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Meredith's Weekly Weather

WEDNESDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High 71/ Low 56

THURSDAY
Showers
High 79/ Low 60

FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy
High 81/ Low 56

SATURDAY
Sunny
High 81/ Low 52

SUNDAY
Sunny
High 74/ Low 48

MONDAY
Sunny
High 77/ Low 49

TUESDAY
Sunny
High 69/ Low 53

Students Spend Day at Busch Gardens

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Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Virginia had no idea what it was in for when Meredith College stepped in through its gates on Saturday, October 1st, 2005. For those who went, that Saturday will always be remembered, but it wouldn't have been possible if it had not been sponsored by Campus Activities Board. Approximately forty people made up of students and staff went on the day long trip.

Lori Cilento, the CAB trip coordinator, did a breathtaking job of making sure that the trip was beyond memorable. She spent hours planning, organizing, and double checking to make sure everything was perfect. Amazingly, students barely had to pay for the trip. CAB got funds from the Student Activities Fee (SAF) to cover the majority of the trips cost.

All of the students seemed to have a great time, with some getting to spend their first trip away from campus since arriving to Meredith in August, some celebrated their birthday with friends, while others simply enjoyed the beautiful weather outside. Priceless moments were shared waiting in lines, as well as watching the horrible faces that everyone seemed to make on the rides. People were laughing so hard at their friends faces they had tears in their eyes!

The park is currently hosting what they call Howl-O-Scream. The entire Busch Gardens theme park is covered with horrible ghouls, werewolves, skeletons, clowns, and anything else imaginable to give you the spooks. The theme for the entire park is that Jack, the pumpkin headed man, has taken over the park and that he is coming for everyone. He ended up not being so scary after all, especially



Photo by: Cheryl Jenkins

Students Lori Cilento, Marquita McCoy, Daphne Lauren Renee Combs, and Maria Santore try on goofy hats.

when he stopped to pose with little children for pictures. However, this defiantly got everyone in the Halloween spirit.

The newest attraction defiantly helps to get you in the howl-o-screaming mood. A 4-D adventure, "Curse of DarKastle," takes you through the castle of an evil prince who is out to get you. Even though this ride was 4-D, you were anything but staying still in your seat. The adventure dropped you from roofs of castles, ran you through woods, and had you dodging from swords that seemed to be coming directly at you face. The effects made you feel like you were actually a prisoner in the haunted castle.

The park is divided into European countries with each ride a part of the countries legend. Some examples are "The Loch Ness Monster" in Scotland and "Alpengeist" in Germany. One of the favorite parts of these countries is getting to go into the gift shops and try on all of the fun attraction themed outfits.

Even if you can't afford the outfits, students found it to be just as much fun to dress up each other, as well as faculty, and then take pictures. This just shows the park is packed with entertainment throughout whether or not you are all about the rides, games, or other shopping.

My favorite part of the trip was watching our staff members who served as chaperones for us. Thad O'Briant and Paula were like little kids recanting all the rides they went on and how many times they rode each one. Cheryl Jenkins was a joy to have around and was defiantly the host of most of those faces you laugh at as you look back at the pictures.

CAB's next trip will be this spring to Wilmington, NC. So go ahead and mark your calendars for March 25th 2006, because these trips are something that no student wants to miss out on. The Wilmington trip will be spent at the beach as well as attending some amazing local attractions.

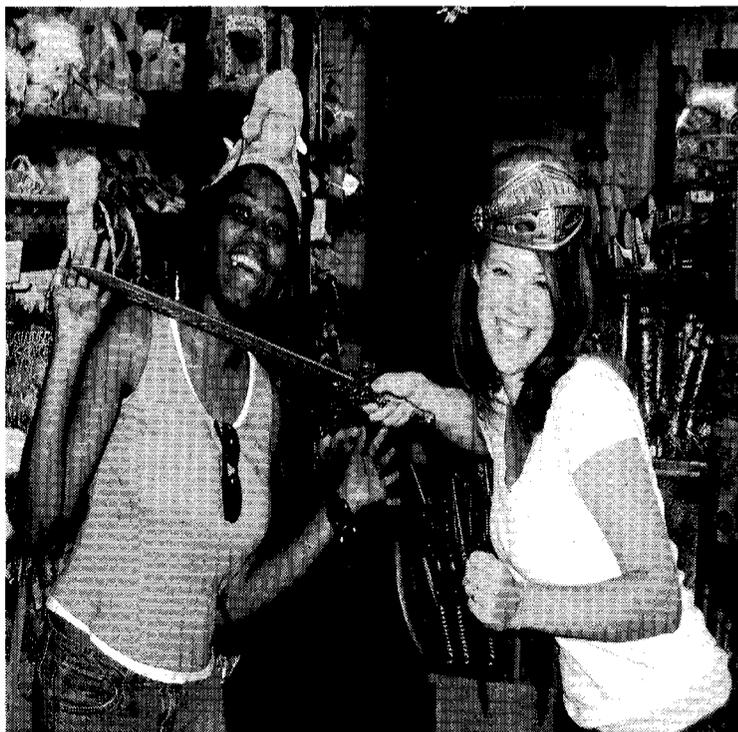


Photo by: Lori Cilento

Marquita McCoy and Daphne Lauren Renee Combs joke around in one of many gift shops at Busch Gardens.