

Aqua Angels continue to be audience favorite

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On Thursday, Mar. 30 and Friday, Mar. 31, students, faculty, friends and family members gathered in Weatherspoon Gymnasium for the Aqua Angels spring performance.

With a theme of "Our Favorites," the 14 members of Meredith's synchronized swimming team performed to their favorite songs and groups including the *Friends'* theme song, the Dixie Chicks' "Ready to Run," U2's "Mysterious Ways" and Madonna's "Into the Groove." Some team members performed a routine to Disney favorites such as "One Jump Ahead" from *Aladdin* and "Hakuna Matata"

from *The Lion King*.

One favorite number among both the audience and the team was entitled "Sisterhood," which celebrated the friendship between the team members. The piece included such songs as "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Uptown Girls" and "My Girl."

Sophomore Tiffany Yokeley has been a member of team for two years. Yokeley performed in "Sisterhood" and said that it was her favorite routine.

"I was able to bond with other swimmers, and we were able to choreograph the piece together," said Yokeley. Freshman and first year team member Kara Redmond said that she enjoyed the piece because

she loved the music and thought the routine was great.

Head Coach Carol Brown has been at Meredith for the past 17 years. She felt that the performances were successful, saying, "I thought the performance was very good, and the students did an excellent job of executing the moves."

Brown said that in order to prepare for a performance, the team starts choosing a theme about a year ahead of time. They then begin selecting music and starting the choreography of the routines the semester before the performance.

Brown also said that she, as well as Assistant Coach Tracy Pynn, who choreographed the U2 routine, Susie Sutton and guest choreographer Pame Breeza, who choreographed "Circus," worked with the team to choreograph the pieces for this year's spring performance.

Senior Sandra Dexter has been a member of the Aqua Angels since her freshman year. She said that her favorite part of being a member of the team was that she was "a part of girls that enjoy swimming as much as I do and are as dedicated and as hardworking as I am when it comes to wanting

to be a part of the team." Dexter also said that after she graduates, she hopes the team will remain just as close as it is now and continue to have just as much fun.

Juniors Susie Mathes and Jennifer Phillips understand the importance of team work and cherish the friendships they have made with team members. Both Mathes and Phillips said that close friendships formed between the members of the team provide a good support group during practice and outside the pool.

The Aqua Angels put on performances in the fall and spring each year. The next performance will be Nov. 16 and 17, the team's traditional Christ-

mas performance.

Brown noted that students who are interested in joining the team can try out in the fall. If students do not already have a background in synchronized swimming, they will need to take the synchronized swimming class, which will allow them the opportunity to try out.

Brown said that most of the current team members had no prior experience in synchronized swimming specifically and that most students start by taking the class. The team will perform during freshman orientation this August. This performance, she said, will demonstrate to students what synchronized swimming is about.



Meredith's synchronized swim team, the Aqua Angels, performed last week.

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Informative series ends Women's History Month

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Have you ever wanted to learn more about your past or about the women who got modern women where they are today? While you can certainly learn about those women all year long, last Friday marked the end of National Women's History Month. As an all women's college Meredith College emphasized this month and made it just a little bit easier to learn about women's history.

History professor Dr. LeAnna Keith and Meredith junior Lyda Fontes put together several meetings last week. Each night, a panel of Meredith graduates from different decades met with students and faculty to discuss college life in that particular decade. The meetings were held in the Mae Grimmer Alumnae House.

On Monday there were Meredith graduates from the 1940s, Tuesday they were from the 1950s, Wednesday they were from the 1960s and Thursday they were from the 1970s. The number of students who attended the meetings increased as the week went on.

Thursday night was also a

time for current students to network with former students, finding possible jobs and internships.

Every night opened with the panel members giving a brief description of things they remember from college as well as what they had done since graduation. Also, the audience had a chance to ask the graduates questions. Many questions that would seem like history questions to current students were issues that pertained their lives. For example, on the 1940s night, a student asked the question, "What was your impression when the United States dropped the bomb?"

On Wednesday night, the 1960s, the panelists remembered seeing fires burning in downtown Raleigh on the evening of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination.

Junior Missy Neff attended all of the meetings. She also was part of the networking dinner that was held before the meeting on Thursday.

Neff said, "I think it is important to learn about people from the past, especially the recent past, and also with women to see how far we have come."

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