

Scavenger hunt stumps classes while searching for clues

By Beth Hall

On Tuesday, November 5, at 10:00 p. m., students representing all four classes—seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen—crowded together in one side of the Belk Dining Hall for the beginning of the Cornhuskin' scavenger hunt.

The one adjective to best describe the beginning of this event is "loud." All four classes screamed, cheered, and sang for their class and for the other classes as loudly as their little vocal cords could stand. And it was not just voices that filled the room with noise and excitement. Most of those who participated brought whistles (and even a few brass instruments), just in case their voice did give out, they could still contribute to the commotion. People huddled together while standing on the floor, in chairs and on tables.

About ten minutes after all of this chanting and screaming had begun, Cornhuskin' co-chairs Shannon Macfarlane and Sarah Muse stood in their chairs and requested everyone to be quiet long enough to hear the scavenger hunt rules. Each class had to hide a 2'x2' object which corresponded with their theme somewhere within the Meredith Mile. After the co-chairs had relayed this information and bade everyone one scream for the different classes again, the Cornhuskin' chairs of each class acted out a skit to clue people in on what their theme was. All the chairs donned pajamas and clutched stuffed animals while acting out a sleep over. When each awakened to reveal their secret phrase representative of their theme, everyone from their class would—you guessed it—scream.

Soon the actual scavenger hunt was under way. Anna Phaup, freshman Cornhuskin' chair, revealed clue number one: "Cornhuskin' starts at the beginning of winter but don't shuck this, or you'll get a splinter." Then it was the sophomores' turn. Cornhuskin' co-chairs for this class, Jenny Cook and Candi Pinocci, revealed, "Picking your school, that was the key. When you came to Meredith you went past me." The junior co-chairs, Ellen Havens and Jennifer McCurry, chanted, "Fire it up! Fire it up! Swish!" Now only the senior's first clue was being awaited. Senior co-chairs, Lori Goforth and Megan Schmidt, announced, "You pass by me everyday, but we won't after May." Then, in a frenzy, everyone rushed out to try and find the other class' hidden item before the allotted ten minutes were up and the second clue was given.

Ten minutes later, slightly discouraged scavengers reentered the room anticipating the second clue which would hopefully open their eyes to where the hidden treasure really was. Respectively, the clues were: "Don't look too high. Don't look too low. This is where HE likes to go," "Keep searching around and maybe you will hear angels ready to sing," "Go big green

and black," and "Jack and Jill flew up in a plane, way up high in the sky with ducks. When they came down onto the ground all they could say was 'yuck.'" Everyone raced out the doors again, loudly.

Ten minutes later, nothing more than wet grass had been found, so the chairs gave out the third and last clue. The clues were: "We are the angels. We are the maniacs. We finished the climb and lift you a sign," "I was groovy in my day, and with these lights shining on me, I will always stay," "Ellen park it. I like basketball a lot. Me too. Points really add up when you post low and play tough", and "Nanny, nanny, boo, boo. We still haven't made it clear to you." Regardless of whether they had those clues figured out now or not, students ran out bellowing.

Much to the collective pride of the freshman class, Cathy Crowell, Jennifer Jones, Rena Honeycutt, and Nikki Conneen, ran in only a few minutes later with a great find. They had discovered the sophomores' hidden treasure—a 2'x2' paper record titled "The Disco Years"—drowned in the front fountain. The freshman class was proud, and what could express this pride better than screaming some more?

A few minutes later, the ten-minute time limit had been exhausted and all of the searchers regrouped in the dining hall. This time, the Cornhuskin' chairs told the vicinity of their hidden object. The freshmen's was around Park Center; the juniors' was near the Harris building; and the seniors' gave this clue: "Ring around the rosey, pocketful of posies. Little do you know, it is right under your nose." This time, scavengers only had five minutes to search for the remaining hidden items. When time was almost up, and people had begun moping empty-handed back into the dining hall, a cheerful shout rang out. The seniors, actually senior Teresa Edwards, had found the juniors' hidden basketball net.

Now it was all over and only the sophomores' and juniors' items had been found. Just what were, and where were, the freshmen's and seniors' hidden prizes? Anna announced that the freshmen had hidden a blow-up doll dressed as an angel in a tree near Park Center. Lori and Megan revealed that the seniors' object was an airplane window located between two dumpsters right beside the dining hall.

