

# Annual li'l friends weekend hits the beach

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Many Meredith students spent time with a much younger group of people "Down by the Boardwalk" this past weekend. They were not at Myrtle Beach, but here, at Meredith, with their li'l friends.

The annual li'l friends weekend, Mar. 19-20, was sponsored by Meredith Recreation Association and was co-chaired by seniors Anna King and Leonna Jasuta.

Sophomore Melissa Denning brought her 5-year-old cousin, Ashley, as her li'l friend. Denning said that she enjoyed "just being able to spend quality time with her" cousin.

She also said that Ashley's favorite event was on Saturday morning when the li'l friends got to throw sponges at their big friends.

Meredith students were encouraged to bring young friends, siblings or cousins ages four through 12 at a cost of \$25 per child. 120 children and 80 Meredith students registered for the weekend.

Friday night, the li'l friends checked in and received their T-shirts, beach pails and shovels.

Saturday morning, the friends ate breakfast until 9:30. From 9:40 to 10 a.m., the co-chairs held a kickoff in second Cate. Then from 10 to 11:30 a.m., the children played games and made crafts in the courtyard.

Lunch was held in the Dining Hall, but several people went outside to enjoy the pleasant weather and listen to beach music.

From 1 to 2 p.m., the big and little friends participated in a limbo contest and a scavenger

hunt. King said her favorite part of the weekend was "in the afternoon when everyone was outside relaxing. Kids ran



around and had a great time with their big friends," said King.

From 2 to 3 p.m. the group watched the Aqua Angels per-

formance and then had a free swim from 3:30 to 5 p.m. At 5 p.m., everyone enjoyed a pizza dinner in Belk Dining Hall. The pails and shovels that the li'l friends received at check-in had since been decorated and were judged at the dinner.

Junior Class President Erin Grant's younger brother, John, 8, took the top prize in this category, which was a beach bucket filled with candy, games, a silly straw and a beach ball. In addition, Meredith students and their li'l friends could sing karaoke and get their faces painted.

In years past, the weekend has run through Sunday, but it ended on Saturday this year because Sunday was an open house day. King noted her uncertainty of the continuation of this annual tradition because of the new open house policy

that will be implemented in the fall.

Cheryl Jenkins, director of student activities and leadership development, said that faculty and staff would have to discuss the continuation of li'l friends weekend and that its end was not a definite.

The concern lies with the fact that children and male guests would be in the residence halls at the same time, Jenkins said.

"We're trying to be a little more cautious," she said, citing the elimination of on-campus baby-sitting that reinforces this statement.

Overall, King was pleased with the weekend, even though she was worried beforehand. "It ran so smoothly," she said, "and the weather couldn't have been better. It was great."

## Angels make waves with Themes

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The Meredith Aqua Angels, Meredith's synchronized swim team, presented their spring performance, the final performance of the year, last week. The audiences on Thursday and Friday nights and Saturday afternoon saw and heard "Themes from the Silver Screen."

The group had been working on its production for several months, and each member practiced about six hours per week.

Over 400 people attended all three performances. Coach Carol Brown was pleased with the turnout from both the Meredith community and the

outside community.

While Michelle Boyette narrated, the group performed their routines to music from some of their favorite motion pictures, including *Grease*, *Pretty Woman*, and *Armageddon*. Many of the Aqua Angels choreographed or helped to choreograph their own pieces.

"I was impressed with their ability to select good music, to be active in choreography and to improve in their skills," said Brown.

At the end of each performance, Brown recognized the seniors, Jennifer Laws and Betty-Shannon Poates, and junior Mary Kathryn Tyndall, who did much of the publicity for the per-

formance, choreographed some pieces, and performed a solo to music from *Batman* for her Honors thesis.

Brown also recognized senior Lara Nosal, the Aqua Angels' manager, and Pam Wingerter, a nationally recognized synchronized swimmer who helped the Aqua Angels this year.

Brown was happy with the overall production: "I thought that the swimming overall this year was better than years before."

She added, "I think that the Aqua Angels were very dedicated to improving personal skills, and that was evident in their performance." She called the group "a joy to work with."

Next year, Brown will be on sabbatical. "I'll miss working with the Aqua Angels," she said, but she also said that she had found a member of the community to replace her. "I think it will be good for the team," Brown said.

First-year member Susan Heuser said that she liked the relaxed atmosphere of the team. "We all got along," she said.

Kaley Redmond, a sophomore, said that it would be hard for the team to adjust without Brown. "She holds us together and keeps us motivated," Redmond said.

### Lumpkin to speak at spring Graduate Business Speaker Series tomorrow

PRESS RELEASE  
John E. Weems Graduate School

Adrienne Kelly Lumpkin, President and co-owner of Alternate Access, Inc. will be speaking at the Graduate Business Speaker Series, this Thursday, Mar. 25 at 6 p.m. in the west wing of Belk Dining Hall.

Alternate Access, Inc. is a computer telephony integration company in Raleigh. They provide consulting, products, marketing services and systems integration for all call center automation to companies in healthcare, banking, publishing, manufacturing and other industries. It is an IBM Business Partner, and its clients include the NC Board of Nursing, Duke Energy, Interbake Foods (NJ), BlueCross BlueShield (SC) and Nortel (NY).

Lumpkin is a graduate of the Harvard Business School where she earned an MBA with a concentration in marketing. She earned her BA in psychology at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. She has 13 years of industry experience, working for both Hewlett-Packard Company and IBM.

Lumpkin sits on the National Board of Directors of the National Black MBA Association and also the Board of Directors of the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. Lumpkin volunteers for the Junior Achievement Elementary School program and has served as an interviewer for both of her Alma Maters.



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