

FEATURES

Sacrifice for success: An internship

by Betsy Short

This summer was anything but typical! No, I did not get the bronze tan I am accustomed to getting each summer, nor did I compete in any tennis tournaments. Instead I sat behind a desk eight hours a day, five days a week and gained 10 pounds. But, it was worth it. What could be worth losing a tan and gaining 10 pounds, you are probably wondering? For two months I worked as a state government intern at the Division of Aging (DOA) writing an informational pamphlet which describes the programs and services they sponsor.

Sound like fun? Probably not to most people, but for one interested in writing it was a tremendous experience. Besides a little weight, I gained knowledge, experience, connections, and a new family. The DOA adopted me as one of their own. Because I had to interview

most of the staff to learn about the programs they specialized in, I was able to get to know everyone. In the process, I learned a lot about state government - much more than I learned from any poli-sci text or lecture. I was actually a part of the system and getting a bird's eye-view of a government agency in action. Sure, I sat through some long boring meetings and read manual after manual of policies and procedures. But, in the end, I made a difference. I wrote a pamphlet to be distributed throughout the state which will encourage North Carolina's older adults to get involved and take advantage of their years of leisure.

This summer I was an advocate for the aging. Now I am an advocate for the Office of Youth Advocacy and Involvement which sponsored my internship. If you are interested in working with fine, educated people in an area you enjoy, I

encourage you to apply for a state government internship. In the process you will learn how to prepare a portfolio, a resume, and get good interviewing experience before you are hit with the big-time -- the REAL WORLD. As an intern you will be treated as a professional, and a person. While you learn more about state government, you will get practical experience in a field that interests you. Most of all, you will learn more about yourself and what is important to you as far as an ideal working relationship and environment is concerned.

You are never too young or too old to explore new areas or job options. This summer the interns ranged from rising juniors to graduates from schools across the state and entire east coast including Harvard, ECU, NCSU, UNC, Meredith, UVA, and many other colleges

and universities. Although I was the only intern at the DOA, some government offices had several interns. My only contact with the other interns was through the seminars and socials arranged by the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office. Together we attended a seminar that included a tour of Polk Youth Detention Center, Central Prison, and the SBI (State Bureau of Investigation) lab. We were also given a picnic at the Governor's mansion. Because the interns are doing important work for the state, they are greatly appreciated.

My experience with the DOA was close to perfect. I wanted to determine whether I would enjoy writing as a career and learn what type of jobs are available to English majors in the government. Whatever your major, there is an internship for you. Contact the Office of Career Services in Cate Center for more information.

NOTES FROM THE REGISTRAR

Public Notice

Meredith College hereby designates the following categories of student information as public or "Directory Information." Such information may be disclosed by the institution for any purpose, at its discretion.

Category I - Name, address, telephone number, dates of attendance, class.

Category II - Previous institution(s) attended, major field of study, awards, honors (includes Dean's list), degree(s) conferred (including dates).

Category III - Past and present participation in officially recognized sports and activities, physical factors (height, weight of athletes) date and place of birth.

Category IV - Religious affiliation (released to churches only).

Currently enrolled students may withhold disclosure of any category of information under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. To withhold disclosure written notification should have been received in the Office

of the Registrar prior to September 12, 1983 in Johnson Hall. Forms requesting the withholding of "Directory Information" are available in the Registrar's Office.

Meredith College assumes that failure on the part of any student to specifically request the withholding of categories of "Directory Information" indicates individual approval for disclosure.

Annual Notice

Annually, Meredith College informs students of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. This act, with which the institution intends to comply fully, was designated to protect the privacy of education records, to establish the right of students to inspect and review their education records, and to provide guidelines for the correction of inaccurate or misleading data through informal and formal hearings. Students also have the right to file complaints with The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Office (FERPA) concerning alleged failure by the institution to comply with the Act.

Local policy explains in detail the pro-

cedures to be used by the institution for compliance with the provisions of the Act. Copies of the policy can be found in the following offices: Admissions, Registrar, Dean of Students, and Career Placement Services.

The full policy will be printed in *The Twig*. The offices mentioned also maintain a Directory of Records which lists all education records maintained on students by this institution.

Questions concerning the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act may be referred to: Mrs. Marie Capel in Career Planning Services office located in Cate Center.

Grants Provided

The North Carolina General Assembly has passed legislation that provides grants for residents of North Carolina to attend private colleges and universities. The appropriation for 1984-85 will be a maximum of \$850. In order to qualify for the grant, each student must file an application and satisfy the requirements

as specified in the legislation. Application forms are available in the Office of

the Registrar. Deadline for filing the application is September 12th. If you have questions, please contact the Registrar, Charles Davis.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, September 19 is the last date to drop a course with a "W" grade. It is also the last date to make a grading change: from credit to audit, from audit to credit, from regular grading to pass-fail or from pass-fail to regular grading.

Wednesday, November 28 is the last date to withdraw from a course.

Transcripts

Did you attend summer school at another college this summer? Did you request that that college send a transcript to Meredith? If you answered yes and no, please have the other college send a transcript to The Office of the Registrar, Meredith College, 3800 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27607-5298. You should do this immediately: your order of preregistration for the spring may depend on it.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL SEMESTER

Arrival of new students
 Registration
 Registration of freshmen
 First day of classes
 Last day to add a course
 Labor Day Holiday - No classes held
 Last day to make a grading change
 Last day to drop with a "W" grade
 Midterm: Autumn recess begins at 5:00 p.m.
 Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.
 Midterm reports due at NOON
 Thanksgiving recess begins at 1:00 p.m.
 Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.
 Last day to withdraw from a course
 Last day of classes
 Reading Day
 Final Examinations

1984-1985

THU AUG 16
 MON AUG 20
 TUE AUG 21
 WED AUG 22
 TUE AUG 28
 MON SEP 3
 WED SEP 19
 WED SEP 19
 FRI OCT 12
 WED OCT 17
 WED OCT 17
 WED NOV 21
 MON NOV 26
 WED NOV 28
 WED DEC 5
 THU DEC 6
 FRI DEC 7 -
 SAT DEC 15

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