

The Vagina Monologues: A Meredith Tradition, A Worldwide Celebration

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Meredith College's Extra Theater Company performed their annual product of The Vagina Monologues on Sunday, February 28 at 8:00 in Jones Auditorium. The money raised by the performance was donated to the Interact Agency of Wake County, a local organization who helps women in need. Amanda Eubanks, a Meredith Senior, will be addressing a panel at the Union Nations explaining the significance of the Interact Organization to Wake County. The organization is one of a kind in the county, and possibly the world.

The Vagina Monologues is a book written by Eve Ensler; as written on the official Vagina Monologues website: "[the novel] is a celebration of female sexuality in all its complexity and mystery. [it] is an anthology of women's attitudes towards their sexuality, their greatest fantasies and fears, their loves and heartbreaks". To write the novel, Ensler interviewed 200 diverse women about their sexuality past and present; she explained

that "at first the women were a little shy. But once they got going, you couldn't stop them." The Vagina Monologues is clearly a novel meant to celebrate the spirit of femininity and to bring women of all walks of life together.

The Vagina Monologues has been performed by college campuses across the nation. The purpose for all the excitement is the cause behind The Monologues: Vday, the day the Monologues are performed, is meant to raise awareness to end violence against women. The movement was founded in 1998, and has flourished ever since.

The name "Vagina Monologues" sounds scandalous, something our grandmother wouldn't approve of. But strip away the word, and what you find is a play composed of the narratives of over 200 women. And those 200 women are not merely individuals, but the sum of the woman's spirit. Every woman has her story of heartache, joy, and pleasure, and the play encompasses every

woman in one way or another. There are times during the play that will make one blush, burst out in laughter, chant, and even cry. The play will make one feel uncomfortable at times, but with the discomfort comes the comfort of learning

that a woman is a most beautiful being. Every single last detail of the female body is meant to be loved, cherished, and celebrated.



Blast from the Past

provided by Martha Fonville, Meredith Archivist

an ad placed in the October 20th, 1950 issue of *The Meredith Herald*, then called *The Twig*

Love and Other Angel Antics

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We are all so pressed for times these days that sometimes it doesn't seem possible to maintain a relationship. On weekends when you have don't have a workload to accomplish; your honey has a workload and vice-versa. I am currently in a relationship very restricted by our busy schedules. Even though my boy is only five minutes down the road, it seems like five hours on weeks when we don't have time for each other. The bottom line is that you have to learn to make time to allow your relationship to grow and flourish. Here is a list of tricks I find helpful to bridging the gap between you two:

1. Have enough confidence in your relationship to not need to see each other all the time. Sometimes a little space apart is very healthy.
2. Send each other a cute or funny YouTube video in the middle of the week.
3. Be understanding of what is going on in their life.
4. Make weekend plans early in the week so it can be secured in the schedule!

Enjoy the time that you do spend get to spend together!

What's Up In Raleigh

- The Wednesday Bluegrass Series: 3/3/10 at 8 p.m. at Six String Café
- Cat's Cradle Presents: March 5: Bowling for Soup
- Cinderella at the Progress Energy Center: Saturday Matinee, March 6, 2010 2 pm, tickets \$18
- Cat's Cradle Presents: March 25: Joanna Newsom at Carolina Theatre, Durham
- "Reciprocity: Cedric Chatterley's Handmade Cameras" Exhibit: Free, through May 21, 2010 at Center for Documentary Studies at Duke, 1317 W. Pettigrew St.
- Dual/Focus at Miriam Block Gallery: Free, 222 W. Hargett St., Raleigh, NC
- NC Museum of History: Basketball Exhibit: "Learn about the history of basketball and the beginnings of March Madness. Make a handheld hoop to take home to practice your shot! This program is presented with Cameron Village Regional Library"
- "Under the Influence" Art Exhibit: Abstract paintings in acrylic by Don Mertz. Free. Through March 21, 2010, Durham Arts Council, 120 Morris St.
- "Creativity Expressed in Stitches" Art Exhibit: Through May 31, 2010: Quilts from the African American Quilt Circle. FREE admission. January 4, 2010 - May 31, 2010 at the National Humanities Center, 7 TW Alexander Dr.