

## Awareness week focuses on ability

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Meredith no longer has ignorance as an excuse for insensitivity to issues affecting disabled students. The second annual Disabilities Awareness Week took place here Feb. 16-20. Held and sponsored by the Meredith Disabilities Organization, Disabilities Week's purpose is to educate the campus and promote awareness of disabilities.

Although Disability Week is not nationally recognized, it is recognized and promoted by many colleges. Considering there are many students on this campus with disabilities, Meredith has an opportunity to see what it can do to be of help to those individuals.

This year's theme for Disability Week was "Focus on

Ability"—a theme that reminds us that what you can do is much more important than what you cannot do. Ruthie Hill, president of the Meredith Disabilities Organization, and Stephanie Harris from the office of Residence and Commuter Life are two of the individuals who helped in planning the affairs for the week.

Monday, Feb. 16, there was a meeting in Joyner Lounge 104 at 7:00 p.m. for graduates with learning disabilities.

On Tuesday, there was a demonstration in the Cate Center from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and in Belk Dining Hall from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. that gave sighted students a chance to experience visual impairment.

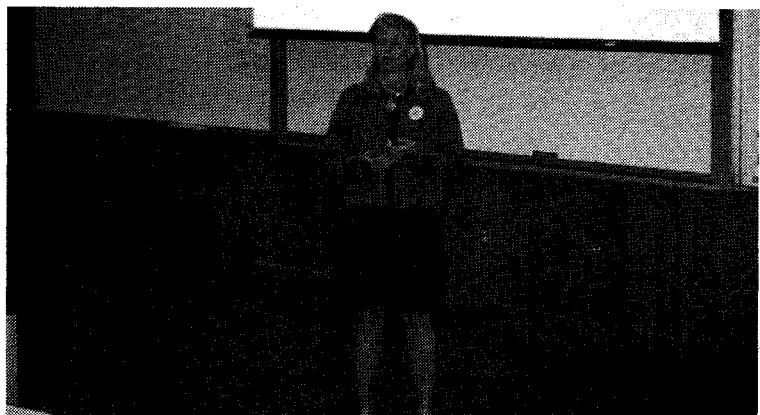
On MCTV Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., campus

support and services showed how they provide for and help adapt disabled students to the Meredith campus.

Friday was the highlight of the week for those involved in the program. Elizabeth Warner came to Ledford 101 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to talk to Meredith students about the Special Olympics. The World Special Olympics are to be held in Raleigh in 1999. This is a unique opportunity for Meredith students to get involved, and hundreds of volunteers will be needed to make the event successful. Some of the athletes' families will be staying here on the Meredith campus, so we will be able to promote and experience the Special Olympics firsthand.

Meredith Disabilities Organization provides support to students with disabilities. Membership is open to students with disabilities as well as students who are interested in the issues that coincide with disabilities.

"Disabilities Awareness Week 1998 provides an opportunity for the Meredith campus to be informed of disabilities as well as an opportunity to get involved with related events such as the Special Olympics," said Stephanie Harris. "Overall, it is a building and learning opportunity for the Meredith campus."



Elizabeth Warner speaks to students about the World Special Olympics in 1999 held in Raleigh, NC. PHOTO BY CHRISTINE LAUGHLIN

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## 2001 lively, not lazy

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According to a recent survey, the college class of 2001 are the exact opposite of their slacker stereotype.

The survey, conducted by Louis Harris and Associates, Inc., for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, concludes that overall this first class of the new century is motivated and optimistic.

Students (2,001 of them) from 101 four-year colleges, public and private, all over the country (including Appalachian State University and UNC-Charlotte) responded to the telephone poll, which was conducted between Nov. 11, 1997—Jan. 12, 1998. The poll was designed to get what it calls Gen2001's input on how the generation sees itself and other generations, what its career and lifestyle goals are, and its political and social views and outlook. These students responded to questions ranging from, "If you have dinner with any famous person, dead or alive, whom would you choose?" to "How important do you think life insurance is as a vehicle for your financial security?"

These are a few of the sometimes predictable, sometimes surprising results:

Almost 100 percent of Gen2001 students believe they will get to where they want to be in life.

Of the Gen2001 students, women outnumber men slightly at 53 percent vs. 47 percent.

Technology is cited most often

as the biggest advantage about being a member of Gen2001.

Eighty-five percent say there is a difference between their own and their parents' values and lifestyles.

Marriage is in the plans of 96 percent, at the average age of 26, with 91 percent hoping to have children—3 on average.

Sixty-eight percent say premarital sex is okay when two people love each other and 64% say living together before getting married is a good idea.

More than 90 percent say they are satisfied with their physical appearance.

Almost 90 percent believe in God, three-fourths believe in life after death, and the majority attend religious services.

The top three career choices are medicine (16%), teaching (14%), and business/marketing (12%).

Fifty-six percent say the country is headed in the right direction; 42 percent say the wrong direction.

Ninety-four percent intend to vote in elections; Thirty-three percent say they're Democrat, 31% say Republican, and 24% call themselves independent.

Fifty-five percent hold a negative view of the current state of race relations; Forty-three percent expect things to improve by 2001.

Nearly three-fourths say it's likely in their lifetime that a person of color will be elected president; Sixty-four percent think it is likely that a woman will be elected president.

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