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Meredith fund reaches \$1 million mark

The success of the Fund shows that Meredith supporters are eager to contribute to the future of the college.

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The Meredith Fund raised over \$1 million in its fiscal year that ran from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

"We were ecstatic," Adrienne Cole, director of the Meredith Fund, said. "The Fund's success makes a strong statement about the faith our supporters have in the leadership and direction of the College."

The Meredith Fund is an annual account that allows alumnae, parents, faculty and other supporters to donate unrestricted funds to the college.

The Meredith Fund is raised through mailings, phone-a-thons and alumnae involvement.

Several mailings are sent to alumnae throughout the year. Mailings are tailored to fit different age groups

and affiliations with the college.

A phone-a-thon is held in mid-October and again in late February. Cole said that the phone-a-thons are successful because "alumnae love hearing from current students."

"The campaign has been strong because the staff has had an open exchange with the alumnae," Cole said. Three alumnae task forces were organized in order to get alumnae input on areas concerning service, reunions and outreach.

Vice President for Institutional Advancement Connie Harris said the Meredith Fund is where "the rubber meets the road" in terms of development and advancement and that it provides "vital support" for the College's operating budget.

Harris said one goal is to increase the percentage of alumnae who are giving to the College. Currently, an

estimated 20 percent of graduates contribute.

"This aspect [of education] is really important," Cole said. "A lot of people graduate and don't realize that Meredith needs their support."

According to Cole, the dollar figure for this year was enhanced by bequeaths left by alumnae. However, even without these bequeaths, it was still a strong year. Due to the recent economic problems facing the area, Cole said the unexpected success was very exciting.

Cole said that the work of the Senior Management Team, Alumnae Relations staff, faculty and students all contributed to this year's success. She also said she hopes to have the same success this coming year.

September 11th commemorated on campus and around the country

Several events planned to remember terrorist attacks.

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On September 11th, 2002, the anniversary of the worst terrorist attacks in our country's history, many are not sure how to feel.

As junior Heather Lynch stated, "We commemorate what has been completed. The danger is still very real, so we need not just look back, but also look forward. We really need to think about the sacrifices that have been made, all the heroes and the sacrifices ahead, what we're prepared to do."

Student Samantha Kilpatrick still feels the fear left by last year's attacks. "My in-laws are flying in on the 11th," she said. "Last year they were supposed to fly in the 11th or 12th but they couldn't make it."

Several events to remember the anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001 are planned for today.

Meredith College will also be participating in the nationwide moment of silence at 8:46 am.

On campus, there will be a short ceremony at 8:30am at the flagpole located in front of Johnson Hall.

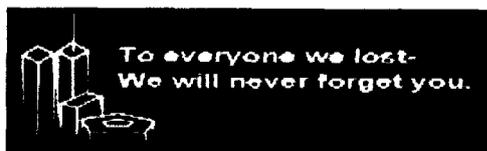
The ceremony will include the moment of silence, prayer, and a lowering of the flag to half-mast.

Doug Spero and Mary Ann Heym, faculty at Meredith, will speak at 10am in Jones Chapel about how they have coped with losing friends

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