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Juniors seek bragging rights in Crook Hunt

❑ 91-year-old Crook Hunt promotes healthy competition

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It's that time of year again, so just let the herd of stooped-over, bewildered, yet determined juniors pass through. These upperclassmen are on a mission, an adventure that will, hopefully, lead them to the place where the seniors have so cunningly hidden the crook. But it is more than just having the white wooden stick in their hands that the juniors so desperately want; it is the bragging rights that go along with this age-old junior/senior rivalry.

The event began in 1906 when a crook was donated to the senior class to promote spirit. The senior class hides the crook from the juniors every spring, guiding them (or not) to the hiding place in a week-long search by daily clues that are posted in the cafeteria. If the juniors find the crook, the seniors must tie a black ribbon on it in Class Day. However, if the juniors don't find it, the crook dons the senior colors on Class Day.

Here are a few of the very specific

rules of the "Hiding of the Crook" that have been handed down through the years:

- 1) one inch of the crook must be visible at all times; must be accessible 24 hours per day
- 2) must be hidden on campus
- 3) cannot be hidden in trees or on roofs
- 4) only juniors can look for it
- 5) must be displayed in the dining hall one week before the hunt begins
- 6) the clues given by the seniors can't be coded; they must be

straightforward (not using "mail" for "male", etc.)

- 7) if and when found, the junior class president must officially present it to the senior class president for verification
- 8) only senior class officers and advisers know where the crook is hidden

This year, according to senior class president, Jonna Anderson, the seniors "just had fun with the clues." The clues are as follows:

Day 1: "Round and round and round you go ... Where the crook is only Jonna, Kristin, Angie, Cindy and Melinda know!"

Day 2: "Our many colored days at Meredith are almost through; good luck, Juniors, hunting and deciphering our clues!"

Day 3: "It's a whole new world looking for the sticky; better beware,

"looking for the needle in the haystack" on Meredith's expansive campus.

It seems, though, for junior class president Rebecca Huffstetler and her fellow classmates that finding a needle in a haystack isn't a daunting task. Huffstetler asserted that the juniors "plan on finding" the crook despite "random" clues. One reason for their

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- Jonna Anderson, senior

confidence could be the map of the campus that they've blown up to the size of a bulletin board on 3rd

we can be pretty tricky. Spring has flung at ol' MC (ee), you better use this weekend wisel (ee)!"

Day 4) "We won't tell you a tale, the air may be stale, but don't give up on this ambiguous trail!"

Day 5) "It's been a 3-ring circus of hunting for you. There are 2 days left so don't be blue. Surely by now you narrowed 226 to a few."

Anderson says that the hardest thing about the hunt for the crook isn't necessarily deciphering the clues, but

complete with plotted points that mark their plan of attack. Sounds like they mean war.

However, as seriously as both classes take the annual Crook Hunt, the event is balanced out by good-natured competition and heartfelt class spirit. Anderson captured the nature of this beloved tradition as she stated, "If they find it, congratulations to them. A black bow on the crook is no skin off anybody's back, but we'd love to see our colors too."

Midnight Magic hits 1997 spring formal

❑ A decor of moons and stars welcomed students to the Civic Center.

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Staff Reporter

"...Sixty minute man, oh yeah"..."Now, let me clear my throat..." "We be strokin'"... Long dresses didn't stop many Meredith girls from getting down as music ranging from beach hits to rap filled the air at this year's spring formal on Saturday, April 19.

Approximately 300-350 students and their dates attended the formal. Recognizing friends was challenging, and identifying peers from class was virtually impossible, since students finally decided to come out of their official Meredith College uniforms of plaid, flannel pants and over sized sweatshirts.

Seeing students wearing hose, heels and makeup all at the same time was definitely a switch. Every kind of

dress imaginable entered the doors of the Raleigh Civic Center. The Angel dress variety included long, short, sequins, lace, feminine, innocent and even risqué! All of the chairs were loaded with tuxedo jackets as the roasting young men broke it down on the dance floor.

The spring formal dance committee was made up of six students including freshmen Claire Gray and Alison Thomas, sophomores Amy Duckwall and Jennifer Hobbs, and juniors Tammy Broughton and Sheridan Whitty.

Hobbs commented that the committee has been working on getting the formal ready for six weeks. "Our first meeting was the Wednesday before spring break, and we met once a week, ev-

ery week since then."

Nicole Davenport is glad she attended the formal. "I thought it was a lot more fun than the semi-formal. I thought the DJ had a great variety of music."

Junior Ashley Lane agreed "The formal was great. I had a lot of fun, and

preferred the DJ over a band," she said.

The theme of the dance was Midnight Magic. The committee sent out surveys with theme suggestions to the seniors. They took these suggestions and combined them with their own

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Sophomore Carla Ammen, Kevin Nichols and Sophomore Jamie Emerson take a moment to grab a snapshot at Saturday's festivities. Photo submitted by Megane Clifton