

Front drive comes alive during class parade

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The front drive of Meredith College was awash with an array of colors, balloons and excited faces as it rang with the sounds of whistles and cheers during the 1999 Cornhuskin' Parade, which began at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5.

Onlookers lined both sides of the drive to enjoy the sights and sounds of the parade and to collect candy and take pictures.

The freshmen, class of 2003, in their matching navy sweatshirts and white sailor hats, led the parade. Many observers thought their leading was appropriate since their theme was "Sailing Into New Harbors."

Several of the freshmen carried red, blue, white and yellow balloons and props such as cardboard boats and life preservers to represent their

theme.

Freshmen Tanesha Williams stated, "I did not know what was going on at first but I thought it was very interesting. However, I didn't expect so many outside spectators."

The freshmen were followed by the sophomores, class of 2002, who were led by a balloon arch of pastel blue, pastel pink, and gold balloons and several class members wearing their freshmen Cornhuskin' sweatshirts to represent last year's "Heavenly Reflections" theme.

The rest of the sophomores were framed by a black and white balloon arch as they wore their black sweatshirts and colorful joker hats.

Several class members were dressed as bowling pins, dominoes, dice and cards to represent their theme "Double or Nothin'."

Sophomore Candace Donovan said, "I was very impressed with all the people that turned out and that they were willing to help out so much."

Next, the juniors, class of 2001, were led by representatives decked out in red sweatshirts to represent their freshmen theme "The New Kids on the Block."

They were followed by students in navy sweatshirts representing their sophomore theme "The Spirit of Cornhuskin'."

They were backed by a marching army dressed in camouflage, combat boots and army green sweatshirts and framed by a balloon arch of green and black balloons.

This army, the "G.I. Juniors," was also accompanied by several members of the N.C. State University Air Force

ROTC.

Finally, the seniors, class of 2000, made their entrance.

They had convertibles, a fire truck, a large truck with a flat trailer and a boat.

They threw candy and waved as they progressed through their themes of the past four years.

Several of their big sisters from the class of 1998 marched in the parade wearing their senior Cornhuskin' shirts as the class of 2000 displayed their shirts and represented their themes of "2000 Maniacs," "2000 Leagues Under the Sea," "Third Time Around" and this year's theme "Let the Games Begin."

Senior Wynne Overton said

of the parade, "It was so much fun, but we were sad that it was our last one."

Seniors entered Johnson Hall to gather on the balcony, and sophomores crowded in front of their big sisters and the two classes began to serenade each other, provoking quite a few tears.

As the serenade concluded, big and little sisters found each other to give hugs and offer words of encouragement for the night's competition.

Everyone eventually made their way to the courtyard for the Cornhuskin' picnic and most everyone agreed Williams, who said of the parade, "It was a lot of fun!"

Classes get creative with cans

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There are many ways to display creativity during Cornhuskin', but one of the most popular ways seems to be through Can Art.

Classes must begin preparing for Can Art months before Cornhuskin' even begins. Students see bags of cans in hall parlors encouraging them not to crush their cans. It takes a lot of cans to create the huge designs seen every year in the courtyard.

On Thursday, Nov. 4, Meredith students gathered together at 4 p.m. to create Can Art to portray this year's Cornhuskin' class themes.

The winning class receives the money from the recycling of the cans. This money is put toward the charity of the class's choice.

The seniors, who placed first in the competition, demonstrated their theme which was "Let the Games Begin." Their design consisted pictures from their past three years of Cornhuskin', including a fish and a maniac. From the softball to the intricate daisy border, many cans were needed to win first place in front of Brewer.

The freshmen, who were "Sailing Into New Harbors," placed second with their design in front of Stringfield. The sailboat, sunshine and waves were visible from the view of the balconies.

The Sophomores came in third place with their jester hat and dice in front of Faircloth.

In fourth place were the G.I. Juniors and their dog tags that spelled out MC 2001.

Each class had 30 minutes to complete their design. In addition, cans could not be pre-crushed. Cans are allowed to be sorted before the competition. Judges look at each design from the second floor balcony of each dorm in the courtyard.

The winners were not announced until Friday evening.



The freshmen's Can Art showed that they were "Sailing into New Harbors."

PHOTO BY ANNE STEWART

President's house successfully raided

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Ever seen a bunch of yelling, screaming, singing, running, smiling, laughing and whistling women heading for the house of a president?

That is exactly what was seen on Wednesday, Nov. 3, as a bunch of Meredith students raided the Dr. Maureen Hartford's home for Cornhuskin'.

Everyone met at Belk Dining Hall at 10 p.m. Some students walked with big sisters and others with fellow classmates.

Once at Belk, students received song sheets and divided up among the classes. Seniors were the first in line, then juniors were next, sophomores followed them and freshmen were in the back.

Junior Elizabeth Hamilton said that she was a little disappointed about not walking with her little sisters, but that she was also excited about being with her class.

Chanting and singing songs of spirit for their classes, students walked in the cold weather along the road to Hartford's house.

Once the classes arrived at the president's house, they sang songs in praise of Hartford. Many were songs were

changed to fit the occasion, including the big sis/little sis song, adapted from Bye Bye Birdie, that included Hartford. Students concluded the serenade by singing the Alma Mater.

After all the songs were sung, Hartford and her husband, Jay, thanked the students. Jay Hartford said, "It was wonderful! It was good to see students having good clean fun."

Students could then enter the house and receive a greeting from the Hartfords. Once inside, the students were treated to hot cider, cookies and Rice Krispies treats. Freshman Barbara Hollinshed said, "It was so cold that night but so much fun and the hot cider was awesome."

Hartford commented that the night was a great way to welcome her to Meredith College. She said, "You all are great," as the students were leaving.

The trek back to campus was not nearly as exciting as the one from campus to the president's house, but there was still chanting and singing.

The last president's raid was held during Cornhuskin' 1997. Last year, because former President John Weems was on sabbatical, students did not get to raid the home.