

## CAMP COUNSELOR: SUZANNE PARKER

*The world is a playground waiting to be explored for one Meredith senior.*

□ Travel the globe, pick up a few degrees... the possibilities are endless for one Meredith senior.

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Senior Suzanne Parker will graduate with honors on Sunday with a major in Public History and a minor in German, but she has not decided on a career path--yet.

Her experience at Meredith has prepared her for a number of careers and her job this summer as a camp counselor at a Moravian church camp might help her make a decision on her next step.

"I plan on earning my Master's of Divinity to do Youth Ministry. I am also considering the idea of getting my Ph.D. in Church History at some point in the far future," said Parker. She has also thought about serving a year abroad to teach English somewhere in Eastern Europe.

For now, however, Parker is focusing on graduation.

"As I look at graduation, it truly is a bitter-sweet time," she said.

She is pleased with the time she has spent at Meredith. "I feel I have taken full advantage of all Meredith has to offer and have used my time to grow as a person in so many areas."

Parker said that her experiences at Meredith have pushed her beyond the expectations she would have imagined for herself.

Last year, Parker studied abroad in Heidelberg, Germany, for a semester. She said that spending a semester



Senior Suzanne Parker is looking forward to graduating and moving on to the next part of her life. She is undecided on a career path, but she has clear-cut goals. Eventually, she wants to earn her Master's of Divinity to work with youth.

abroad was the most valuable part of her college education.

"Through this experience, I know I can go anywhere and do anything, and the world is my playground, and it is just waiting to be explored," she said.

This summer Parker will serve as a counselor for the Laurel Ridge Moravian Camp in the North Carolina mountains.

She also applied for a trip to Switzerland in August or September, but she is still waiting to hear if she received the position.

Parker seeks employment in Raleigh beginning next Fall.

Her long-term goals involved more school and possibly traveling abroad to teach English.

Parker had two internships while at Meredith. In January and February of 2001, she interned at the North Carolina Archives in the Special Collections department in downtown Raleigh. While working there, she organized records and corresponded with records' donors.

Her second internship was at Exploris Museum in downtown Raleigh.

Parker also worked on assembling an awards entry for the opening of the IMAX Theatre at Exploris.

"As I look at graduation," said Parker, "I am excited about all the possibilities that await me, but it is somewhat scary to not know exactly what they will be." She said that while she is excited to be finished with school, she is sad to leave a place she has called home for the past four years."

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