

# Campus News

## Eerie correlations found between 97-98 class presidents

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Staff Reporter

Two out of three rising class presidents listened to the New Kids On The Block in their formative years. Experts disagree on what this will mean for Meredith's future.

Rebecca Huffstetler of Mount Holly, NC, will be next year's Senior Class President. Huffstetler said her interest in Meredith College can be traced as far back as the eighth grade, where she picked Meredith to research for a project on colleges because she "liked the name."

"The more I found out about (Meredith), the more I found out it suited my needs. Meredith really prepares you for the future," Huffstetler said. As for the senior class' future, Huffstetler plans to help her class "go out with a bang," and enjoy its last months at Meredith. Immediately after graduation, Huffstetler may pursue a master's degree, but whether she chooses to or not, she will "teach middle school, no matter what."

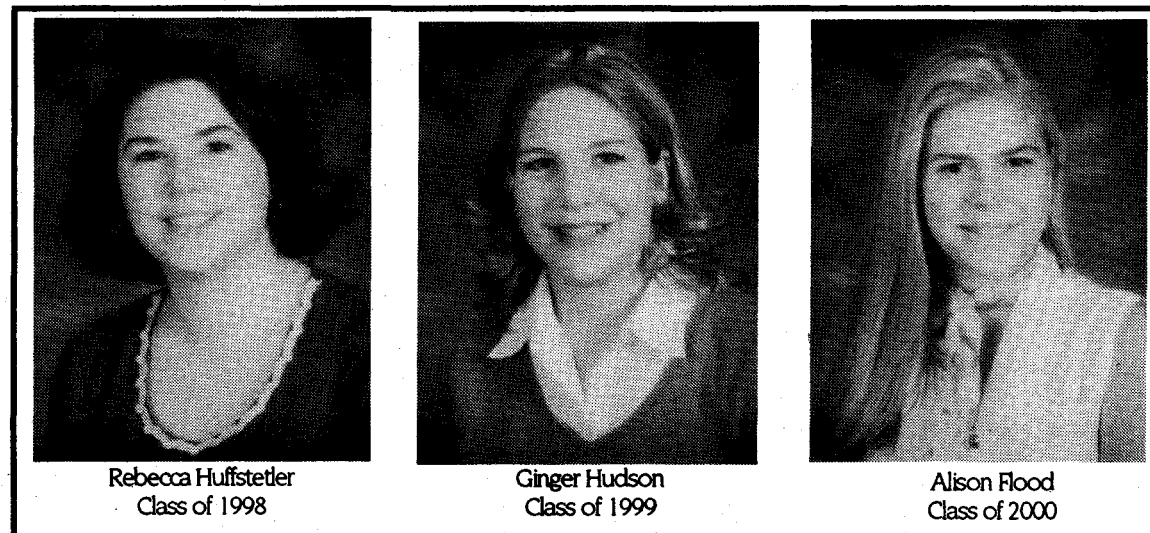
Huffstetler's years before East Gaston High School included a brief affection for the New Kids On The Block, involving the purchase of their

ture. "Junior year is a big year—getting our rings and all. I want to get a lot of people involved with Cornhuskin', the ring dinner. I think as we get closer

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State's club team—no easy feat. Less easy is believing Hudson also listened to New Kids On The Block in middle school, and even went to an NKOTB concert with her dad, who "had to sit through all three hours of it."

Alison Flood of Havelock, NC, will retain her position as her class president as it progresses to sophomore. Flood hopes, "for this year as for last year," to "continue unity and pride in the Meredith community." Flood "enjoys hearing concerns and being involved," and plans to continue running for office to keep working for Meredith and her class. She picked Meredith because it is "a smaller school," with a lower student-teacher ratio. "Meredith has a great name, and is known as a good school throughout North Carolina," Flood said. She laid no claim to the New Kids, but mentioned she listens to Irish musical geni The Pogues, which, as Flood said, "may not be embarrassing, but people look at me funny when I say it."



Rebecca Huffstetler  
Class of 1998

Ginger Hudson  
Class of 1999

Alison Flood  
Class of 2000

first and second albums.

The junior class will be led through the year by Richmond, Virginia's Ginger Hudson. Hudson was exceptionally enthusiastic about her class' fu-

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## Lil' Friends Weekend promises fun for students and guests

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Have plans March 21-23? Those days may sound like ages away for some, but some students have already decided just to clown around together. Lil' Friends Weekend is scheduled for the fourth weekend of March. Approximately 75 children will get together with Meredith students for a week-end full of festivities.

With the theme "Clowning Around Together," Meredith Angels and their "lil'" friends will kick off the weekend on Friday night as they go to watch

the Aqua-Angels perform. On Saturday, there will be a carnival with professional clowns and all sorts of outside games. There will also be a small chapel service on Sunday.

Kelly Conkling, president of MRA, explained that little friends weekend is, "when Meredith College students are able to bring someone they babysit for, a younger brother or sister or

friend between the ages of five and 12 to Meredith for the entire weekend."

She said, "Events are set up for the whole weekend. The kids eat Belk food and get to sleep in the dorms."

There is a \$25 registration fee for each child participating. The cost covers

t-shirts, meals and arts and crafts. A student may bring as many children as she likes. Co-chairs Kristie Stallings and Leigh Stensvad have been preparing for the weekend since November.

Stallings said that she and Stensvad had to do things such as, "get t-shirts, work with the dining hall, think of themes and reserve rooms." She said, "We

really had to look hard for bargains. This teaches you to be a good shopper."

Stallings said, "I enjoyed getting to know the faculty and administration. This was a good way to learn about Meredith College, and the things you have to do in order to organize an event."

Student Ellen Hipp is bringing her very excited 8-year-old friend Kate Houck to Meredith. "She has been waiting for this since January," Hipp said. "She has three brothers, and a weekend with the girls will be a treat!"

### Meredith Angels and their "Lil' Friends" will kick off the weekend with the Aqua Angles performance Friday night.



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