

editorial

Know that you matter

Freshman orientation. Perhaps, a strange phrase to a woman entering Meredith College. What is freshman orientation?

Freshman orientation is a schedule of activities from Thursday morning until classes start five or six days later. It is a neverending meeting with a student advisor, faculty advisor, resident assistant, department head, or other important person. It is dinner with the president of the college. It is testing, testing, and more testing to determine placement. It is early morning breakfasts and

late night snacks. Freshman orientation is long and tiring.

Why should anyone have to go through such a week? Because freshman orientation is a time for growing and learning and exploring. It is meeting new people but making new friends. It is time management and self-motivation. It is understanding roommates and adjusting to suitemates. It is the preface to life at Meredith. It is the food that nourishes the community spirit known to Meredith College. Freshman orientation is the beginning of knowing that you matter.

letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to use this column to thank a very special group of people for the work that they have done already this year. I realize that it seems strange to thank people at the beginning of the year for a continuing responsibility, but Meredith College's Advisors deserve high commendation for their efforts.

They greeted their student advisees with smiles, hugs and gifts on Thursday, August 18th (when the temperature soared to 105 degrees in Raleigh). But their responsibilities did not begin that morning; They arrived on campus August 16th for training following work this summer preparing gifts, letters, and name-tags for the newest "angels."

Not only do student advisors work long hours, they do so cheerfully and with dedication. Their cheerfulness and dedication obviously deve-

loped from their desire to aid freshmen and transfers in their first year at Meredith.

The student advisors' responsibilities do not end with orientation week but rather extend for the entire year. Student advisors have committed themselves to being available to their advisees for this school year and even beyond as friends and confidants.

Student advisors volunteer their time above and beyond the call of duty. SA stands for more than Student Advisor; it stands for Special Angel.

Thanks for all the hard work, ladies.

Cara Lynn Croom
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