

# Classes honor seniors at spring formal

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The class of 1999 was honored at the Spring Formal sponsored by the class dance co-chairs made up of representatives from the classes of 2000, 2001 and 2002.

Saturday night, Apr. 17, was the night for Meredith women to put on their gowns and head out for a night of dancing at the Civic Center in downtown Raleigh. Between 500 and 600 couples mingled and danced at the "Tonight's the Night" formal. The dance lasted from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Roommates in Barefoot, seniors Mandy Litton and Corey Thompson, enjoyed their last formal. "The DJ wasn't the greatest, but everything else was fun," said Litton.

Adding to her roommate's comment, Thompson added, "It was a lot of fun to spend my last formal with all of my friends."

Tickets could be purchased last week for \$25 per couple and two souvenirs or \$15 for a single ticket and one souvenir. Seniors received invitations in the mail that enabled the senior and a guest to attend the dance with no charge. T-shirts for the dance could be purchased in advance for an extra \$10 and should be ready soon.

The dance co-chairs were juniors Allison Thomas and Stacey Stanley, sophomores Heather Spell, Claren Warena and Becky Daniels and freshmen Monique Rodriguez, Jenny Hodgkin and Melissa Wilson. Their positions are

appointed, not elected.

Meredith staff and faculty such as math professor and senior class adviser Charles Davis and Assistant Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development Dena Price checked tickets at the door and handed out lime-green drink huggers as souvenirs.

Disc jockey Tony Black played a variety of music including rap and oldies. The DJ also played "We're Gonna Party (like it's 1999)," "Brown-Eyed Girl" and "Friends in Low Places."

Decorations included candles and flowers on the tables, as well as two silver fountain punch bowls on the food service tables. Food included assorted fruits, cheese, crackers, pretzels and butter mints.

Warena said that she enjoyed serving as a dance co-chair and that she like learning "how a dance is planned. Thomas said, "I think the whole night was a success and everything went really well. I think everyone had a good

time."

Rodriguez said of her first experience as a Dance co-chair, "I enjoyed the whole experience and getting to see the product of our hard work.

Spell said, "I thought it went really well."



## Trustee and benefactor Ledford died Tuesday

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Hubert Ledford, trustee and friend of Meredith College, died Monday afternoon at the age of 92. In his sixth term on the Board of Trustees, Ledford was recently on campus for the February board meeting and announcement of the president-elect of the College.

Ledford was first elected to the Board in 1971 where he served as Chairman during the 1988-1989 year. Ledford also has served as committee chairs across the board, but he specialized in finance.

"At the age of 92, he still read all of the College's financial statements like they were a novel," said vice president of institutional advancement Murphy Osborne.

"It was a pleasure to work with him as a trustee and as Board Chair," said vice president of marketing and Board of Trustees secretary LaRose Spooner.

Ledford's love for educa-

tion can be seen on Meredith's campus with the newest of the academic buildings Ledford Hall. This building which was completed in the spring of 1993 houses the psychology, sociology, social work and education departments.

According to Osborne, Ledford made a motion in 1989 while serving as chairman that he would give a substantial amount of money to fund the next building brought to campus. Hence, the motion was

glimpse of a man who gave so much to the College.

Spooner noted how much Ledford enjoyed playing golf where some of their "best conversations involved his descriptions of a recent golf game."

Ledford was the Chief Executive Officer of Durham Life Insurance Company which used to be located off of Lake Boone Trail in Raleigh. Osborne believes that Ledford served the College well because of his previous experiences as a financial executive.

Both Osborne and Spooner said what a generous man Ledford was to those he knew. "We really are a better college because he was a trustee.

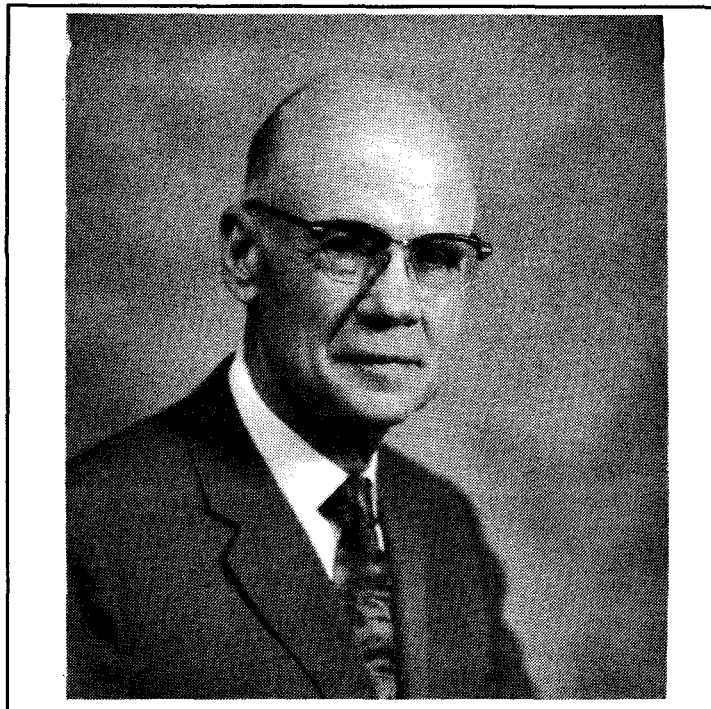
Ledford's wife, Lola, preceeded his death while he is survived by a sister, nieces and nephews. The Ledfords never had any children of their own, but they were were still "strong supporters of education," said Spooner.

The Ledford family will receive friends this evening from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the

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passed and the building began construction in late 1991. There is a portrait of Ledford hanging in the entranceway of his building where students, faculty and staff can catch a



Hubert Ledford, 92, died Tuesday morning. He served six terms on the Board of Trustees.

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Brown Wynne Funeral Home, St. Mary's Street. The funeral service will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Hayes Barton Baptist Church located at 1800 Glenwood Avenue in Raleigh.

If any members of the Meredith community would

like to send a note to Ledford's family, address it in care of his niece: Pat Boyce, 313 Woodcliff Road, Raleigh, NC 27609. Boyce is the wife of the College's attorney, Gene Boyce.