

# Meredith Herald

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## Changes make Meredith safer, healthier

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Meredith College is an institution rich in tradition. Cornhuskin, Li'l Sis/Big Sis and Class Day are just a few examples of things that stay the same. But according to Dean of Students Dorothy Sizemore, when it comes to the health and safety of the students, changes in policy can occur. Examples of this are the rules on extension cords, the new smoking policy and the new back gate closing policy that are in place for the 1988-89 academic year.

Extension cords are an essential in Meredith's dorm rooms, and the new guidelines for purchase and use of them were formulated with student safety in mind. The regulations call for only heavy duty extension cords with a fuse to be used in the residence halls. The office of the

Dean of Students has a supply of these cords for sale for \$11 in an attempt to make the new rule easy to comply with. Sizemore said that fire hazards will be greatly reduced and students and buildings will be safer.

Also beginning this semester, the back gate of the college will be locked at 11 o'clock each night. Sizemore said that this measure will help security keep track of all incoming traffic on the campus. "It was just something Meredith wanted to do to keep her students safe," she said.

Another new policy designed with student well-being in mind is the new smoking policy. It states that smoking is not allowed in "all commonly shared areas of the residence halls." This change is a result of

requests from students that smoking in hallways and parlors be stopped, according to Dean Sizemore. Another reason was the increased national concern over smoking in public places. She cited the smoking ban in New York City as well as airlines prohibiting smoking on certain flights. She said, "Because Meredith is a very health conscious campus, the policy came about."

Though these changes do not touch any of Meredith's traditions, they do show a willingness to change established rules. Students are receiving information about the new rules as they settle in for the new school year. The word from the Dean of Students on the changes is that they are all in an attempt to make Meredith safer and healthier.

## Around

### September 13

Flag Football  
Spanish Club 7:00 p.m.  
Psychology Club 7:30 p.m.  
Meredith Herald Staff Mtg. 7:30 p.m.  
Campus Girl Scouts Mixer 8:00 p.m.  
Astros Mtg. 8:30 p.m.  
Meredith Aerobics Club 9:00 p.m.

### September 14

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
Flag Football  
SGA 4:30 p.m.  
RHB 5:30 p.m.

## Campus

Club Presidents' Training 6:30 p.m.

### September 15

Flag Football  
MCA Council Mtg. 8:00 p.m.

### September 16

MEA 10:00 a.m.  
Fall Leadership Conference

### September 18

Student Life Retreat  
Student Foundation Mtg. 8:00 p.m.

## Growth Groups

Melissa Bentley, the Associate Campus Minister, will begin leading two growth groups on campus. One group will be open to freshmen, the other to upper classmen. Both groups will meet once a week and are limited to six people. Potential meeting times are Wednesday's at 5 p.m., Thursday's at 4 p.m., 6 p.m., or later. Any interested students should call or go by the Office of the Campus Minister and leave their names and time preferences.