

A Black and White Affair

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MEA's White Iris Ball was held at the Embassy Suites in Cary Friday, November 11. This year's theme for the ball, "Un Affaire Noire et Blanche: A Black and White Affair," was chosen to honor the nightlife in New Orleans, which as we all know, was hit hard by Hurricane Katrina earlier this semester. As way to give back to that community, MEA decided that a portion of this year's proceeds would go to the hurricane victims from New Orleans. This year's co-chairs for the dance, Mary Elizabeth Shytle and Talley Rouse, worked to make this dance a success. As you walked in the ballroom, the room was filled with black and white. The tables were decorated in alternate colors with beauti-

ful centerpieces. On the left wall, there was a huge background that was also in black and white with musical notes scattered all over. On each side of the stage, there was a mime standing on top of a platform and every few minutes they would change positions. They were very entertaining, and some people enjoyed them so much that they climbed on top of the platform and started dancing with them.

The music for the night was provided by the Phase Band. They provided a unique blend of music that kept people tapping their feet and the dance floor packed all night long. They played everything from "Dancin' in the Street" to "1,2 Step." They had something for everyone to enjoy. Their show was very energetic, and they kept the party going the night through.

Raleigh Water Conservation

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The City of Raleigh is currently under a State 1 Mandatory Water Conservation plan, with penalties of \$50 for the first offense, and \$500 for every following offense. Strict measures are being taken to save as much water as possible. Some of which include not watering plants unless needed, and even so, not watering more than one inch per week, not adding water to any decorative fountains, swimming pools, or ponds unless it is to maintain aquatic life, and only washing vehicles at professional carwash establishments. No restaurants are to serve water unless it is by request, and lawn watering has been limited to every

other day. As of last week, almost 100 people have been fined for misuse of water, and many others have been given official warnings. All of the money collected from the fines will go to the Wake County School System.

It is rumored that the city may be forced to increase the mandate to a State 2 Conservation Effort. If this happens, lawns will only be watered twice a week, first time offenders will be charged \$1000, and repeat offenders will have their water cut off entirely. If the decision to change to a State 2 is made, it will be the first time it has been issued. For more information on conservation efforts, and ideas of how to conserve, visit the City of Raleigh website at www.raleighnc.gov.

Vandalism On Campus

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All who come to Meredith know the routine: we dress up, we sit in Jones and we listen to a description of honor and integrity, then we make a pledge to abide by the honor code and go outside to light candles together. What, exactly, are these qualities that we strive so hard to maintain at Meredith? According to the fourth edition of the American Heritage Dictionary, integrity can be defined as, "steadfast adherence to strict moral or ethical code;" whereas honor is listed as, "principled uprightness of character; personal integrity." These two characteristics, among many others, are not only desirable of Meredith women, they are expected.

Since the academic year has commenced, the standards of honor and integrity have been forgotten by some. There has been a stream of incidents lately that have become increasingly more prominent; these incidents are acts of vandalism and will not be tolerated at Meredith College. Examples of these incidents include, but

are not limited to: stealing someone's decorative pumpkin and throwing it down the stairs, scribbling out the faces of African-American women on a professor's bulletin board, stealing postcards from a resident's door, and writing offensive messages anonymously on residents' bulletin boards. Anyone who is caught doing these things will be taken to honor council.

As Meredith women, we all have a duty to ourselves and our classmates to abide by the code that we set forth. The honor code was designed by students for students so that we may live and study in a peaceful and respectful environment. If you know of anyone who is not living up to their responsibilities as a Meredith student by vandalizing other people's property, please remember your duties as well and have her turn herself in to the solicitors general. Please see below for a copy of the statement signed by all Meredith students.

Statement of Honor:

We, the Meredith Community, are committed to developing and affirming in each

student a sense of personal honor and responsibility. Uncompromising honesty and forthrightness are essential elements of the commitment. The Honor System is a method by which individual honors are protected and maintained. Any dishonorable action will be regarded as a violation of this commitment, and corrective action will be taken.

If I am in violation of the Honor Code, to prevent jeopardizing the Honor System or weakening our system of self-government, I have an obligation to report myself to the proper authorities. If I am aware of a violation of the Honor System by another student, I shall call this matter to the attention of that student as a violation of responsibility to the community.

In choosing Meredith College, I am accepting the Honor System as a way of life. As a Meredith student, I am responsible for insuring that the Honor System is at all times carried out.

*to contact the solicitors general, please see the Honor Council page on the SGA website

PROPOSED DECEMBER 2005 GRADUATES

The Alumnae Association of Meredith College cordially invites December and August 2005 graduates to attend an

*Induction Ceremony
Thursday, December 1, 2005
2:00 ~ Reception*

2:30 ~ Induction into the Alumnae Association

Mae Grimmer Alumnae House

Students will learn ways to stay connected after graduation and the vital role alumnae play in the life of the College.

Please RSVP to the Office of Alumnae & Parent Relations by Monday, November 28th at 760-8599 or alumnae@meredith.edu.

We hope you will join us as we welcome you into the Alumnae Association!