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## 99th Night bittersweet senior celebration

□ "I Will Remember You" is the evening's theme and promise.

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Police Reporter

Marking a bittersweet point in their college careers, the class of 1999 began their countdown to May 9 by borrowing from Sarah McLachlan's song "I Will Remember You," which was the evening's theme. At 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30, 133 seniors gathered in Belk to commemorate the milestone they reached: after four years, they had only 99 days until graduation.

99th Night began with senior class advisor Charles Davis' handing out souvenirs as seniors entered the balloon-decorated Dining Hall. They enjoyed trays of fresh fruit, vegetables and various cheeses.

After 99th night co-chairs Yvonne Baucom and Sara Walker welcomed the crowd, everyone participated in the karaoke. The first song of the evening was "R-E-S-P-E-C-T," performed by Davis and the Senior Class council. The last was "Wind Beneath My Wings."

"I thought it was good to see that everybody could get up

there and participate without inhibitions," said Baucom. "It shows how unified our class is."

The seniors then watched a slide show with pictures from their four years at Meredith. All seniors were asked to contribute a picture for the show.

Meanwhile, around 30 little sisters from the sophomore class gathered in the Johnson Hall Rotunda to support their big sisters with songs and fun.

Clad in their gray 99th night T-shirts, seniors made their way to Johnson Hall around 11 p.m. where they were greeted with a balloon arch in Meredith burgundy and white and a banner from the class of 2001. Sophomores then dropped 99 red balloons from the third floor of the rotunda.

Although sophomore big sis/li'l sis co-chair Emily Cash was disappointed with sophomore attendance, she said, "We had a great time and a lot of fun preparing for it."

While seniors listened, their little sisters serenaded them with several songs including "The Mountain Song" and "You're My Inspiration."

Seniors then had a chance to reciprocate by singing "Stand

By Me" and "With a Little Help from My Friends," also called the "Wonder Years" theme song. Jennifer Thomas led the class of 1999 in "It's So Hard to Say Good-bye to Yesterday."

"It was funny that we sang the "Wonder Years" theme song since we're never in tune," said senior Caroline Fleming.

Senior April Tripp said, "The most emotional part of the night was the serenades."

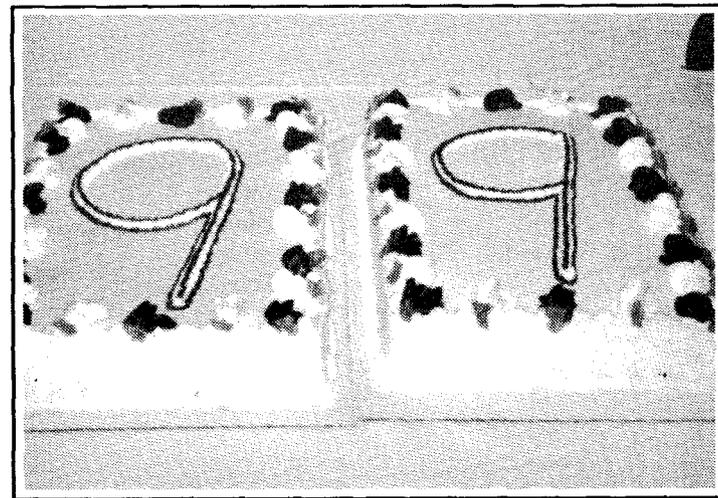
After serenades, big and little sisters shared cake provided by the sophomore class. The

evening ended near midnight.

For their evening, seniors paid \$11 for a ticket and \$13 for a shirt. The ticket price included souvenirs: silver picture frame photo albums. "I Will Remember You" was engraved on the front.

"The whole night was a success," Walker said. "I think everybody had a good time."

Walker and Baucom wished to thank the sophomore class for their support, the junior class for the sign they made for Barefoot, the senior dorm and the senior class members who helped decorate and clean up.



The sophomore class provided the two appropriately decorated sheet cakes.

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## Students bring AIDS awareness to campus

□ AIDS Awareness Week begins with a moving convocation.

ALLISON CARTER  
Editor in Chief

AIDS Awareness Week began on Monday with a morning convocation in Jones Chapel.

The service began with dramatic interpretations of true-life stories. Meredith students Miyuki Kono, Missy Neff, Heather Willcox and Phyllis Gay gave the performances.

Senior Dana Flotkoetter, AIDS Awareness Week Coordinator, offered a brief welcome and introduction to the remainder of the week's activities. Included in her introduction, Flotkoetter gave the audi-

ence several statistics about AIDS and its growth across the globe. In fact, Wake County is the second leading county in North Carolina with reported

HIV cases as of December 1998.

Dance Theater director David Beadle and troop performed a movement ritual with music by Russ Hanson.

"The service was extremely touching while the interpretations themselves were moving," said Flotkoetter.

Flotkoetter reminded the audience of the many opportunities throughout the week

to learn about HIV and AIDS. She also extended an invitation to view the four panels of the Memorial Quilt displayed in the Chapel the entire week.

"I was awed by the size of the panels on the quilt, but even more awed by the love and support so evident in the squares designed by surviving families and friends," said Student Activities office manager Mary Pat Plocki.

"The convocation provided a sensitive introduction to a week filled with real life education," concluded Plocki.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Look for further information about the AIDS Memorial Quilt in this week's Meredith Herald on page 4.



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