

ACA celebrates Hispanic Heritage

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Two panellists spoke last Friday at the Association of Cultural Awareness (ACA) meeting at 10 a.m. The panelists were Jessica Valverde, freshman, and Tatiana Quintero-Varca, freshman. The association invited the students to speak to members about their home country's history and traditions as part of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Valverde's parents are from Ecuador and Puerto Rico. She spoke of the rich Spanish traditions she and her family take part in, including traditional dances, such as the salsa, and traditional food they eat, such as sevicha.

Quintero-Varca is from Panama and came to the United States just two months ago at the start of the school year. She also spoke about the traditions

in her home country. Quintero-Varca is a molecular biology major at Meredith, and came here to study because schools in Panama did not offer her major. She hopes to move to Europe to work upon graduation. When asked if she would return to Panama after graduating, she said that she would visit but that there are few jobs available in her area of interest.

National Hispanic Heritage Month continues through October 15. Salsa and merengue classes were offered on October 1 as part of the celebration on campus by La Tertulia, the Spanish club. Another event, a dialogue on issues surrounding the Latino community was held on October 2. This event was sponsored by El Pueblo, Inc, a non-profit, statewide advocacy and policy organization dedicated to strengthening the Latino community. During this month, America celebrates

the achievements of Hispanic Americans and recognizes their contributions to our country.

The upcoming Southeastern African-American Student Leadership Conference was also covered at this meeting. The conference, scheduled to be held January 30 through February 1, 2004 at Meredith College, is aimed at promoting and creating leadership opportunities in the minority community. Tiffany McKinnon, vice-president of ACA, serves as the 2004 SEAASLC Chairperson. For more information on the conference, visit www.meredith.edu/seeaslc or email McKinnon at SEAASLC@meredith.edu.

ACA meets weekly and invites anyone who is interested in promoting diversity on campus to attend meetings and participate in events. The next ACA meeting is October 17 at 10 a.m. in 108 Harris.

Kappa Nu Sigma inducts new members

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The fall semester's induction and award ceremony for the Kappa Nu Sigma Honor Society was held on October 2, 2003. The Meredith chapter of Kappa Nu Sigma, founded in 1923, promotes scholarship by recognizing academic excellence through scholarship awards and membership.

The Helen Price Scholarship is awarded to rising sophomores and juniors who have the highest academic averages in their class. The sophomore scholarship winners are Michelle Elaine Dillman, Sarah Elizabeth Hicks, Sarah Lynn Joyner, Jennifer Marie Niland, Jennifer M. Noel, Megan Frances Shore, Amy Elizabeth Smith, Leigh Meriwether Smith, and Rebekah Lynn Taylor. The junior scholarship winners are Anne Taylor Newberry and Leslie Scott van den Berg. All of the scholarship win-

ners have earned 4.0 GPAs.

New members are inducted into Kappa Nu Sigma as juniors and seniors based on their high scholastic standing.

The following students were inducted into the Meredith chapter at Thursday's ceremony: Tiffany L. Adams, Ashley M. Amey, Barbara S. Bowen, Victoria K. Bunch, Morgan R. Colmenero, Emily A. Cox, Cynthia M. Currin, Charity D. Duran, Courtney S. Harris, Carol L. Johnson, Lindsey M. Jones, Davetta E. Landers, Krystal M. Lee, Heather E. Moore, Meredith P. Parker, Jacqueline Schaffer, Erika L. Snitzer, Kimberly A. Turnage and Katherine E. Weaver.

For information regarding the Meredith chapter of Kappa Nu Sigma, contact President Bekka Ivey, or Faculty Adviser, Dr. Sarah English.

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The remaining topics are "Helping Hands Create Meaningful Partnerships!" which focuses on mentoring, presented by senior Amanda Denny, Peer Leadership Consultant; and "A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words: Rethinking Images of Women in the Media." an interactive workshop directed by Dr. Carrie Cokely from the Department of Sociology.

All sessions begin at 6 p.m. each Wednesday in

Kresge Auditorium. Students do not have to be registered for the Leadership Enrichment Series to attend. If anyone is interested in participating in the series, either for credit for the Sophie Lanneau Women's Leadership Development program, for Co-Curricular Resume program, or to receive a certificate of completion at the Celebrating Student Achievement ceremony at the end of the year, she is encouraged to visit Kelly Scott about making up the sessions she has missed.