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Softball team rounds out season with wins

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In spite of losing some key players to injuries late in the season, the Meredith College softball team has pulled together to prove that they have what it takes to be winners.

The Angels played two games against Campbell University's JV team at home on Monday, Apr. 3, winning the first game 10-2 and the second 13-4.

They traveled to Greensboro College to play a double-header on Wednesday, Apr. 5 and won the first game 15-5 and the second 10-6, improving their record to 21-3.

"This is the best start we've had since I've been here, and Dr. Huber (assistant coach) has been here longer than me and he agrees," said head coach Carl Hatchell.

According to sophomore shortstop Ginger Moore, this is a young team composed of eleven freshman, three sophomores and two juniors.

"We have lost some vital players from our team to injury, but we've managed to keep our spirits up and work together as a team to compensate," said sophomore center fielder Jen Penny.

"Luckily the injuries didn't come until the end of the season, and we have a lot of freshman who were able to take the places of the injured players," commented Moore.

Penny explained that junior second baseman Tamara Foulks and freshman pitcher Naomi Scott are out for the rest of the season due to injuries.

Freshman pitcher Amanda Palmer explained that there was concern when Scott was injured because the team did

not know who could fill her position as pitcher.

"We've been very fortunate that Sara Barbour came to Meredith because she's filled in for Naomi and she has done a great job at the plate as well," commented Hatchell.

"I'm glad to see Sara pitch because I couldn't have done it alone. She didn't want to at first, but she has been a good sport about it," stated Palmer.

Palmer said that she and Barbour are both suffering from minor injuries so they have to be careful. They are playing in spite of pain in their elbows, which they ice down every day to keep the swelling down.

"The pitchers are doing well filling in," commented freshman catcher Lauren Akers.

According to Hatchell, "In terms of injuries, we began with sixteen players and now

we are down to twelve. We have been scoring a lot of runs, and some players have really stepped up their games and pulled us through."

Penny commented, "Not only are we a strong defensive team, but we also have a dependable lineup."

"I've enjoyed my first year playing for Meredith very much. I think the season has gone well and is one of Meredith's best seasons ever," stated Akers.

Moore said, "Overall I'm very, very pleased with the season. I believe this is one of the most talented and hardworking teams Meredith has ever had."

The Angels will travel to Danville, Virginia on Friday, April 14 to play rival Averett, and will end their season in Winston-Salem on Saturday, April 15 against Wake Forest University's club team.

Tennis team takes on tough opponents

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The Meredith tennis team traveled to Memphis, Tenn. this past Thursday to play in the Atlantic South Regional Tournament at Rhodes College.

Though many teams would have shied away from a tournament against such elite teams as Emory University, the Meredith team went into the weekend with high hopes.

Meredith Coach Melinda Campbell described Emory as being a "nationally ranked powerhouse." To play against them was intended more to see how the Meredith team measured up than to actually defeat Emory. However, a level of victory was indeed a major goal for the weekend. The top five teams that result after this past tournament and other games this week will determine which teams will make it to nationals.

High intensity as to which way the tournament would go filled the Angels as junior Kristin Monaco won in number six singles, giving the team a chance to still win the match.

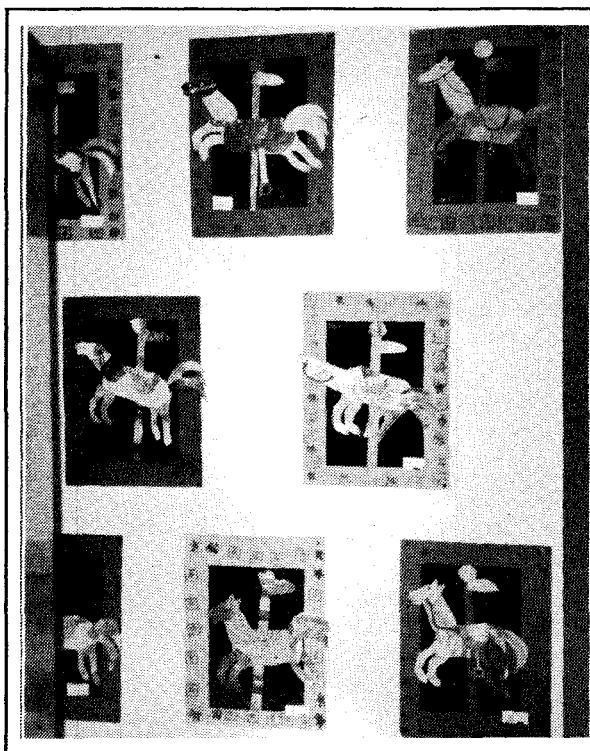
Tarin Slozak, freshman, also won in singles, which again provided the Meredith team with further opportunities to defeat their opponents overall.

However, they found defeat in the first doubles, losing 9-7. This particular game was intense because the Angels actually had the lead at one point, but just didn't have "enough juice to beat Emory," said Campbell.

Ultimately, the Meredith team lost to Emory University 9-0, and to Rhodes College 7-2. Both opponents provided tough competition and allowed the Angels to evaluate their game against nationally ranked teams.

While the tournament has passed, the intensity remains high as Meredith waits to see if they will maintain their #5 spot. If so, they hope to be the first Meredith tennis team and one of the first Meredith sports teams to ever compete in the national tournament. They will find out by the end of this week whether they will indeed be traveling to nationals, which takes place the weekend of graduation.

Artwork on display



This artwork from elementary school students hangs in Jones Hall outside theatre professor Jan Morgan's office. She will have new artwork from different students soon.

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Campus Briefs

Publications Board needs officers

LYNDA-MARIE TAURASI
Publications Board Chair

Positions for the board are Herald editor, Acorn editor, Oak Leaves editor, Publications Board Chair and Publications Board Secretary/Treasurer.

Pick up applications in the Office of Student Activities and sign up for an interview time for Friday, Apr. 14 beginning at 3 p.m.

Inauguration this Saturday

OFFICE OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Please come celebrate the inauguration of Maureen Hartford with us. The inauguration ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the amphitheater immediately followed by a luncheon in the courtyard and Belk Dining Hall.

Even if students forgot to pick up tickets for the luncheon, everyone is invited.

In addition, adverse weather provisions have been made for Meredith College's presidential inauguration. If it becomes necessary to use the rain location, transportation will be provided from Meredith's campus to the rain location beginning at 8:30 a.m. due to a lack of parking availability.

Transportation from the rain location back to campus for the celebration luncheon will begin immediately following the inauguration ceremony.

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