

## Basketball team faces rival Peace College tonight

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The Meredith basketball team will face cross-town rival Peace College tonight at 7:00 p.m. in Weatherspoon Gym.

"Playing Peace is always a big game for both schools and the students as well. Last year we each had big, loud, supportive fans attending. It definitely makes for a great atmosphere," commented Head Coach Carl Hatchell.

Meredith is currently 3-2 with a big win over Greensboro College and close losses to Methodist College and Averett University. In both losses Meredith was either tied or in the lead with minutes remaining in the game. This year's team is young with only two seniors and one junior and also lacks physical size, which the team has had in the past.

"To compensate for the experience and size, we have really emphasized our

defense and will be trying to pressure our opponents into turnovers; hopefully that will result in some easy baskets for us," stated Coach Hatchell.

The team's two seniors and co-captains Tina Harkness and Ruth Stephenson continue to be dominant forces on the court. They provide the experience and leadership that this young team needs.

Peace has produced a strong start, standing 6-3 overall and 2-3 in the USA South Conference.

"Peace is having their best season ever this year



**The 2003-2004 Meredith College Basketball Team.**  
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and we will have to be ready to play when the game begins. They are a veteran team with their leading scorers back from last year," states Coach Hatchell.

The game will bring about excitement and fun for not only the players but also the fans. The Bathtub Ring will start off the activities by singing the National Anthem. The soc-

cer team is sponsoring a halftime free-throw contest where participants have the chance to win free Ben and Jerry's ice cream coupons. Fans will also have the opportunity to register to

win door prizes drawn at halftime.

The Residence Life Board has challenged each residence hall to create a spirit banner, which will be displayed in the gym at the game. The banners will be judged before the game and winners will be announced during halftime. There will also be a prize for the residence hall that has the most

people in attendance at the game.

"We're really trying to get students and faculty involved in the athletic program. As a student athlete I know firsthand the difficulties of balancing school work with practice schedules and games. It is important to know that my fellow students support my hard work and it is even better when there is a large crowd to help cheer on my team," said soccer team captain Ashley Ellis.

For more information about the basketball team and Meredith's athletic program check out the website at [www.meredith.edu/athletics](http://www.meredith.edu/athletics).

"I can promise our fans this. If they come watch our team play, they will get to see a team that plays as hard as it can regardless of the outcome," said Coach Hatchell.

Everyone is encouraged to come out Wednesday and show your Meredith spirit!

## Synchronized swim team gives stunning performance

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Angels have descended on the campus of Meredith College. These angels are not the traditional heavenly beings, but are instead the synchronized swimming team members of Meredith College, the Aqua Angels. Descending into the depths of the Weatherspoon pool, this performing group presented its annual fall performance "Diving Through the Decades" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 20, 2003. Featuring eight talented team members,

Ashley Arnold, Amy Beattie, Meredith Burdock, Catherine Maher, Stephanie Nantz, Meredith Robertson, Holly Schmidt and Katherine Weaver, and ably coached by instructor Carol Brown. This swim team presented their originally choreographed routines to a variety of music of the past century from the musical Chicago to television themes to Sir Mix-a-lot.

Combining colorful swim costumes, a wide range of musical selections from the Roaring Twenties to the present, and varied choreography, this produc-

tion featured seven different routines. The show opened with a pair of duets, followed by a trio, a small group performance, another pair of duets and closed with a team finale. Short segments of narration provided by Taylor Newberry describing the historical highlights of each era between performances effectively set the mood of the period and attempted to provide a smooth transition from one routine to another since the program was not presented in a chronological sequence of musical selections.

Combining acrobatic movements with artistic presentation to selected music, Meredith's synchronized swimming team delivered an outstanding performance in both execution and style. The opening "Roaring Twenties" routine featured a strong duet performance by Charleston-kicking flappers Stephanie Nantz and Katherine Weaver. As four year swim team veterans, these swimmers displayed an effective blend of athletic ability and artistry. The small group "Psychedelic Sixties" performance and

the "Heading for the Holidays" finale provided well-choreographed routines showcasing group skills and the skills of the team as a whole. The choreography of these routines allowed for a greater degree of intricate formations which featured swimmers in a flower formation and a Christmas tree formation among others. The trio who performed the "Fugitive Fifties" routine was a favorite with the audience.

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