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Students vote to ban Napster

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The Napster referendum, held Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 10 and 11, ended with the votes to ban having a slight edge over votes not to ban.

Fifty-eight percent of students who voted wanted to ban Napster, while 42 percent wanted to keep Napster accessible.

Among classes, freshmen voted the most, followed by seniors, then sophomores and finally juniors.

As a result of the referendum, last night, Senate wrote a proposal to block Napster, which the SGA Executive Board will approve on Thursday. Then, the proposal will be submitted to the Senior Management Team on Friday, Oct. 27, who will then consider the proposal in deciding what to do about Napster.

Junior Hope Parrish, SGA Senate chair, said, "Overwhelmingly, the students at Meredith College felt that academic usage of the computer network outweighed the recre-

ational usage."

Junior Heather Womack agrees. "I'd rather be able to do my schoolwork and research." Womack, who used to use Napster regularly, was surprised to hear how close the election results were. "I don't think people knew enough about it before voting."

Mindy Matthews, a senior, said, "I hope they ban it." Matthews, who works in the library, says that it has been difficult to help students find what they need. However, Matthews has not noticed a difference since the temporary ban was set.

Parrish deemed it unfortunate that Meredith will most likely ban something, but she noted that something needed to be done. "None of the other options were practical financially."

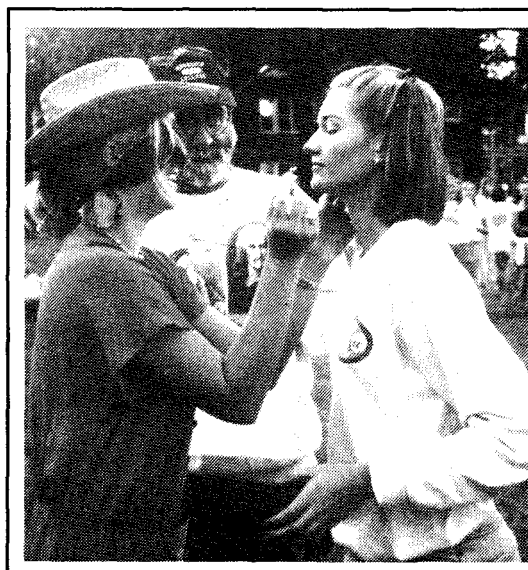
Though the temporary ban on Napster is still in place, it is not an Honor Code Violation to use Napster, according to Honor Council Chair Missy Neff.

Freshmen experience first tradition

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The "Frolickin' Chicks" of the class of 2004 gathered in

the courtyard last Thursday, Oct. 19, during the afternoon for this year's fifth annual Freshman Frolic.



These freshmen, under the eye of Dr. Michael Novak, history professor, enjoy their afternoon.

The events began at 3:30 p.m. with a Scavenger Hunt. Various events followed it, such as the Bed Race, the Egg Toss, the Blind Folded Relay and the Human Gift Wrap.

Those that gathered came ready to frolic in their Freshman Frolic T-shirts. Some

U.N. Ambassador speaks at Meredith

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A U.S. ambassador for the United Nations told a crowd of guests that peace relations begin with the individual citizen last night in Belk Dining Hall at a dinner commemorating the signing of the United Nations Charter 55 years ago.

Ambassador John McDonald, who has served as a diplomat for the UN for over forty years, sees the need for peace relations especially in a time when political unrest in other countries seems to be unceasing and ever recurring.

He asked the audience to think about "how we as a world got in the state we are in."

McDonald credits world conflict to the way we, as a world, think. In 1989, when McDonald was called to the former Soviet Union to negotiate peace plans, he said that "the word *conflict resolution* did not exist in the Russian language." So he and other diplomats made up its equivalent in the language—*conflictology*—

a word they still use today.

When countries try to dominate instead of negotiate, McDonald said, people "kill for their right to retain their identity."

In 1910 when Japan invaded Korea, it demanded that Koreans learn to speak Japanese alone. During the Soviet empire, the government suppressed all religions.

The answer to peace, he said, was "in bringing the people together" not suppressing them" and "that's what is missing," said McDonald.

Years ago, when diplomats first began working on the peace process in Israel and Palestine, they brought together 30 individuals from both sides. By the end of the day, Israelis were apologizing to Palestinians for the actions of their government.

By coming together to talk, a connection that they still feel is present today—a process McDonald feels that may be what is needed to end tensions there today.

wore cowboy hats and overalls. Others had braided pigtails, painted freckles and bandannas.

"It was fun," said Kristen Hammer, who was on the committee for the Freshman Frolic. Hammer participated in the Bed Race, but her favorite part was line dancing on stage.

Chrissie Bumgardner, co-director of the First Year Experience, said, "The Frolickin' freshmen got rowdy."

"I thought it was great," said Brandi Privette, who enjoyed the events and competitions that took place. Privette participated in the Human Gift Wrap and the FYE Songs. Her hall, first Vann, won the Bed Race for decoration so this was her favorite part.

"It was entertaining," said Brandi Sisco, president of Vann, who was also on the

events committee. She participated in the Human Gift Wrap, the Egg Toss, the FYE songs and the Obstacle Course.

Sisco added, "It means a lot that all of the upperclassmen helped out to make our Freshman Frolic a success."

Overall, the majority of those who attended and participated, including Lindsey Wray, enjoyed the FYE Songs the most.

All of the songs included lyrics relating to the experiences that the Class of 2004 have experienced so far at Meredith such as the stress of registration, homesickness, moving out and leaving home.

Bumgardner said that this year's songs were more abundant and better than in years past.

Bumgardner added, "We had great participation."