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## Parents and friends visit campus for Family Day

Families take part in 1997 Family Day festivities.

MELISSA BOYETTE  
Staff Reporter

Family, friends, food, music, and fun were all a part of this year's Family Day celebration held October 4. Beginning at 10 a.m., Family Day offered a variety of activities for all.

From 10 to 12:30 p.m., registration was held in the Johnson Hall Rotunda where parents, siblings, boyfriends, and other guests picked up their tickets for lunch and received their schedules of the day's events.

At 11 a.m., Jones Auditorium was the place to be for entertainment. Families gathered in the auditorium for the student talent showcase which featured performances by the Meredith College Chorale, junior Ericka Lee, the Meredith Ringers, senior Amanda Johnson, and the Bathtub Ring. SGA President Kelly Conkling welcomed

all the guests, and Dr. Jean Jackson, vice president for student development, served as the mistress of ceremonies. Following the performances, the audience enjoyed a slide show which displayed pictures of student life here at Meredith. Senior Jennifer Richardson said, "The slide show was really good, but it was also very emotional for me because I will graduate this May."

A picnic in the courtyard was held from noon until 3 p.m. Students, families and friends enjoyed lounging on their blankets and lawn chairs while they ate their boxed lunches provided by Belk Dining Hall. A disc jockey provided a variety of music for the enjoyment of all the guests.

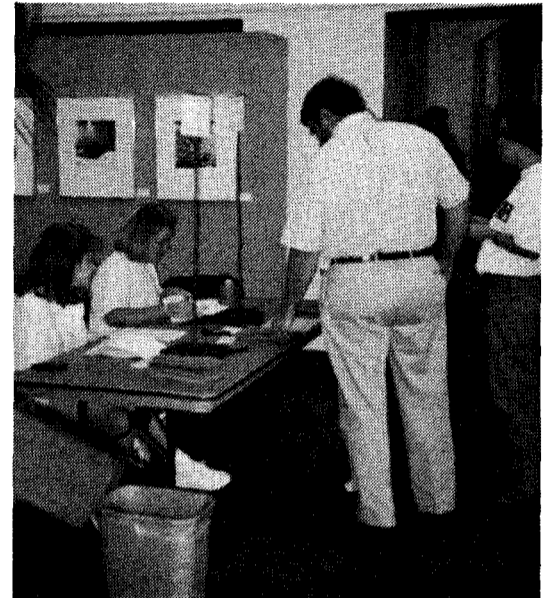
From 3:30 to 5 p.m., the parent, faculty, and staff reception was held in the Cate Center. This reception allowed parents and guests to talk with professors and other Meredith staff members. Sophomore Claire Grey commented, "My parents hadn't seen

the Cate Center since it had been remodeled, so the reception gave them an opportunity to talk with members of the Meredith staff and also to see the new additions to Cate, such as the Beehive."

The Office of Student Development estimated that approximately 900 people, including students, attended the event which was sponsored by the Office of Parent Relations and the Student Foundation.

Along with all of the scheduled events, volleyball games, human football, moon walk, caricature-drawing, face-painting, and many other activities were enjoyed by the guests.

Freshman Kristy Moss said, "I loved having my whole family together because it has been a while since I have  
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Students welcome family and friends at registration at Family Day on Saturday, October 4.

Photo by April Bussells

## Forum frees minds

Students voice numerous concerns at the "Free Your Mind" forum.

ROBIN RIDDICK  
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association and Student Life Committee held a "Free Your Mind" forum last Tuesday night, where students were allowed to talk about their concerns of meal plans, publicity, and recycling.

Student Life Chair Meredith Lovelace and Vice President of SGA Shannon MacFarlane mediated the event in Belk Dining Hall, where

Meredith students voiced their opinions to Chief Hoke, Dr. Jean Jackson, Paula O'Briant, Cheryl Jenkins, and Chrissie Bumgardner.

Although everyone was welcome to come, students were primarily represented by organization presidents, commuters, and residence hall assistants, directors, and advisors.

The first topic that was opened for discussion was the popular demand for a meal plan. Many students do not eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the cafeteria. Most eat only one or two meals a day, but they are still paying as

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Students gather in Belk Dining Hall last Tuesday, September 30, to voice their concerns to the SGA Student Life Committee.

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## MCA walks for hunger

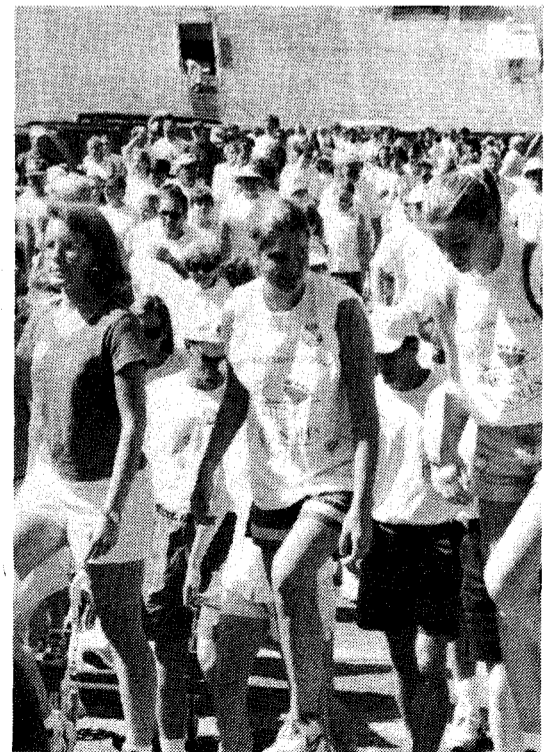
BROOKE BANSON  
Staff Reporter

Do you ever see those TV commercials asking for money to help poor, starving children? It breaks my heart, but I have always been cautious about sending any money through television ads. However, the Crop Walk gives people a personal way to give their time and money to help the poor. Held at N.C. State on October 5, 1997, over 400 dedicated people, mainly from churches and other service organizations, walked to raise money for Third World countries.

Sponsored by the Church World Service, all proceeds were donated to those countries to improve food availability and production, to assist refugees, and to develop new water re-

sources. The length of Crop Walk, 6.2 miles, was the average walk a Third World person walks for food and water every day. Any leftover money raised will be sent back to the United States to help our own country.

This year, the Meredith Christian  
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Meredith students from MCA join other community members in the 1997 Crop Walk.

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