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Seniors go for gold in Cornhuskin'

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When the faint drone of whistles mixed with the harmony of singing voices is heard by passersby on Hillsborough Street, there is no mistaking what is taking place. A little craziness is in the air. Cornhuskin' has begun.

At 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, the Cornhuskin' parade began down Main Campus Drive. Each class dressed in their sweatshirts or other theme-related apparel. They walked down the front drive as onlookers, including administration and faculty, observed the festivities. Balloons and chants filled the air.

Yet the parade was only the precursor of the event to unravel in the Amphitheatre at 6 p.m. Cornhuskin' lasted over six hours, speculated to be the longest Cornhuskin' in the event's history.

Meredith Recreation Association (MRA) sponsored the event. Hosts for the evening were MRA Cornhuskin' co-chairs, sophomore Christine Kelley and junior Elizabeth Jackson. The co-chairs were responsible for not only emceeing the event but overseeing all

the class co-chairs and setting up the Amphitheatre. "I had a great time. The classes were really cooperative and spirited," said Kelley.

After the rousing competitions of Cornshuckin' and Apple Bobbin', both won by juniors, and a riveting perfor-

mance of several songs, including Madonna's "Beautiful Stranger" sung by the "Maureens" (Vice President for Student Development Dr. Jean Jackson, Dean of Students Ann Gleason, Director of Continuing Education Sandra Close and Professor of Education Dr. Toni Parker) to Dr. Hartford, the audience was excited and ready for the skits to begin.

WINGS, Women in New Goal Settings, began the skit performances with their rendition of Meredith traditions in the context of the Mad Hatter's Tea Party in celebration of the faculty's performance of *Alice in Wonderland* this spring.

The Freshmen followed with a performance about their first semester at Meredith, from Orientation to homesickness to scheduling stress. To complement their sailing theme, Meredith was named Port Daisy, and main characters like the Student Adviser were

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Meredith junior wakes from coma

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Junior Lacy Ross, who has been in a coma since a Labor Day jet ski accident, awoke from it last week.

Campus Minister Sam Carothers said, "She is making great progress!"

He reported that Ross is now talking, eating small amounts of food, responding to written and oral commands and writing notes.

Ross entered Wake Med a few weeks ago at level three on a scale that the hospital uses. The scale has seven levels, and Ross is currently on level five.

She also has a speech therapist and a physical therapist working with her. Her parents, Bobby and Mary Susan Ross, and her boyfriend Jay have been with Ross since her accident in September.



The G.I. Juniors march down Meredith's front drive during Friday's parade.

PHOTO BY JENNY ALTIER

Campus Police loses chief

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Campus Police Chief Mike Hoke has announced his resignation from Meredith to pursue a career as a public school teacher.

Hoke has been at Meredith for four years. He has served as police chief for three of those four years. He plans on teach-

ing language arts at a middle school in Vance County.

Teaching "is where my real talents lie," Hoke said. "That's where I'm most comfortable." Hoke said that he taught while he was in the Marines.

"During his tenure at the college, Chief Hoke brought a new level of professionalism to the campus security force and became a vital part of the Meredith community. He will be missed," said Chuck Taylor, executive vice president.

Taylor has appointed Frank Strickland as interim chief of Meredith's campus police department. Strickland is a veteran law enforcement officer who worked for Meredith prior to his retirement. He is coming out of retirement to assume his duties at the college.

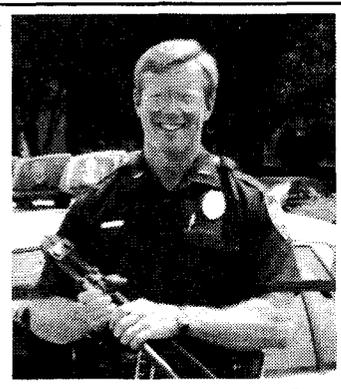
"We regret the loss of Mike Hoke," said Taylor. "His contributions to the col-

lege have certainly been significant. However, you have to admire his commitment to young people when you see him take a job as a middle school teacher. All of us wish him well."

Hoke said that he wants to contribute to the state of North Carolina, and he feels that teaching is a way to accomplish that.

"The college is fortunate to have a person of Frank Strickland's ability available to step in on short notice to fill this key vacancy. When he was at Meredith earlier, Frank proved to us that he has the skills and leadership qualities to manage our security operations. He will serve Meredith well," Taylor said.

Hoke will be leaving between now and the end of the semester. Strickland will fill in for the remainder of the academic year.



Campus Police Chief Mike Hoke plans to leave Meredith.

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