This scavenger hunt's success is due to the hard work of the two head Cornhuskin' co-chairs of MRA, Shannon Macfarlane and Sarah Muse, MRA president Kelly Conkling, all the individual chairs of each class, and participants. The Cornhuskin' scavenger hunt is not a point-earning activity. It only served to promote class unity. And it was a good excuse to run around screaming.

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snuck a peek into the "Days of our Meredith Lives." Dr. Bob Vance, religion and philosophy department, played himself in the skit.

Dr. Sarah English, English department, acted out the commercial for the newly advertised "Hooked on Chaucer." She began reciting the *Canterbury Tales* Prologue and was soon joined by numerous students who had learned the lines for their British authors classes.

After the WINGS skit, each class was to serenade their sister class. The classes of 1998 and 2000 started, followed by the classes of 1997 and 1999. Then as the seniors finished singing to their little sisters, their big sisters from the class of 1995 sang to them.

Once all of the performances were over, it was time to await the results. While waiting, Shannon and Sara (MRA chairs) invited representatives from Astro's on stage to announce the standings of the week-long penny barrel contest.

The four classes raised almost \$3,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Pennies, paper money, and checks added to a class's collection while silver money including nickels, dimes and quarters, took away from the amount.

A new tradition to the Cornhuskin' week was the presentation of the Spirit Stick. This stick is presented to the class who shows the most spirit and best attitude throughout the week. The stick belongs to that class for the next year and they may decorate it however they choose. This year the seniors received the Spirit Stick.

As everybody sat in anticipation with possible frost bite, the results were announced. It was then time to party at the Cornhuskin' breakfast sponsored by Programming Board. Various faculty and staff members served the buffet meal to the students while LK Productions provided the music for a little more dancing and singing. Souvenir cups with all five themes on them were included in the \$1 admission price.

"Everything went so well. The rain is always something that changes everything, but you have to deal with it and keep on going," said MRA President Kelly Conkling.

Attendance 5-3-2-1	Sweatshirts 5-3-2-1	Script 9-7-5-3
4th - JR	4th - SO	4th - FR
3rd - SR	3rd - FR	3rd - SO
2nd - SO	2nd - JR	2nd - JR
1st - FR	1st - SR	1st - SR
Can Art 5-3-2-1	Cooperation	Skit Parade/Costumes 9-7-5-3
3rd - FR	SO - 10 pts.	4th - FR
2nd - SO/SR (tie)	JR - 10 pts.	3rd - SO
1st - JR	FR - 15 pts.	2nd - JR
	SR - 20 pts.	1st - SR
Cornshuckin' 5-3-2-1	Tall Tale 6-5-4-3	Class Songs 9-7-5-3
4th - SO	3rd - FR	4th - FR
3rd - FR	2nd - SR	3rd - SO
2nd - JR	1st - JR	2nd - JR
1st - SR	SO disqualified	1st - SR
Apple Bobbin' 5-3-2-1	Hog Callin' 6-5-4-3	FINAL SCORES
4th - FR	4th - FR	4th - SO
3rd - SO	3rd - SO	3rd - FR
2nd - SR	2nd - JR	2nd - JR
1st - JR	1st - SR	1st - SR

* Point values are applied with the first place position receiving the highest number of points and going down from there. When a tie takes place, no fourth place is given.

* When a disqualification occurs, no point values are given for the position that is left out.

* The front drive parade, scavenger hunt, and spirit stick hold no point value and do not effect the final scores.

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hol regulations. Some students, however, have been known to take matters into their own hands.

"Last winter when Raleigh was covered in four inches of ice and we couldn't go anywhere, one of my friends brought over a case of Bud and we drank until we passed out," said a Meredith student, who wished to remain anonymous.

Third floor Brewer residents were also recipients of a hall warning last year when a student reported to resident director Rene Moon that she had witnessed someone walking down the hall with an open container in her hand.

Although some sources argue that alcohol consumption is at an all time high in this decade, others contest the idea. According to Duke Kappa Alpha alumni adviser David Cantrell as quoted in the News and Observer, "At times, the administration makes it sound like everyone is drunk all the time, and that's just not the case...[Today's students] are actually doing a lot less drinking. It was worse when I was there."

Truly, many dispute and reject the idea that this is just one more of the X-generation's shortcomings. Will Riggle, an NCSU Sophomore takes offense to the claim. "Our parents and grandparents were out there getting drunk and setting this example long before we ever were."