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## Meredith celebrates Hartford's halo

□ Saturday's events held at nearby Dorton Arena.

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Recently, Meredith has received a lot of attention in the Raleigh community for its challenging academics, but this weekend, the spotlight was on Meredith for a different reason.

The Meredith community received praise for embracing an eminent new leader, Dr. Maureen A. Hartford.

Hartford was inaugurated as the seventh president of the institution and the first female president. In honor of her inauguration, the city of Raleigh named Apr. 15, 2000,

Maureen A. Hartford Day.

Surrounding all inaugural events was the theme Celebrating Women of Achievement, of which Hartford is certainly one.

All last week, events leading up to Saturday, Apr. 15 reminded students of that theme, from the '60s-themed picnic to Friday's symposium with women presidents.

At Saturday's event, speakers greeted Hartford, including representatives from alumnae, faculty, staff and students.

Jennifer Ricks, Student Government Association president, brought Hartford greetings from the student body. Afterwards, Ricks commented on the excitement of the day. "It is history in the making."

The chilly, wet weather didn't dampen the spirits of those who came to Dorton Arena to celebrate the historical inauguration Saturday.

Even though a zaleas weren't visible inside the arena, birds chirped in the rafters throughout the ceremony, reminding everyone that spring was in the air.



The daisy chain processes into Dorton Arena on Saturday at President Maureen Hartford's inauguration.

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The procession was led by students who carried a daisy chain that was 200 yards long. Students who carried the chain were SGA executive board members and class executive board members.

Emily Korman, the senior class Vice President, said that she was honored that she could be a part of such a fascinating time in Meredith's history.

There were many prestigious members of the Raleigh and higher education communities who came to extend their greetings and congratulations.

The distinguished list included; Dr. William Friday, president emeritus of the University of North Carolina; Dr. James Duderstadt, president emeritus of the University of Michigan; Elaine Marshall, Meredith trustee and N.C. Secretary of State; Betsy Cochran, '58, North Carolina state senator; Dr. A. Hope Williams, president of N.C. Association of

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## Sophomores capture first place in Stunt

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Rain did not keep the events of Stunt 2000, sponsored by the Meredith Recreation Association, from unravelling on schedule, and it certainly was not going to keep RuPaul, Vanilla Ice or the cast of *Oklahoma* from performing. All events were held on the Potat side of Belk Dining Hall on Thursday, Apr. 13 to avoid the torrents that were falling outside where Stunt was supposed to be held.

"We were looking at the Weather Channel all week. But it happened. There was nothing we could do," said MRA President Julie Norris. She said Stunt "went really smoothly" and that Belk was "crowded and cozy."

Students entered Belk at 4:30 p.m. to grab a sandwich and chips before the games began--from limbo to the

obstacle course to the bat spin. Yet despite the fun and variety of the games, the event that was to draw the most crowd was the lip-sync.

The freshmen turned on the bright lights of Radio City with their theme, "Broadway." Students dressed as workers opened the number by reenacting scenes from *Stomp* with The freshmen also incorporated productions such as *Oklahoma*, *Greece* and *Footloose*, a collaboration that won them first place in the lip-sync.

With the theme "Whatever Happened To?" participants in the sophomore class lip-synced to songs from one-hit wonders such as the Bangles ("Walk Like An Egyptian") and Tiffany ("I Think We're Alone Now"). Sophomore Stunt Co-chairs Samantha Curley and Naomi Blackman said that the theme of incorporating songs and artists that were chart top-

pers and then quickly disappeared was inspired by a GAP commercial that featured "Ice, Ice Baby."

The juniors hit the runway as if in MTV's "Fashionably Loud" with RuPaul and the sleek guitar-playing singers from Robert Palmer's "Simply Irresistible" video. On the catwalk, the juniors were fashion divas, dancing in mod black and white costumes.

The most unexpected performance came from the senior class, whose members truly "broke the mold."

The sophomore class came in first place in Stunt, topping their second-place finishing from

last year and making a comeback from their last place ranking at Cornhuskin' this past fall. "Class participation was awesome. Our class worked so hard," said Blackman. "We just wanted to have fun," added Curley. "We didn't want to put pressure on anyone."



The bat spin event at Stunt leaves many students dizzy.

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