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We attract bright, talented, ambitious students. Naturally we're a women's college.

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Little Friends have "Fun on the Farm"

□ MRA and Meredith College host the annual spring event weekend.

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Staff Reporter

Little friends can be assured of big fun at Meredith. From Friday, March 20 to Sunday, March 22, over a hundred children could be seen wandering around Meredith's campus. MRA's Little Friends weekend shone brightly, despite the storms that pounded the triangle this past weekend.

The theme for this year's Little Friends Weekend was "Fun on the Farm." Events and games were planned for the entire weekend. Some of these events included a scavenger hunt, karaoke, an Aqua Angels performance, a worship service in Jones Chapel, and a closing lunch on Sunday afternoon.

Children from the ages of four to 12 are allowed to participate in the MRA's Little Friends Weekend. Boys 12 and under are

allowed to stay in the dorms.

Because of careful planning by the co-chairs, Kristie Stallings and Lisa Suther, the weather did not take away any of the fun planned for the weekend. The games that were scheduled to take place on the lawn Saturday afternoon were moved to Weatherspoon Gym.

Stallings has been the co-chair for Little Friends Weekend for

two years, and Suther has been co-chair for one year. There was an excellent amount of participation for "Fun on the Farm" weekend. Over 150 kids were registered, compared to 120 kids last year.

Stallings claimed that all of the events went over really well. While karaoke is always one of the favorites, the scavenger hunt

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Sophomore Beth Donaldson and her 'little friend' Mary-Scott Powell enjoy the indoor picnic Saturday night.

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ALYSON FLOOD

Speaker presents women's art movement

□ Artist speaks about women's place in art for Women's History Month.

SARAH BALUSS
Staff Reporter

Last week, Meredith students interested in art got a glimpse at the long, hard journey of female artists. Elouise Schoettler, who was a part of that journey, gave a

slide presentation entitled "Then and Now" in honor of Women's History Month.

Schoettler first presented her audience with a look at the art world of the early 70's, when the women's art movement first began. Back then, female artists found themselves discriminated against by museums and galleries, art faculties and critics.

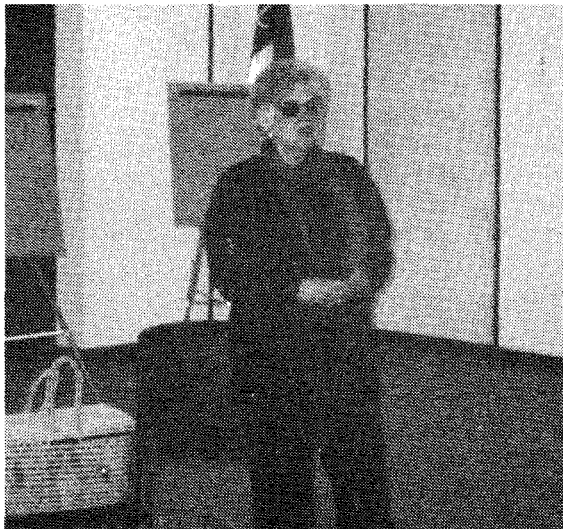
They did not enjoy much recognition at all, nor did they enjoy many sales. Perhaps most importantly, these talented female artists had no role-models to look up to, as women had been neglected in art history for centuries.

It was during these years on the cusp of the

women's movement that these female artists of all ages began to change things—they began to take action. Groups were formed, newsletters published, petitions signed, and museums picketed. These women also often gathered together for conferences; Schoettler described the 1972 Conference of Women in Visual Arts as "electric." Soon the women were putting on shows in galleries of their own making. Schoettler herself helped form the Coalition of Women's Art; she showed several slides of this Coalition in the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) march. Female artists of several generations came together in this march to establish women in the male-dominated art-world, and what they did was amazing.

During this time, Schoettler was praised for her artwork—paintings which were symmetrical and patterned in nature. As a mother coping with the demands of family life, Schoettler found

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Elouise Schottler speaks to students about the women's art movement. PHOTO BY JILL GREEN

Search committee nearly complete

LESLIE MAXWELL
Staff Reporter

With Presidents Weems' retirement looming on the horizon, the Presidential Search Committee is almost complete. Along with the Chairman of the Committee, Ron Withrow, the committee will include seven representatives from the Board of Trustees, two faculty representatives, one alumna, one administrator (not a dean or vice-president), one student, and one community representative. The committee members should be finalized by mid-April when the committee will begin to meet. Their search should begin in July of this year, with a final list of presidential candidates ready by April 1999. By May 1999, Meredith College should have a new president.

Before spring break, Meredith students were invited to apply for the position of student representative on the Presidential Search Committee. Out of all the applicants, Vice-President of Student Development Dr. Jean Jackson and her committee narrowed the applicants down to three. Although Jackson said it was a "difficult decision" because of the qualities the applicants possessed and the important decision applied for, the three nominees were chosen: Amy Rene Smith, Kristen Leigh Doster, and Rachel Wynne Overton.

Smith, a junior history major from Goldston, NC, is a Teaching Fellow on the Dean's List, a student adviser, and a member of both the History/Politics Club and Phi Alpha Theta. Doster, a sophomore with an undeclared major from Concord, NC, is a resident assistant in Vann, a Harris Scholar, and is a student volunteer in admissions. Overton, a sophomore Honors student from Aulander, NC, majoring

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