

# Students are eager to catch a glimpse of Alice

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The only thing that many students have been talking about, besides the weather, is Alice. They've all heard about her, but none have actually seen her—until now, that is.

The faculty and staff of Meredith have been working hard putting together their version of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. They have practiced secretly, practiced in bad weather and practiced late into the night and early into the morning.

This week, on Thursday, Feb. 3 and Friday, Feb. 4, students will finally see the long-anticipated production.

Every four years the Meredith community can see its professors and administration in a new way.

Each cast member will be adorned in elaborate costumes including rabbit ears, big hats, royal gowns and other "nonsense." They will be dressed as cards, mice, rabbits, turtles, birds, queens, knights and of

course, as one very curious little girl.

Freshman Melody Strong said, "I think it will be funny to see our teachers dressed up in costumes."

From Alice to the Mad Hatter to the Cheshire Cat, all parts will be performed by the men and women who impart their knowledge to Meredith students everyday.

Now these professors will act "mad" for the enjoyment of their students.

Although this production is taken from the children's classics *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass*, the faculty and staff have added their own quirks here and there to make it more personalized for the Meredith community.

Don't expect the Disney version because that's not what is

in store.

Sophomore Wendy Whitt said, "It will be a good chance to see our professors in a different light."

In the spirit of excitement about this upcoming production, Belk Dining Hall will

copy of the book from Meredith Entertainment Association, she can find a copy of the well-known book at any number of bookstores including Quail Ridge Bookstore in Ridge-wood Shopping Center behind Meredith.

She can then have her book autographed after either performance at the tea party in Johnson Hall Rotunda.

Other features on campus include several displays, bulletin boards and fliers.

In the library, two glass cases filled with *Alice in Wonderland* memorabilia are on display.

*Alice in Wonderland* will be performed in Jones Auditorium at 8 p.m. on both Thursday and Friday nights. With so many students planning on coming to see the production, those in charge of the production advise

students that it is best to arrive early to get a seat.

The doors open at 7 p.m., so Whitt says she plans on being at the doors of Jones auditorium "as close to 7" as she can. She thinks the line to get in will be long, and she wants to be able to get a seat up close.

Though there will be overflow seating in Jones Chapel, students who sit there will not receive the full effect of the performance.

Students should come to only one production, advised Vice President for Student Development Jean Jackson, director of *Alice in Wonderland*, so that everyone will find a seat.

After four years of waiting for Alice to come back around, the Meredith community is now going to be entertained once again by the talents of the faculty and staff.

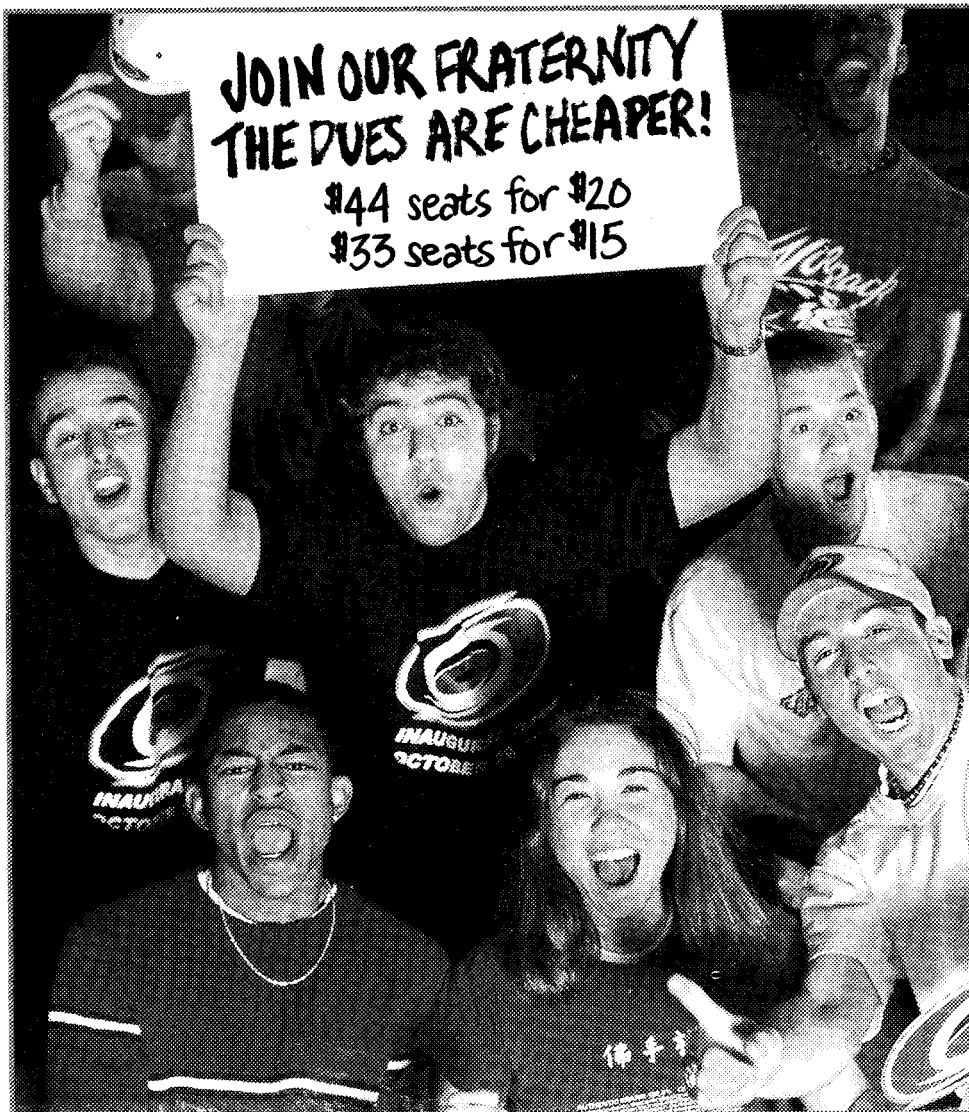
Come prepared for a night of enjoyment as new characters cross the stage of Jones Auditorium with their costumes and quick-witted dialogue.

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**--Melody Strong, freshman**

have a drawing on Feb. 3 for an autographed book of *Alice in Wonderland* or a set of *Alice in Wonderland* beanbag toys. This prize is a chance for a student to have a keepsake from an event that only happens once every four years at Meredith.

If a student did not order a



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