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Seniors out on top with 'The Final Verdict'

All classes win at Friday's events as the campus unites.

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Many devoted Meredith students braved cold weather to experience the fifty-third annual Cornhuskin' and to show their class and school spirit. The main competition, held 6 p.m. Friday night, Nov. 6, united the four classes in an evening of fun and friendship.

The festivities began with the introduction of the MRA Cornhuskin' co-chairs, sophomore Kate Breen and junior Melinda Burns. The judges, Rebecca Oatsvall, business professor; Philip Roof, Director of Financial Assistance; College Dean Allen Page; Aliene Jenkins Staples, '87; and Carole Jones Carr, '79, were then introduced.

The time judges were Residence Life Director Paula O'Briant and RDs Angie Perrou and Penny Andrew. The island judges were Thad O'Briant, Campus Dining Services Director, security officer Jean

Trevathan, business professor Susan Wessels, religion professor Bob Vance and psychology professor David Heining-Boynton.

The first event of the evening was Cornshuckin'. Contestants, encouraged by their coaches, had to shuck seven ears of corn but were allowed to leave silks on. Juniors placed first in this event.

Apple Bobbin', an event in which contestants must get ten apples out of the bucket without using their hands, came

next. Senior Shannon MacFarlane and coach Christina Berkemeyer took a speedy first place in this event. Said Berkemeyer, "It was awesome to lift our hands up in victory and hear the whole senior class cheer. It was incredible."

Skit, one of the most anticipated events of the evening, was next. The WINGS students performed their unjudged skit first. Freshmen went next, performing a skit that matched their theme of "Heavenly Reflections" as a new student dreamed about her future as a

Meredith College Angel. Co-chair Bridgette Rawls said, "Freshman spirit was amazing and wonderful!"

To emphasize their theme, "The Spirit of Cornhuskin'," the sophomores journeyed to their past, present and future with the BustGhosts in search of the lost spirit. Juniors hit a home run with their skit. Their "Third Time Around" compared their experiences at Meredith to a baseball game. Seniors finished the skit competition with the "Final Ver- See CORNHUSKIN' page 3



Seniors paraded their four Cornhuskin' themes toward Johnson Hall Friday afternoon. The last senior group to approach the crowd was this year's theme for Cornhuskin' 1998 of "The Final Verdict."

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MCA sponsors Operation Christmas Child again

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News Editor

Meredith Christian Association asks the Meredith community to fill empty shoeboxes with Christmas goodies for unfortunate children worldwide this holiday season as MCA sponsors Operation Christmas Child again this year.

For four years the campus has gathered an average of 100 boxes per year for the annual project sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, said Penny Ulmer of Campus Ministry. Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization that sends shoeboxes full of gifts for needy children in nations around the world is headed by Franklin Graham, son of evangelist Billy Graham.

Individuals, as well as groups and organizations, are

asked to pack a shoebox for a boy or girl age two to 12.

Suggestions for gifts to fill the box include balls, yo-yos, cars, dolls, school supplies, sunglasses, toothpaste, soap, comb, hard candy, flashlight (with batteries), T-shirts, hair clips, books or small stuffed animals.

Participants are asked not to include war-related toys, liquids, perishables,

used items, medicine or breakable items. The shoe boxes may be wrapped, but the lid should be wrapped separately from the box, so it may be removed for inspection.

Five dollars is requested for shipping and handling costs

and should be placed in an envelope provided by MCA and put on top of the box' contents. MCA will also provide the labels that should be put on the outside of the box, alerting organizers whether the contents of the box are for a boy or girl, and for what age range. Age ranges are: infant, 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old and 10-14 years old.

MCA will collect the boxes next week, Nov. 16-23. All boxes must be in by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23. The completed boxes should be taken to the campus minister's office.

If you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child, please call Sugar Hale at

760-2032.

"More clubs should get involved," said Ulmer. "This would make a wonderful Christmas project." Ulmer also suggested contributors give their boxes a theme. For example, relate all of the contents to Superman—Superman socks, a cape, a Superman coloring book.

Meredith's collection of shoeboxes will be taken to one of several collection centers in the city. Each center's collection will be sent to Charlotte, said Ulmer. Then, the boxes will be sent to their destinations.

Last year over 1.6 million boxes were collected from the US, Canada, Western Europe and Australia and distributed to children in 44 countries throughout Latin America, Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

