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Seniors win 1997 Cornhuskin' in close contest

Freshman show they've got the "right stuff" in their first Cornhuskin'.

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Meredith celebrated the 52nd annual Cornhuskin' last week culminating with class competition Friday night. Students, staff, and faculty proceeded with the night's festivities as scheduled after the threat of rain passed Raleigh. Seniors won the overall competition with the juniors coming in a knee-trembling second. Sophomores and freshmen came in third and fourth respectively.

Classes entered the amphitheater beginning with the freshmen and ending with the seniors. Students were not allowed to make any noise prior to entering the amphitheater; their audible class spirit could not be heard until they proceeded down the steps. The juniors' Rockettes danced down the steps to various city songs, while the seniors entered in four columns and fainted in pairs to the music of

"Rescue Me."

The first event in Cornhuskin' was Cornshuckin', which the senior representative Beth Sumrell won, followed by the freshmen in second, the juniors in third, and the sophomores in fourth.

Apple Bobbin' followed, with sophomore Jennifer Davis coming in first. The freshmen were disqualified for touching the sides of the tub. The seniors took second place, while the juniors took third.

Cornhuskin' was shortly interrupted by a faculty surprise. Dr. Brent Pitts, head of the foreign language department, and Dr. Tony Bledsoe, from the business/econ department, performed their rendition of the Blues Brother's "Soul Man," which delighted the audience.

WINGS then kicked off the skit performances. Their theme was "Time for the Next Episode, Days of our Meredith Lives." The WINGS skit consisted of a parody soap opera of their lives at Meredith, a commuter parking lot scuffle, and a humorous attack on class journals.

Next up was the freshmen class with their theme of "The New Kids on the Block." In their skit, a 1980s flashback, they threw a pajama party complete with dream sequences and an imitated a NKOTB concert.

Freshmen co-chair Laura Gadd commented that her class's first Cornhuskin' "was really fun and the freshmen did really well. My whole class

was very enthusiastic and I think everyone really enjoyed it."

The sophomores swam in next with their theme of "2000 Leagues Under the Sea." The sophomore skit was an overview of the four years in the Meredith waters. Co-chair for the sophomore class Liz Collins said Cornhuskin' "was great. I was happy with
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Sophomores boogied on down as they stood up on the tables in Belk Dining Hall at the After-Breakfast and Party sponsored by Campus Activities Board.

Photo by Allison Carter

Silver Shield inducts its latest members

Thirteen new students were chosen for the leadership society.

BETH HALL
News Editor

Silver Shield, Meredith's honorary leadership society, recently inducted 10 seniors and three associate junior members.

Inductions for Silver Shield are different from most inductions where the actual ceremony takes place at a specific location. Inductees for Silver Shield are inducted individually.

First, current members set up meetings with the inductees, but did not tell the inductees the meeting concerns Silver Shield.

Then, on Sunday, Nov. 2, at around 7:15 p.m., current members (this year there were ten) gathered to begin the actual ceremony. They all wore black gowns and held flashlights. These members, without saying a word, then knocked on each inductee's door, turned off the light, and gave the inductee a gown to wear and a flashlight.

After all inductees were contacted, a small ceremony took place in Johnson

Rotunda.

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life, and understanding between faculty and students, a high standard of honor and cooperation in the student body, the ideals and traditions of Meredith, and a strong commitment to the honor system and the system of self-governance."

The members "are not necessarily

are given to current Silver Shield members, who make the final selection.

The society's total membership is limited to 5% of the senior class, and three associate junior members.

The junior members will serve as the officers for the next year's society. Which offices they hold is determined at the end of this year by the current members' vote.

"I am quite humbled to be chosen to be a member of Silver Shield," said Senior Rebecca Huffstetler. "When I think of the students who are in the leadership society, I see women whom I admire and respect greatly. The senior class is full of leaders who give one hundred percent and beyond to everything they do."

The recent inductees are: (Seniors) Erika Adkins, Erika Woodlief, Jessica Rowe, Rebecca Huffstetler, Candace Whitehurst, Carol Swink, Beth Sumrell, (Juniors) Ginger Hudson, Jennifer Williams and Sabrina Hearst.

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The society, which began in 1935, serves to honor the school's student leadership. Its constitution states "the purpose of this society is to recognize those women from the junior and senior classes who promote by example and precept a well-rounded student

the people who are always in the spotlight," said Dorothy Livesay, president.

To qualify for membership, the senior or junior must have a 2.5 GPA or higher. All eligible students are then voted on by faculty. The faculty votes

Congrats!