#### **MEREDITH CORP**

Form 4

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#### **OMB APPROVAL** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MARINEAU PHILIP A Issuer Symbol MEREDITH CORP [MDP] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 1716 LOCUST STREET 11/08/2004 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned of

| (- 3)  | (1                                   | 1 abie 1  | - Non-Deri                              | vative Se  | curitie          | es Acqu  | nrea, Disposea oi                              | , or Beneficial                                       | ly Owned |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|------------------|--|--|---|----------|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)               | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | nAcquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)  | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |          |
|  |                                      |   | Code V                                  | Amount   | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price  | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4)  |          |
| Common Stock (Restricted) (\$1 par value)          | 11/08/2004                           |   | D                                       | 983  | D                | \$0  | 4,254  | D   |          |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(Restricted)<br>(\$1 par value) | 11/08/2004                           |   | A                                       | 1,010  | A                | \$0  | 5,264  | D   |          |
| Common<br>Stock (\$1 par                           |                                      |   |   |  |                  |  | 2,128  | D   |          |

#### value) (2)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |         | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                                      |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---------|--|--------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                | (A) (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amoun<br>or<br>Numbe<br>of<br>Shares |
| Stock<br>equivalent<br>units                        | \$ 0  | 11/08/2004                              |   | A                                     | 983     | 08/08/1988   | 08/08/1988         | Common<br>Stock (\$1<br>par value)                            | 983                                  |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 31.5   |   |   |                                       |         | 11/14/2001   | 11/14/2010         | Common<br>Stock (\$1<br>par value)                            | 6,000                                |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 34.6   |   |   |                                       |         | 11/13/2002   | 11/13/2011         | Common<br>Stock (\$1<br>par value)                            | 6,000                                |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 36.7188  |   |   |                                       |         | 11/09/2000   | 11/09/2009         | Common<br>Stock (\$1<br>par value)                            | 6,000                                |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 39.0313  |   |   |                                       |         | 11/10/1999   | 11/10/2008         | Common<br>Stock (\$1<br>par value)                            | 6,000                                |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 45.275   |   |   |                                       |         | 11/12/2003   | 11/12/2012         | Common<br>Stock (\$1<br>par value)                            | 6,000                                |

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) \$49.75

11/11/2004 11/11/2013 Stock (\$1

Common Stock (\$1 6,000 par value)

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MARINEAU PHILIP A
1716 LOCUST STREET X

DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023

# **Signatures**

By: Teresa T. Rinker, Attorney-in-Fact For: Philip A. Marineau

11/09/2004

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations, See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares awarded pursuant to the 2002 Meredith Corporation Stock Plan for Non-employee Directors (the "Plan"). The shares are subject to forfeiture and are nontransferable until five years from the grant date.
- (2) Shares held by the reporting person in street name.
  - Stock equivalents issued at fair market value (the average of the high and low selling price of Meredith Common Stock on the issue date), pursuant to Meredith Corp.'s 2002 Stock Plan for Non-employee Directors (the "Plan"), which will be converted to Common Stock (\$1
- (3) par value) on a one-for-one basis upon the reporting person's retirement from or termination of service on the Meredith Board of Directors. Quarterly dividends are accrued in the form of additional stock equivalents. Data in this footnote would normally appear in the Title, Exercisable Date, and Price columns.
- (4) This option was awarded pursuant to the Meredith Corp. Stock Plan for Non-employee Directors and becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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