

MEREDITH CORP  
Form 4  
November 10, 2005

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
COLEMAN MARY SUE

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1716 LOCUST STREET

(Street)

DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
MEREDITH CORP [MDP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/08/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)     | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                           |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V Amount (D) Price                                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock (\$1<br>par value)<br>(1) |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            | 2,290                                                                                                              | D                                                                    |                                                                   |

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)

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| 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>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                                           |                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                        |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                                                               | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                     | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)<br>(2) | \$ 50.28                                                              | 11/09/2005                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                                 | 6,000                                                          |     | 11/09/2006                                                     | 11/09/2016         | Common<br>Stock (\$1<br>par value)        | 6,000                                  |
| Stock<br>equivalent<br>units                           | \$ 0                                                                  | 11/08/2005                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                                 | 837                                                            |     | 08/08/1988                                                     | 08/08/1988         | Common<br>Stock (\$1<br>par value)<br>(3) | 837                                    |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)<br>(2) | \$ 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)<br>(2) | \$ 34.7813                                                            |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                 |                                                                |     | 11/11/1998                                                     | 11/11/2007         | Common<br>Stock (\$1<br>par value)        | 6,000                                  |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)<br>(2) | \$ 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)<br>(2) | \$ 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)<br>(2) | \$ 45.275                                                             |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                 |                                                                |     | 11/12/2003                                                     | 11/12/2012         | Common<br>Stock (\$1<br>par value)        | 6,000                                  |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)<br>(2) | \$ 49.75                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                 |                                                                |     | 11/11/2004                                                     | 11/11/2013         | Common<br>Stock (\$1<br>par value)        | 6,000                                  |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option                          | \$ 51.795                                                             |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                 |                                                                |     | 11/09/2005                                                     | 11/09/2014         | Common<br>Stock (\$1                      | 6,000                                  |

(right to buy)

par value)

(2)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                                     | Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other |
| COLEMAN MARY SUE<br>1716 LOCUST STREET<br>DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023 | X                                      |

## Signatures

By: John S. Zieser, Attorney-in-Fact For: Mary Sue  
Coleman

11/10/2005

                     \*\*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 held by the reporting person in street name.
- (2) This option was awarded pursuant to the Meredith Corp. Stock Plan for Non-employee Directors, becomes exercisable one-third per year over a three-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, and expires on the tenth anniversary of the grant date.
- 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.

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