

# CAMPUS LIFE

## UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN

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The 2009 annual White Iris Ball took place last Friday, October 16, and was a spectacular event that many Meredith students enjoyed. Students dressed up in their semi-formal attire and danced the night away to the wonderful music provided by the live band, The Maxx. The theme of the Ball was "Under the Tuscan Sun," and Meredith Entertainment Association provided a romantic, Italian-like atmosphere that many students enjoyed.

"Since the Sansepolcro program became such a big hit on campus this year, we wanted to incorporate that into our theme. With the help of the Study Abroad Office, we came up with the "Under the Tuscan Sky" theme," commented White Iris Co-Chair, Raschelle Harness.

One of the most unique aspects of

the White Iris Ball is the live music. Unlike most events that have a DJ, White Iris traditionally has a band to come in to entertain the guests. This year's band, The Maxx, was a very talented group that played a variety of songs from many different genres. The Maxx was able to rejuvenate the crowd with their upbeat attitude and their positive energy.

"Live music is so much fun to dance to! It is so interesting to see the different variations of songs that bands can come up with, stated Harness

In addition to music and dancing, students could enjoy quiet time with their friends and dates in another room that was filled with a variety of foods. The romantic atmosphere was exemplified with white table cloths and small candles on every table. There was a lot

of Italian food as well as dessert treats, such as a chocolate fondue fountain with fruit, éclairs, tiramisu, and much more. The food and romantic atmosphere provided students with a good break from the dance floor.

Each year Meredith throws two dance events: White Iris Ball in the fall and Spring Formal in the spring. The two dances are similar, but the main difference is that the White Iris Ball is semi-formal and the Spring Formal is fully formal. The White Iris Ball is sponsored by MEA, while the Spring Formal is hosted by CAB. Each of these organizations helps Meredith students participate in these wonderful traditions. Be on the lookout for tickets for Spring Formal next semester!

## ask gigi

Dear Gigi,

I seem not to be able to handle academics, social life, and exercise. How can I juggle all of these things?

Sincerely,  
Stressful Sally

Dear Stressful Sally,

It is hard to juggle academics, a social life, and taking care of yourself, but it is possible, and once you find a method that works, life will get much easier. On the Academic & Career Planning web page under new/current students, there are two helpful forms: weekly schedule and semester at a glance. Both are extremely helpful in planning and keeping your schedule straight and juggling all your activities in your life. You can save the forms to your computer or print them. You can organize them to meet your needs, and they are a very easy way to organize all the things you need or want to fit into your day.

Sincerely,  
Gigi

## A LOVE STORY: BAILEY'S STYLE

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In honor of the Bailey's Ultimate Scavenger Hunt, the Meredith Herald will feature two lucky couples who hope to participate in the event!

Kelly Ross and Austin Cole have been dating for five years now and they hope to compete in the Ultimate Scavenger

Hunt as a team. They met over five years ago by being YMCA camp counselors together. Their love for children and an active lifestyle brought them together. The couple now enjoys going on long trips together and other traveling excursion to places such as New York City, Atlanta, and Florida. Kelly and Austin enjoy going camping in state and national parks and enjoying the great outdoors together. Spending time with their friends and family is important to them. Kelly and Austin make a very relaxed and outgoing couple.

Kelly will graduate from Meredith in the spring of 2011 and

Austin graduated in May 2009—A classic Meredith and NC State fairytale relationship!

Austin is now involved in an internship. Kelly envisions that Austin's proposal will be a total surprise: "Something that is just the two of us doing something that we both

love to do together...on one of our camping trips. It will happen taking a walk together or on a weekend getaway—just the two of us"

The couple believes they should be chosen to compete because they will genuinely have fun with the event. Kelly's strategy for them is that they will use Austin's knowledge of trivia and her attention to details. They will also "run for their lives for that Bailey's box."

Good luck to Kelly and Austin as they compete for the Ultimate prize and their future!

