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White Iris Ball a big hit, as usual

Students keep up with Cream of Soul and their "Rhythm of the Sea" flare.

EMILY FULGHUM
Staff Reporter

Another fall tradition at Meredith came and went this past Friday. Meredith women got the chance to shed those comfy flannels and don sleek, snazzy dresses and heels (unless you had a really short date) for the annual White Iris Ball.

"Rhythm of the Sea" was the theme of this year's semi-formal dance, held at the Civic Center. MEA president, Kristin Young, said that "overall, everything went great." She added, however, that she could "take very little credit" because the co-chairs, senior Sara Flowers and junior Molly Herring "did a great job and worked really hard."

As couples entered through the sea-blue balloon arch, they were given sailor hats (which turned into

yarmulkes, Gilligan hats, Char-Grill employee hats, etc.) and a pair of sunglasses. As a matter of fact, these favors were so popular that there weren't

enough for everyone who attended, and according to Young, those who came late were so upset that MEA took a list of the names of those who wanted more favors ordered for them.

Once inside the dance, the guests were washed into a nautical world full of sea-shells, anchors and nautical flags. The backdrop to the cover band Cream of Soul was a huge view of the sea (actually, guests saw a lot of this backdrop, as the band took a really long break). Nevertheless, when they were on stage, Cream of Soul put on a show as everyone had a grand time dancing to everything from fun shaggin' songs to

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Michelle Drake (left) and Christies Evans (right) take a moment to pose for a quick keepsake photo from their sophomore WIB. Photo submitted by Michelle Drake

RL celebrates dormitory living

Residence Life sold over 600 luminaries in memory of abused children.

STACEY DELANEY
Staff Reporter

Under the direction of Paula O'Briant, the Meredith community successfully completed its second annual Residence Life Expo.

O'Briant designed and developed the expo last year in an effort to educate the entire school on the many projects in which residents are involved on campus.

"I wanted to create an event that would get resident students more involved and make the faculty and staff more aware of programming activities that go on here," said O'Briant.

This year the expo expanded its events over a four day period rather than only one day last year. Students could see and participate in the festivities almost anywhere on campus.

For instance, each residence hall set up a booth in the rotunda. Then they chose a theme which illustrated things such as campus clubs, sports, or extra-curricular activities.

Also, over 600 luminaries were set up in the courtyards and in front of Johnson Hall. The luminaries were purchased by Meredith students and staff in memory of child abuse victims. The proceeds from sales went to Child Abuse North Carolina, an organization that raises money to counsel abused children as well as place them in more stable environments.

"I thought the luminaries were a great part of the expo," said O'Briant. "They were lit on a rather rainy, gloomy evening," she said. "They provided a little bright spot for all to enjoy."

O'Briant also felt resident adviser appreciation day was an important aspect of the expo.

"It really created a sense of togetherness which is very important on a college campus," she said.

"So far I feel the expo has been a success," said O'Briant. "I am really excited about the possibilities the event can bring to everyone on campus."

"This was only the second year, but it has already expanded so much," she said. "I look forward to doing it even more next year."



Vann Residence Hall showed their support for Open House visitation - the bi-monthly chance for "BOYS" to visit students' rooms. Photo by Alyson Flood

Meredith senior killed in car crash in Louisburg

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Erika Woodlief, 21, a senior at Meredith, was killed in a two-car crash near Louisburg Saturday afternoon, police said. Sharon Woodlief, 51, Erika's mother and administrative assistant to President Weems, was driving the vehicle and suffered injuries.

Woodlief and her daughter were about five miles south of Louisburg on U.S. 401 when she saw another car, driven by Nellie Carter



Erika Woodlief, 21, was preparing to graduate in May 1998.

Gilliam, 81, approaching in her lane at approximately 12:15 p.m. Woodlief crossed over into the southbound lane to avoid the oncoming car, but Gilliam's car crossed over into the southbound lane and hit the Woodlief's car head-on, said Sgt. F.M. Lemmond of the State Highway Patrol. Erika was killed instantly. Gilliam, who also died, apparently suffered a heart attack, but it is unknown if she was conscious at the time of the crash, Lemmond said. Sharon Woodlief was taken to Franklin Regional Medical Center with a broken wrist and ankle.

Erika's father is Gene Woodlief, a sheriff's detective for Wake County. She was the Woodlief's only child.

The news of Erika's death stunned the Meredith community. Erika was known on campus even before she came here as a student since her mother has worked for the college for nearly 30 years.

"I knew Erika since she was a baby. This is the single most crushing moment of my life. Erika was just so sweet; she looked after other people," said President Weems.

Erika was a sociology major getting certified to teach K - 6th grade. She had been a resident assistant for 3 years. She was the R.A. on second Heilman when it caught fire last year. She won the Outstanding Residence Life Service Award for her efforts during the fire.

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