

Annual rape awareness rally held

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One in four women (or one in four Meredith students) will be the victim of a sexual assault or rape in their lifetimes. The "Take Back the Night" rally began over 20 years ago as a show of support for sexual abuse survivors and as a way to increase awareness about sexual abuse. The NCSU campus hosted a "Take Back the Night" march on its campus for the 11th year last Thursday.

Representatives from colleges (including Meredith), high schools, churches, businesses and the public chanted anthems like "We have the power/We have the right/The streets are ours/Take back the Night" as they marched through the NCSU campus. The march ended in the brickyard behind the D.H. Library. There protesters listened to speakers and performers.

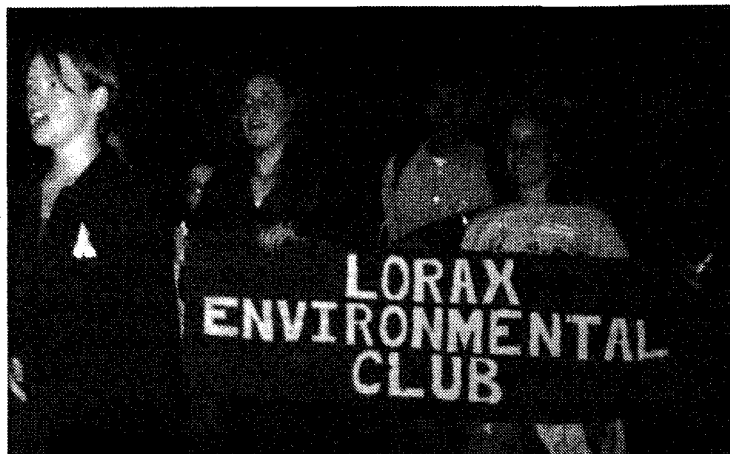
Amanda Maris, a junior at UNC-Chapel Hill, wowed and inspired the crowd with her voice and guitar as she sang a couple of original songs and covered the Indigo Girls' "Closer to Fine." Shirlette Ammons, a prize-winning local poet, recited two of poems for the audience, including "Top Heavy," about gender discrimination. Frances D. Graham, coordinator for the NCSU Women's Center, Tom Stafford, NCSU vice chancellor for student affairs and Laura Severn, NCSU director of women's studies spoke at the brickyard.

REAL People (Rape Educators and Active Leaders) have organized the campus' event for the last five years. "Take Back the Night" rallies across the country are a response to alarming national statistics. Someone is raped in the US every six minutes, and one in four women will be the victim of a sexual assault,

resulting in a national rate of rape that is 13 times higher than Great Britain's and 20 times higher than Japan's. According to the FBI, about 65% of all rapes involve a rapist who knows the victim. The FBI estimates that the rate of false reporting of rape is the same as the rate of

false reporting of most other crimes (1%-2%), yet only one in 10-20 rapes are reported, and only one in 100 are prosecuted.

Last year over 600 gathered for NCSU's Take Back the Night event, and a large group gathered again for the rally this year.



Meredith women marched along with their fellow Triangle students at the annual "Take Back the Night."

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Soccer season concludes, seniors honored

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Photo by Ebony Williams

Coach Jose Cornejo surprised his senior team members with red roses Oct. 27 the day before the team's last game. Cornejo had a helicopter fly over the soccer field and drop the roses down to the seniors.

Once the roses were gathered, Cornejo and the rest of the team expressed their appreciation and well-wishes to their graduating teammates. Pictured left to right: Susan Suarez, Sara Dixon, Jessica Brooks, Coach Cornejo, Sara Takata, Kristie Gwaltney and Jaime Stafford.

To return Coach Cornejo's season-concluding gift, the seniors and the rest of the team destroyed Louisburg College 8-0 in last Wednesday's game. After scoring twice in the first ten minutes, Meredith proceeded to score consistently about every fifteen minutes, driving Louisburg's defense to distraction with their coordination, power and speed.

