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for summer research funds will be more limited than it was this year. This would cause a smaller number of projects to be funded from our office," said Zingraff.

Zingraff also said that both faculty and students participating in this summer's program were overwhelmingly positive about the experience.

"The faculty enjoyed the excitement of working with smart and dedicated students, and the students have told me that they

enjoyed discovering how much potential they have," she said.

Janet Nelson, a professor in the biology department said her research assistant, Erika Snitzer, "gathered a tremendous amount of background literature" that will aid her in writing her paper, "Mental Illness is Missing- and Why this Matters to Bioethics" for the annual conference of the Society of Christian Ethics in January.

Carolyn Happer, professor of history, said the program was "a good illustration of what can happen when pro-

fessors and students work together on a substantive project."

Jim Piazza, professor of politics, also felt his time spent in the Undergraduate Research Program was well served. "The program was a great experience for me and my assistant, Amy Hobbs. We came up with some interesting results that we are going to present at the International Studies-International Security Studies Conference in Richmond this October," he said.

The students who worked as research assistants gained

invaluable skills this summer.

Meghan Griffith, who worked with Janice Swab, said, "Perhaps the most important skills I was able to work on and refine were my people skills. It is not every day that you are working with professors and not for them. This was an amazing process. It gave me a new respect and understanding for my professors."

Sinnika Smith, research assistant for Elizabeth Wolfinger, had qualms about the expertise she could bring to the project.

"I truly believed that I was going to be limited because

I had not taken any labs," said Smith. "But after working with Dr. Wolfinger and learning from her, my expectations were surpassed."

Many of the students' experiences in summer research changed their career paths.

"At the onset of the summer, I was pretty sure I wanted to go to law school," said Naomi Blackman, student assistant for John Mecham. "Now I think I would like to pursue graduate school in a science-related field. I think I'd miss the lab too much if I didn't."

## 2002 Summer Research Projects

**Lori Anderson, an English major with secondary licensure, worked with Dr. Garry Walton.**

**Naomi Joan Blackman, a biology pre-med major with minors in chemistry and chemical physics, worked with Dr. John Mecham.\***

**Meredith Craver, a psychology major with K-6 licensure, worked with Dr. Monica McKinney.**

**Lisa Hahne, a child development major with K-6 licensure, worked with Dr. Cindy Edwards.**

**Aundrea M. Hildreth, a sociology and economics major, worked with Dr. Anne York.**

**Amy Hobbs, a political studies and public history major, worked with Dr. Jim Piazza.**

**Ginny Johnson, a biology major, worked with Dr. John Mecham.\***

**Sarah M. Olson, a history and English major with secondary licensure, worked with Dr. Jim Pearce.**

**Erika Reid Parquet, a history major with licensure for social studies in grades 9-12, worked with Dr. Carolyn Happer.**

**Renee M. Perry, a biology major, worked with Dr. John Mecham.\***

**Katie A. Phillips, an art therapy major, worked with Dr. Rosemary Hornak.**

**Patricia E. Shaver, a psychology major, worked with Dr. Mark O'Dekirk.**

**Joni Smith, a political studies major, worked with Dr. Greg Vitarbo.**

**Erika Snitzer, whose major is undecided, worked with Dr. Janet Nelson.**

**Sandra B. Strenka, a studio art major, worked with Dr. Janice Swab.**

Dear students,

Welcome! It is hard to believe another academic year is upon us! We hope your summers were productive, but allowed you time to relax and regroup before beginning school. Many opportunities await you this year, and we hope you will take full advantage of them all.

As you know, college students are arriving all around the Triangle. This weekend, several events will take place that will allow students to mingle socially and get to know one another. Meredith is sponsoring a trip to the IMAX at Exploris for Meredith students and their guests to see Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure. This event is sponsored this Saturday in conjunction with the summer reading program's, *Icebound*. Students can sign up for tickets in the Dean of Students Office at any point this week.

In addition, Meredith's Association for Cultural Awareness (ACA) will be sponsoring its first annual "Blast Off" this Sunday from 4pm-7pm. This event will include food and two bands and will take place in the courtyard.

While many people believe the annual "Brent Road" party is sponsored by North Carolina State, it is not. This annual party, once large in scope, has dwindled because of an intense police presence. All arrests at this event are considered "full-custody arrests." Any Meredith students arrested at this event will not only have to answer to the City of Raleigh but also to the Meredith College Honor Council.

On Friday night, North Carolina State is sponsoring a drug-and-alcohol-free block party near Carmichael Gymnasium, and all Meredith students are invited to attend. This event will include a street fair beginning at 5pm with funnel cakes, subs, and more; a pep rally at 6:30pm with the NC State athletic teams and marching band; a concert at 7pm including Alabaster Suitcase, Be Less People, Flojo, Stopping on Green and Jaclyn Turner; and "JamPACKED" from 10pm-2am in Carmichael with a DJ. All of this is in preparation for NC State's first home football game this Saturday at 4:30pm against New Mexico.

We hope your weekend decisions will be wise, and you meet and get to know many other students from across the area in a safe and secure atmosphere. Let's all start this year off right!

Lora Tillman, Student Government President  
Dr. Jean Jackson, Vice President for Student President

## Student Activities Fair

Today, 4:30-6:30  
in the courtyard  
in front of Belk