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## MEA celebrates entertainment

□ Wednesday's Luau featured the popular band *The Clef Hangers*.

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Staff Reporter

Meredith Entertainment Association gave Meredith College a week that was filled with fun and excitement. Sept. 14 through the 19 was MEA's week to strut their stuff. The festivities were kicked off Monday evening in the dining hall where MEA played music for the campus's enjoyment, giving the dinner hours something out of the ordinary. The music choices were varied, and there was something played to suit almost anyone's taste.

Tuesday, MEA offered a buy-one-get-one-free balloon special at the Balloon Gallery. The Balloon Gallery is located in the Cate center and is run by members of MEA, who use the gallery to raise money to support the events that they sponsor, such as the White Iris Ball.

The climax of the week was

Wednesday's luau dinner, which took place in the courtyard outside the Belk Dining Hall. Dining Services served grilled chicken and barbecue, along with pasta, salad and chips. The Pepsi truck was there to provide drinks to quench any thirst and they came complete with complimentary straws decorated with puffy tropical flowers. As if that weren't enough, MEA members in grass skirts even passed out leis and danced with *The Clef Hangers*, a local band that played from 5 - 6 p.m.

Shag lessons were Thursday nights special event. Expert Nan Miller taught Meredith students the art

of shagging for a mere fifty cents in the dining hall after dinner. The lessons were full of laughter and feet fumbles as the students tried desperately to master the steps.

MEA week ended with a regular Friday meeting held in 202 Harris during the 10 a.m. hour. This was an open meeting, and anyone interested was invited to attend. This open session was to

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Food and decorations allowed for students to feel authentically Hawaiian. PHOTO BY ALISON FLOOD

## Open Day brings prospective students

□ Admissions sponsors fall visitation for high school seniors.

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Staff Reporter

On Friday, September 18 the Meredith community welcomed area high school seniors to attend this year's first Open Day.

The purpose of the Open Days, said Shera Hube, is to introduce high school seniors to the Meredith experience as they are narrowing their college choices. "By meeting our students, faculty, and staff they will be encouraged to apply," added Hube.

The prospective students attended an academic and student activities fair and a student panel presentation, conducted a class visitation, and toured the campus.

Visiting student Jennifer Carter of Raleigh said that she really enjoyed attending Survey of American Literature and was impressed that the professor

knew all of the names of the students. Sarah Watson of Pink Hill shared a similarly positive experience in the Calculus class she attended.

The Admissions Office finds that Open Days are quite successful. Approximately 75 percent of students who visit Meredith's campus apply for admission. Each year the Admissions Office has the visiting students complete an evaluation form to improve the structure or nature

of the Open Days to better accommodate the visiting students.

The Admissions Office is not the only integral part of the Open Days, however. Shera Hube stresses the importance of the whole college effort to welcome the students. Current Meredith students are involved by serving as hostesses, working with registration, and giving campus tours. Faculty and staff are involved by

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Prospective students line up in Belk Dining Hall to have their first meal at Meredith. PHOTO BY ALISON FLOOD

## Campus leases tower area

BETH HALL  
News Editor

A cellular phone signal tower was completed last week on the college campus area leased to a communications company, said Executive Vice President Chuck Taylor during an interview Friday.

Because the tower is in a "prime location" for All-tel Communications (formerly 360 Communications) the negotiated lease will be "a great financial benefit to the college," said Taylor. All negotiations were made through Taylor's office.

All-tel, a division of Sprint, approached the College last fall to request permission to build the 70 foot tower in a wooded area on the Wade Avenue side of Meredith grounds.

All-tel contracted SBA Inc., a service provider to wireless communications companies, to find possible tower sights and negotiate leasing, said Taylor.

Cellular phone systems work by passing signals from cell tower to cell tower. David Cutlip, a project director for SBA, said the chosen area on the campus would fill the signal gap between the tower at Cameron Village and one on the NCSU campus.

The traffic on Wade Avenue and on I440 interfered with signals. The new tower will improve signal reception. The Board of Trustees approved the construction last fall, but the actual construction of the tower began only two weeks ago due to a long delay in the city's permitting process. The housing box for the tower will be finished in a couple of weeks, said Taylor.

The communications company wields jurisdiction over the 50x50 foot tower area, but Meredith has the right to move the tower to another location on campus if the college ever needs the current area. The current area does not interfere with any of Meredith's long-range plans in the foreseeable future, said Taylor. The company's access to the tower area will not impact the campus. The walk-through gate

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