. At times, the games would become violent, and people were killed. The name "lacrosse" was adopted by the French Canadians. "La crosse" in French means "the stick." In the 1800s, the first official game with rules was played.

Women's lacrosse wasn't played until the early 1900s. In 1914, the first women's game was played at Sweet Briar College in Virginia. Although it is not yet an Olympic sport, lacrosse exhibitions have been played at the Olympic games.

Lacrosse requires accurate passing skills and stamina due to the great amount of running involved. The men's playing field is 60 yards wide by 110 yards long, but women play with no boundaries. They do not wear much heavy equipment, so they are not allowed to body check an opponent. Men wear mouth pieces, helmets, gloves, and rib pads, and their sticks have pockets within the net, so they are allowed to body check. The goals are 6x6 feet, and in a women's game, they are 80 yards apart. In a men's game, they are 100 yards apart.

Since lacrosse is played mainly in the Northeastern parts of the country, not many people know about it or how to play. Many of the people playing on State's team have never played before, so it is not required to know how to play to be on a team. Players just have to show some interest. The Meredith students go over to State on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4:30 to 6:00 to practice. They will have five to six games this semester, and they will have games almost every weekend in the spring semester. So go out and support these Meredith Angels on the Lacrosse field, and if you're interested in playing, let Shannon MacFarlane know. She said, "It would be fun to get together and play some pick up games." Maybe Meredith could work on getting its own women's lacrosse team.

October Calendar of Events

- 2-5 NCSU will honor Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* main stage at Thompson Theatre as the season's premiere production. This classic murder mystery is the longest running play in recorded history, now in its forty-fifth year. Audience are sworn to never betray the conclusion of the famed mystery. Tickets are \$8 for students, call Ticket Central at 515-1100.
- 3 Join in the fun at Charlie Goodnight's Parking Lot Party. Stevie and the T's, Gloria and the Gooombaaas and the Usuals will be there. The party starts at 5 p.m. and the \$5 tickets are also good for a \$5 discount to the Richard Jeni show in the Comedy Club at 9 p.m. Call 828-5233.
- 4-6 The 11th Annual International Festival will celebrate Raleigh's diversity as more than 40 ethnic groups present traditions, music and song onstage, dance and food along sidewalk cafes at the Raleigh Civic Center. The World Party features an international coffee house, mini-language lessons, a Naturalization Ceremony and prizes. Bring a can of Winn-Dixie's Thrifty Maid products for the Food Bank of NC and get \$1 off the \$5 admission costs.
- 5 Brooks and Dunn will perform at Walnut Creek Amphitheatre with David Lee Murphy and Jo Dee Messina at 7:30 p.m. Lawn tickets are \$12.75, call Ticketmaster for more information at 834-4000.
- 8 Come to the North Carolina Museum of History's History a la Carte: Views from Different Mountains to learn what common ties bind the cultures of western North Carolina and the southern Tirol mountains of Italy, noon - 1 p.m. The museum will provide beverages.
- 8-9 Betty Buckley, well-known for her roles on Broadway as Norma Desmond in *Sunset Boulevard*, Grizabella ("Memory") from *CATS*, Martha Jefferson in *1776!* and as Abby Bradford on the TV series *Eight is Enough*, will perform at Page Auditorium, 8p.m., on Duke's campus. Call Page Box Office at 684-4444 now. Tickets are \$28, \$32 and \$35.
- 13 Share the sounds of the Piedmont's finest musicians as the North Carolina Museum of History presents Music of North Carolina: Sounds of the Piedmont. The fiddle and banjo concert will last 3-4 p.m.
- 18-19 Don't miss the North Carolina Symphony's Music From the Stage and Screen with guest conductor Michael Krajewski. The pops concert selections will range from the 'William Tell Overture' to 'Unchained Melody' from *Ghost*. The concert begins at 8 p.m. in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Call the box office at 831-6060 for tickets or opt for student rush tickets (\$5) at 7:55 p.m.
- 25 Wanted: X-Cheerleaders, a pro-woman pep rally, will perform at NCSU Center Stage. The off-off Broadway theater production uses a pick-up squad of ex-cheerleaders, ages 20-49, to voice frustration with issues such as aging, harassment, motherhood, sexuality, and wage inequality. Call 515-1000 for more details.
- 27 The North Carolina Museum of Art will present the lecture Art in the Lives of Ante-Bellum Charlestonians by David Moltke-Hansen, director of the Southern Historical Collection and the Center for the Study of the American South, UNC-CH. Emphasis on Charleston's native son Louis Remy Mignot. Lecture is free at 3 p.m.
- 31 Happy Halloween!

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