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Inauguration planned for mid-April

□ Meredith's seventh president to be installed this spring.

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Although Dr. Maureen Hartford began her tenure as president of Meredith College last July, she will be formally inaugurated as Meredith's seventh president in April.

The Meredith community is pulling out all the stops to make Hartford's inauguration quite a celebration.

The actual inauguration ceremony will take place in the McIver Amphitheatre at 10 a.m. Saturday, Apr. 15. The rain location is Dorton Arena and transportation will be provided.

However, in the days before the ceremony there are to be several events celebrating the inauguration.

A picnic for the Meredith community in honor of Hartford will be Wednesday, Apr. 12. The picnic will have a

1960s theme, and students are strongly encouraged to attend.

"[We are] trying to have something for Dr. Hartford that will pay tribute to her from the students," said Jennifer Ricks, a member of the Student Involvement Committee for the inauguration. "We hope to have a table set up with old yearbooks from Dr. Hartford's day."

An academic symposium will be held in Jones Auditorium at 2 p.m. on Friday, Apr. 14. Several female presidents from area colleges and universities have been invited to talk and interact with the audience and each other.

"[It will be a] glimpse of [their] personal and professional decisions," said Dr. Gwen Clay, the chair of the Academic Symposium Committee.

Education and how it has affected the panelists in becoming successful will be the focus of the discussion.

"It all relates to academics," said Amber Pittman, a senior and a member of the Academic

Symposium committee.

This event directly coincides with the theme of the inauguration, "Celebrating the Achievements of Women."

"[We are] extending invitations for community folks as well as alums," said Clay.

Immediately after the inauguration, the college is holding a luncheon in honor of the day. Students, faculty and staff will reserve their tickets for the luncheon later in March, according to Director



Dr. Maureen Hartford, Meredith's seventh president, seen here in 1999, will be inaugurated on Saturday, Apr. 15.

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of Campus Dining Services Thad O'Briant. Resident students will not need to pay for their tickets.

Many activities for the week of Hartford's inauguration are still in the planning stages.

Sculpture to represent Meredith life

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The new sculpture adorning Belk Dining Hall was unveiled during lunch on Thursday, Feb. 24.

The sculpture was created by

Holly Fischer, who graduated from Meredith in May of 1999 with a degree in Studio Art.

Fischer is currently working as a professional sculptor with the Sommerhill Gallery in Chapel Hill and the Collective

Arts Gallery in North Raleigh.

She was present during the unveiling and was available to talk to students and faculty about her sculpture.

Senior art major Ashlynn Browning said, "This commissioned piece encourages the artwork of Meredith alumnae."

Fischer explained that she wants students to name the sculpture, which is made from steel support beams called rebar.

Freshman Allison Spewart said that she thought students' naming the sculpture would be a good idea but that Fischer should take student suggestions on names and make the final decision herself since she created the sculpture.

Fischer also explained that she wants the sculpture to be student-interactive.

"I hope that students will

decorate the sculpture for special events throughout the year such as Cornhuskin' and Christmas and maybe even give it a set of the pearls Meredith girls are famous for," said Fischer.

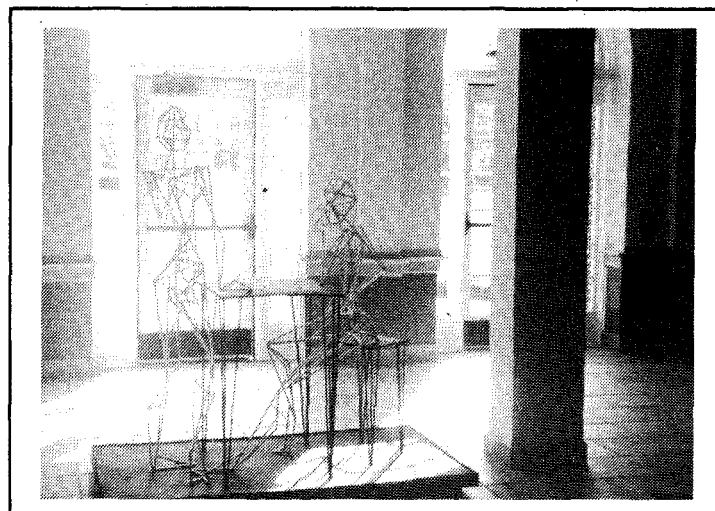
When asked about their feelings on decorating the sculpture, sophomores Kristen Black and Betsy Carbrey disagreed with each other.

"I'm impressed by the artistic ability behind the sculpture, but I do not think it should be decorated. I think it should be left as it is," explained Black.

Carbrey, on the other hand, said that she liked the idea of decorating the sculpture. "That would be fun. I think that's a cute idea."

The sculpture, for many stu-

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The as-yet untitled sculpture by Holly Fischer is the newest addition to Belk Dining Hall.

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