

Friendly competition promotes class spirit

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Staff Reporter

Games, music and food were all just a small part of a big celebration for the class of 2002. "It was a fun and festive day for everyone who participated," exclaimed Chrissie Bumgardner, the Freshman Frolic coordinator.

Freshman Frolic was held Thursday, Oct. 1 from 4-8 p.m. This year's theme revolved around a sixties look and the slogan "More Power, Less Flower."

The afternoon began with a scavenger hunt between the residence hall floors, in which 1st Vann Hall captured first place and 1st Stringfield Hall won second. Next, each student adviser group assembled for the egg toss. With skill and determination, and quite a few broken eggs, Shannon Morris' Student Adviser Group placed first overall and Leslie Gilliland's Student Adviser Group came in a close second.

Residence Hall floors then competed in the infamous bed race. First Vann

was the fastest, and 4th Vann came in second. The best decorated bed award went to the 4th Vann team.

A special Big Sis/ Lil Sis pie toss competition was held in the Vann courtyard which ended in a yummy treat for all involved. The blindfolded obstacle course was next and left Christina Holder with lots of laughs.

"Courtney Arrington and I



In front of Stringfield Hall, the human gift wrap entertained many spectators.

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were in charge of this event," said Holder. "It was absolutely hilarious to watch the blindfolded member jump rope and put lipstick on her partner."

Winners in this event were Chrissie Bumgardner and Faithe Hart's FYE class. The Human Gift Wrap competition followed. Each group was given a roll of gift wrap, tape and a bow. They had to wrap one member of their team, and then that team member had to run through the finish line. The quickest team was Melissa Boyette's Student Adviser group, and the Most Beautiful Wrapping job was done by Heather Spell's Student Adviser Group.

The food relay was held in the Stringfield Quad, and first Vann captured first place. To end the celebration, one last competition was held between FYE Classes. They wrote a class song about being a first-year and performed on center stage, complete with costumes and props. The winner was Diane Ellis' class; second went to Dena Price's class, while Chrissie Bumgardner's class won third, and Kathy Rogers' class fourth.

The Freshman Frolic T-shirt's were tie-dyed with a large daisy

on the back and were passed out at the event. The printer who made the shirts accidentally printed "Class of 2000" rather than "Class of 2002," so the first-years decided to give their Big Sisters their shirts. The printers are making new shirts with the correct information.

During the events a concession stand was set up with pretzels, popcorn, candy apples and drinks. Arrington expressed a big thanks to the dining hall for supplying the delicious candy apples and all their help in the process.

According to Hart, adviser of the Public Relations/ Marketing committee for Freshman Frolic, "This year's freshman working on Frolic were dedicated to making the event a great time for the class of 2002. Their hard work really paid off!"

Cornhuskin' Co-chair Bridget Rawls stated, "It was a good warm-up for upcoming Cornhuskin'. It really motivated everyone to get more involved and I hope that this excitement will remain in November when Cornhuskin'

Dangers of alcohol stressed to community

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What is the most abused substance in America? Although diet pills and marijuana rank high on the list, the answer is alcohol. Meredith students had the opportunity to learn more about the

dangers of alcohol during Alcohol Awareness Week, which was held Sept. 28 - Oct. 2.

The week's events began on Monday with the arrival of an alcohol simulator on campus. The simulator allowed students to experience first-hand how

alcohol can impair one's driving ability.

Tuesday was designated Alcohol Screening Day. According to Beth Meier of the Counseling Center, "the screening was a huge success." Students were given the opportunity to watch videos about alcohol awareness while visiting the Counseling Center.

The "Bat Mobile" was parked on the Meredith campus on Wednesday. That night, students enjoyed non-alcoholic beverages at a "mocktail" party. This event emphasized the fact that fun can be alcohol free.

Some students donned all black on Thursday's "Dead Day" to represent people killed in alcohol-related incidents. The "dead" participants were silent throughout the day and wore cards explaining how alcohol contributed to their deaths.

The eventful week closed on

Friday with guest speakers forming a substance abuse panel in Kresge Auditorium. Sergeant Elmore, a Raleigh police officer, educated the audience on the warning signs of alcohol abuse. Representatives from SADD, MADD and the Counseling Center were also on hand.

Alcohol Awareness Week was coordinated by Wendy Holman, Chair of the Campus Activities Board.

According to Beth Meier, many positive occurrences resulted from the week. For example, the library has shown interest in updating its collection of substance abuse related videos.

If you are interested in peer counseling or in participating in a program similar to Alcohol Awareness Week, you are encouraged to call the Counseling Center at 760-8427.



Fellow "Dead Day" participants read how each other 'died' because of an alcohol related accident.

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Campus Briefs

Norma Rose chair established

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The Norma Rose Chair of English has recently been established. Rose, '36, was one of the College's most revered alumna and faculty member having taught English for more than 55 years.

The faculty chair required a \$500,000 endowment which was started by Margaret Pruitt, '37, of Louisburg and further funded by Rose's friends and colleagues. The chair is an honorary title given to a faculty member in the English department.

"Dr. Rose was one of our most popular and beloved teachers," said Vice President of Institutional Advancement Murphy Osborne. "Placing her name on this prestigious chair was a wonderful memorial and an honor to Meredith College."

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Psychology club offers enthusiasm

MANDY LITTON
Psychology Club President

Five Meredith psychology graduates returned to campus last Tuesday for the monthly Psychology Club meeting held in 101 Ledford. President Mandy Litton and Secretary Corey Thompson organized the event. Approximately 95 students were in attendance.

Among the alumnae who attended and spoke to the women were: Pitt County school psychologist Jenny Thigpen, '76, Director of Services at Raleigh Vocational Center Shelley Kraft, '91, Psychologist at Wake County Mental Health Debbie Lindsey, '91, and Area Director of Residential Education at UNC Chapel Hill Penny Mizzel, '94.

The Psychology Club is hoping that this special meeting promoted a positive influence for Meredith students studying clinical psychology.

Thompson felt that "the night was an overall success, and she is looking forward to a great year of Psychology Club."