One drive toward the goal by inspired an astonished onlooker to note "at girl can run!" Most of Meredith's points were owed to each player's eerie awareness of the others' position. With fifteen minutes left in the game, Cornejo sent in the bench, who quickly scored on Louisburg's hapless goalie. Senior Jessica Brooks finished the season with her cumulative 131 career goals bringing her to second place among other NCAA female soccer players.

Spooky hayride holds thrills

EBONY WILLIAMS
Sports Coordinator

For the Residence Life weekend activity, Meredith students and their friends visited Hill Ridge Farms for the Spooky Hayride and Cookout on Oct. 30. Over twenty people came out to participate in the Hayride.

Paula O'Briant, director of residence life says the weekend activity is "to give students options and things to do on the weekend and a chance to meet each other."

After the cookout students got a chance to pick pumpkins out of the pumpkin patch located on the farm. For the spooky hayride, students got in a wagon and were driven around the farm and frightened by actors dressed as

ghosts and ghouls.

O'Briant was pleased that so many people showed on "a beautiful night" to participate. O'Briant said "all enjoyed the Spooky Hayride even those who have attended before."

Turkey Bingo is planned for Nov. 20 in Belk Dining Hall, and RD Angie Perrou is heading up a holiday crafts activity for the end of November. O'Briant is pleased with the success of the Residence Life weekend activities and hopes to have them next semester.

The residence weekend activity offers students who stay on campus during the weekend an opportunity to bond with each other.

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conduct with a choir that's capable of such a fine performance," Angove said. Angove, a junior here at Meredith, is majoring in music with a concentration in flute and minor in conducting.

The College Chorale performed a variety of pieces including a French piece entitled "Or sus Serviteur du Seigneurs," by Jan Pieterzoon Sweelinck and in Latin they performed "Ave Maria" and "Popule Meus."

The Meredith College group Encore! entertained the audience with several a cappella pieces including "How Do I Love Thee," by Nathan Christiansen. They also sang "Lonesome Road," by James Taylor, and "Over My Head, I Hear Music," arranged by Micheal Braz.

All Meredith College groups were accompanied by Janis Dupre and were conducted by Dr. Lisa Caldwell.

Caldwell said, "This was the absolute best fall concert that has been given since I've been here. All choirs took the level of preparation up an extra notch at the performance."

Campus Briefs

Front Drive to be closed on Friday

MIKE HOKE
Campus Police Chief

Drivers will not be able to use the Front Drive entrance nor the area in front of Johnson Hall on Friday, Nov. 6. Parking for the front drive will be blocked off the entire day.

The Cornhuskin' Parade will begin at 3:30 p.m. The parade should be over around 4:30 p.m.

Administration and staff who use the Jones Chapel lot are encouraged to park elsewhere if they need to leave campus during the Parade.

If you have any questions, call Campus Police Chief Mike Hoke at x8888.

"Fund the Cure" stamps are here

ALYSSA BRASWELL
Director of Postal Services

The Meredith College Post Office has recently received its supply of the "Fund the Cure" breast cancer awareness stamps.

Each stamp is \$.40 with the additional \$.08 going towards the research and development for the fight against breast cancer.

The stamps will be on sale until the supply diminishes. A book of 20 stamps can be purchased for \$8.00. All students, faculty, staff and administration are encouraged to support "Fund the Cure."

Volunteers needed

PRESS RELEASE
1999 Special Olympics

The 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games will host open houses Nov. 8-9 to recruit volunteers for next year's event. The open houses will be held on Nov. 8 from 2:30-4 p.m. and Nov. 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church at 11401 Leesville Road in Raleigh.

Those in attendance at the events will have the opportunity to volunteer for the '99 Games. Several thousand have already joined the '99 Games team as volunteers and are serving in leadership positions in areas such as fundraising, community relations, competition management and much more.

The Games need a total of 35,000 volunteers. For more information call 1-888-767-1999 or visit the '99 Games web site at www.99games.com.