

Meredith blooms this spring

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With spring break behind us and the end of the semester nearing, physical signs of spring are evident throughout Meredith's campus.

Picnics are being prepared, graduation plans are being finalized and nostalgia is beginning to set in as the summer breeze sneaks in and grabs our attention. The days of homework in the courtyard, lunch on picnic tables and open windows to let in the freshness of the season are finally here.

But if the countdown to summer is not enough to make you smile, take time to notice what's coming up all over campus.

Set one foot on the grounds of Meredith College and you will set your eyes on flowers, flowers everywhere. April showers have indeed done their job in bringing the blooms at Meredith into full view. Whether lining the main drive, surrounding the lake or dotting various planting areas, flowers are showing their colorful blooms.

Harry Cadman, head of grounds services, said that flower selections are made "primarily because of their bloom time."

Although they are only visible now, the the pansies and

white and pink tulips are actually from last year and this past fall. The dogwood trees, azaleas and red buds that sway in the breeze along the lake and the main drive are also returning blooms from past seasons. Those plants are perennials, which means that they do not have to be replanted.

Cadman said that grounds services chose plants so that they would bloom at similar times, adding to the full effect of the spring season at Meredith.

Color choices vary, but Cadman added that those colors were selected so that plants in the same proximity will compliment one another.

The newer plants that were

recently planted, including ornamental grasses, sweet potato vines, and begonias, will bloom within the next couple of weeks, according to Cadman.

He also noted that careful selection as to when the flowers will be at their peak went into choosing the flowers that surround the amphitheater. Those that are most full and vibrant in early May were chosen to set the backdrop for graduation ceremonies, Class Day and baccalaureate in the spring. As four years at Meredith come to fruition in May, graduates will be surrounded by flowers bursting with life and color.



The dogwood trees on campus bloom each spring.

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Honor society holds inductions

KAPPA NU SIGMA
Press Release

Kappa Nu Sigma held its spring induction ceremony on Thursday, Mar. 23 in Belk Dining Hall. This honor society was established in 1923 to promote and recognize academic excellence at Meredith College. To be invited into Kappa Nu Sigma, one must have a total grade point average of 3.7 as a junior, 3.6 as a senior and 3.5 prior to graduation.

New inductees were Caylor Anderson, Mary Ann Bacon, Alison Baggette, Sarah Barnhart, Stephanie Bobb, Meredith Bolton, Elizabeth Carbrey, Lauren Carr, Megan Cassell,

Laura Chalk, Ashley Cooper, Kelley Davidson, Jennie Davis, Carrie Flowers, Leslie Gilliland, Lisa Gilliam, Kathryn Grubbs, Pamela Hale, Rebecca Howard, Jennifer Harris, Leigh Jernigan, Rachel Langley, Angela Lowry, Erin Matthews, Sarah McAlister, Eugenie Miller, Kristen Monaco, Natalie Murray, Melissa Olsen, Elizabeth Pegrum, Rachel Perkinson, Laura Perry, Ayana Rhodes, Melissa Robertson, Mrinmoyee Sanyal, Kimberley Shive, Erika Spruill, Amy Stallings, Rebecke Thompson, Heather Thomson, Natasha Venema, Hannah Weber and Sarah Wood.

Valerie Yow was the guest speaker at the ceremony. Yow's book entitled *A Good Life Was Writing* is written about a Meredith alumnae, Bernice Kelly Harris. Yow discussed Harris' life during her presentation.

Officers for the 2000-01 school year were selected following the ceremony. They are president, Rachel Perkinson; vice president, Lisa Gilliam; secretary, Laura Perry; treasurer, Sarah Wood and publicist, Kelley Davidson.

Dr. Sarah English is the adviser for the honor society. An induction ceremony will be held May 13 from 9 to 10 a.m. for graduating seniors.

Future students experience Meredith

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Last Saturday, many incoming freshman had a chance to explore the community and opportunities here at Meredith. The Admissions Office sponsored the Experience Meredith which allowed prospective Meredith students the chance to learn more about life at Meredith College.

Experience Meredith included tours, an activities fair and panels and sessions. According to Shera Hube, associate director of admissions, everyone has an opportunity to help with Experience Meredith.

"Everybody's involved because we request all academic departments to have a representative at the activities fair," said Hube.

The students started arriving at around 8:30 a.m. From there, they were offered refreshments and a tour of the campus. The opening session included speeches from sophomore class President Kelly Fish, Dr. Maureen Hartford, Dr. Jean Jackson, and SGA President Jennifer Ricks.

Following the opening session were opening sessions and different discussions including, residence life, commuter, financial aid, academic life, parent-to-parent, honors program and diversity. The students then enjoyed a picnic lunch and an activities and academic fair.

After that, students attended

a closing ceremony and participated in final campus tours.

Freshman Katie Thompson served on the "Off to College for Students" panel answering future students' questions about college life and how to get involved.

"I enjoyed it a whole lot. I love being able to share my experiences and get excited and getting them involved. I think the girls had a lot of their questions answered and now they know that people feel the same way as they do," said Thompson.

Co-Director for First Year Experience Chrissie Bumgardner also assisted in Experience Meredith.

"I was to coordinate a panel discussion of freshman to talk with incoming freshman about what it's like to be a freshman at Meredith and to give their advice," said Bumgardner.

Freshman Megan Deane was a panelist in a seminar about how to get involved.

"I think it was beneficial because with my being a freshman this year, I was able to talk about how getting involved helps ease the transition into college," said Deane.

This year's attendance included 185 accepted students and 296 parents and guests. Hube said she hopes that this year's Experience Meredith helped influence some prospective students to make the choice to come to Meredith.

**Mark This Date on
Your Calendar!!!**

**Wednesday, April 12
4:30-6:30 pm between
Heilman and Brewer**

is the Student Picnic to
celebrate Dr. Hartford's
Inauguration. Come out
for food, music and games!