

Service Held in Remembrance of Student Johanna Minta

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A poem called "A Penny," had been a comfort to Johanna Minta, '07, after the death of her brother Jon Paul. The poem says that when a penny is found, it has been tossed from heaven by an angel.

The poem, whose author is unknown, reads in part:
*When an angel misses you
They toss a penny down
Sometimes just to cheer you up
To make a smile out of your frown.*

On February 3, a 2005 penny and a copy of this poem were given to each person who attended a service of remembrance, in tribute to Johanna Minta, '07, who was killed in a car accident on December 20, 2005.

Those in attendance also left with a stronger sense

of who Johanna Minta was, and what she put into her life as a Meredith student. Her roommates, sister and academic advisor joined Meredith Campus Minister Sam Carothers and N.C. State University Catholic Campus Minister Father Alex Gonzalez in sharing thoughts about her.

After her brother's death from cancer, Johanna Minta put her energies into raising awareness about the disease, including leading the Meredith Cares Cancer Awareness Week project.

Heather Ricks, '06, her co-chair, said that Johanna Minta believed the Meredith Cares effort was not about the amount of money raised but about doing something for others, even if it was only helping one person.

"Johanna lived life one day at a time, always trying to [care for] and help others,"

Ricks said.

Friend Ashley Penman, '06, said, "Johanna measured her life in the possibilities, not in the limitations. I invite you to be inspired by her committed strength and never forget the impact she had on many lives."

Associate Professor of Child Development Paul Winterhoff, who had served as Johanna Minta's advisor, spoke on behalf of the College.

Winterhoff said he hoped to convey "what a loss this is for us as a college, and what gratitude we have for her life."

Echoing the words of earlier speakers, Winterhoff said, "Doing something for at least one person...is the crux of the meaning of her life. Take on the meaning of her life in service to others."

Meredith Performs Theatre to Present "David's Red-haired Death"

Meredith Performs Theatre will present "David's Red-Haired Death" by Sherry Kramer, February 21-26 in the Studio Theatre of Jones Hall. Show times are February 21-15 at 8 p.m. and February 26 at 2 p.m.

"David's Red-Haired Death" is the heartbreaking story of David's sudden and violent demise as seen through the eyes of his sister, Jean. It is a story of how two people deal with death and their struggle to form new relationships in the aftermath of a tragedy.

The play is "a stirring, passionate, absorbing and difficult piece of work," describes Director Steven Roten, Meredith College instructor of theatre.

"Told in a unique mixture of nonlinear monologues and dialogue between the two redheads, Jean and Marilyn, this thoughtful meditation on loss and love explores the extremely personal reaction to a loved one's death," Roten says. "The two redheads are equals; two halves of a whole who find each other during a tumultuous time."

Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. For ticket reservations, call the Meredith College Box Office at 919-76-2840.

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"David's Red-Haired Death" Cast and Crew

Director -- Steven Roten

Assistant Director / Dramaturge --

Heather Blanchard

Cast:

Jean---Natalie Hoffman

Marilyn---Samantha Bland

Technician 1 ---Jackie Neustel

Technician 2 --- Brett Stegall

Student Designers:

Scenic --- Amy Massey

Lighting ---Stacie Whitley

Costumes -- Samatha Bland

Properties --- Shayna Peters

Backstage:

Stage Manager--- Karen Ainsley

Assistant Stage Manager --- Shayna Peters

Technical Director -- Joanna Bunnell

Publicity/photographer -- Maureen Price