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Phillip Walker says "let me speak for you, sister"

□ Artist in residence delivers convocations on African-American history.

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Although they are often neglected in American history books, the African-American leaders of the past century or so

changed worlds with their bravery and persistence. Last week, Meredith students got a look at those leaders through the convocations "Can I Speak For You, Brother?" and "Sister, Can We Speak For You?" These shows, presented by both artist in residence Phillip Walker and Meredith students, depicted

heroic black men and women of past and present.

Walker's "Can I Speak For You, Brother?" is a one-man show which was presented last Tuesday night in Jones Auditorium. In it, Walker acts alone as several black male leaders, including Frederick Douglass and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In a variety of ways, Walker became each of these men, depicting them through speeches, songs, poetry and letters. The men, real life characters, each contributed something extraordinary to the continuing struggle of African-Americans.

On Sunday, Mar. 29 at 7:30 p.m., and again Monday morning at 10:00 a.m., Meredith students and other actresses presented "Sister, Can We Speak For You?" which depicted black female leaders. Again, through

speeches, songs, letters and drama, these women became such leaders as Sojourner Truth and Lorraine Hansberry. This powerful performance took the audience from a slave auction all the way to Maya Angelou. It was not only a celebration of the struggle of black women but also a tribute to women in general, in honor of Women's History Month.

After the performance, the audience received the chance to talk with the actors and Walker at a reception in Johnson Hall. These shows, presented by the Association for Cultural Awareness, brought to light the incredible strength and heroism of black leaders past and present. These leaders persisted against all odds to help create a world in which all people are treated equally, and their contributions to society should not go unrecognized. Thanks to these two performances, these heroes are not unrecognized at Meredith any longer.



Phillip Walker presented the convocation series "Can I Speak for you, Brother?" and "Sister, Can We Speak for You?"

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Class of 2002 and families Experience Meredith

□ Potential students visit campus to learn more about Meredith.

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The weather was warm, and the sky was clear. There could not have been a better day for high school seniors to Experience Meredith!

On Saturday, Mar. 28, 161 visiting seniors crowded the campus with 250 parents to help make their final college decision, which for most colleges is the beginning of May. All the students in attendance have already been accepted at Meredith. Approximately one-third of the students visiting on Saturday had already selected Meredith as their college.

"We feel it's one of those events to help the prospective students decide where they want to go," remarked Shera Hube, the admissions counselor in charge of Experience Meredith!

The day began early for all

involved, with registration from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. During this time, prospective students had the opportunity to get a campus tour. After registration came the opening session, with welcomes from people such as Vice-President Charles Taylor and Sophomore Class President Alison Flood. From 10:45 to noon, visitors had the opportunity to visit two information sessions, such as an off-to-college session for students and a parent-to-parent chat.

From noon to 1 p.m., prospective and current Meredith students and their parents enjoyed a picnic in the courtyard. A disc jockey was on hand to play music like Jimmy Buffett, James Taylor and Simon and Garfunkel. During this time, an activities fair was set up in the courtyard with information on clubs and activities including Senate, Honor Council, the Residence Hall Board and Le Cercle Francais.

After the fair ended, Cheryl Jenkins, coordinator, said the fair

was successful. "I was pleased with the turnout of the student organizations," Jenkins said. "I think the prospective students enjoyed it."

Prospective students and their parents went to Weatherspoon Gym for an academic fair from 1-1:45 p.m. All departments, including English, biology and art, set up booths with information accessible through professors and current students.

Math professor Dr. Charles Davis, who coordinated the academic fair, felt it was successful. "The turnout was good," Davis said, "both from student and professor participants and from prospective students and families. It gives the prospective students information about what programs are available and is very helpful in their making a decision about college."

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The Class of 2000 greeted their future little sisters from the Class of 2002 at the Activities Fair. PHOTO BY CHRISTINE LAUGHLIN