

# SGA Looks Ahead



by Ann Hiott, Student Government Association President

The Student Government Association has just completed its orientation welcoming the 352-member class of 1995, 107 transfers and four new international students! We'd also like to welcome back all the returning students.

Orientation included handbook training sessions, the handbook pre-test and test, and an inspiring Honor Code Ceremony. (By the way, congratulations to the Class of 1995—everyone passed the handbook test on the first try!) With the good times of Orientation and with each of these fundamental events in the past, the important question to ask all of you is: Now what? What do you want to happen, continue, change or improve this year?

The Residence Hall Board (RHB) plans on changing required residence hall educationals into optional service-learning projects. They also are working on installing computers into a couple of residence halls' study parlors on an experimental basis. What is your input?

The Association of Meredith Commuters (AMC) continues to grow in number and involvement. They are working toward improving the communications between residents and commuters. They also see a continuation of improved meetings and socials. All organizations, please remember to publicize events on the AMC bulletin boards in the Fireside Lounge.

The Elections Board is gearing up for Freshment Elections beginning with the Kick-Off on Monday, August 28th. Their main goals are to provide information about the offices and to encourage the voters and the candidates. Elections Board is also interested in reaching the commuters in a more prolific way. What can they do to encourage you to vote and to run for office?

The Student Life Committee (SLC) is interested in improving your life at Meredith. We all have questions about the new parking lot, and this committee is the place to take those questions. This committee is

the way to get answers and action. This committee is how we communicate with administration. All of their upcoming goals will come from you and what your class or association president presents on your behalf. The SLC welcomes any ideas, concerns, proposals or suggestions from the student body or any member of this body. What are your needs?

The Senate is also laying a strong foundation by using its six experienced Senators to train the new Senators. Senate continues to evaluate and approve any club or organization that students are involved in, or that we want to start. Can your club's constitution be strengthened? What organization are we missing that Meredith needs?

The Honor Council's primary innovative concern is to look at and evaluate the purpose and effectiveness of its penalties. What purpose does a two-week campus serve? Is a reverse campus penalty for commuters comparable to a campus penalty for residents? How can community service (on the campus and in the community) be included as a penalty without insurance difficulties and without embarrassing the individual? What are your answers to these questions?

Alcohol Awareness Week, November 11-15, promises to be eventful and educational. SGA is promoting alcohol awareness early by leading four hall meetings with the class of 1995. What ideas do you have for Alcohol Awareness Week?

The Student Government Executive Board has several endeavors of its own. One goal is to strengthen the leadership and commitment of the appointed students on the faculty committees. We also plan to improve communication between the student body and SGA. Please read the Herald, utilize the two SGA suggestion boxes in Johnson Hall and in Cate Center. And come talk to us and ask questions without hesitation during our office hours in the Student Leadership Suite in Cate Center. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9-10 a.m. and 1-2 p.m., and Tuesday, Thursday, 1-3 p.m. Feel free to call 829-5501. What do you foresee? Let SGA know.

## Classified Ads

**DISCOVER SQUARE DANCING**  
Single Twirlers Square Dance Club is having open house on Sept. 3 and Sept. 10 at 7:00 p.m. Come alone or bring a friend and learn the basic steps of Square Dancing. For info, call 321-2439.

## Fall Officer Training Workshops

Once again it's time to begin the school year and gear up for upcoming activities in your organization. The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development wants to help you and your officers to start the year off right! The following is a listing of training workshops for you, your advisor, and your other officers:

### President/Advisor Workshops

Tuesday, Sept. 3 4:00-5:00 pm  
OR  
Monday, Sept. 9 6:15-7:15

### Vice-President Workshop

Thursday, Sept. 5 4:00-5:00 pm

### Secretary Workshop

Thursday, Aug. 29 4:00-5:00 pm

### Treasurer Workshop

Tuesday, Aug. 27 4:00-5:00 pm  
OR  
Wednesday, Sept. 4 4:00-5:00 pm

\*All sessions will be held in Kresge Auditorium. Sessions are required for all officers.

\*Treasurers will receive their organization's balance for its budget.

There will be a make-up workshop for any advisor, president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer who cannot attend one of the above scheduled times. The make-up session will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 4:00-5:00 pm in Kresge Auditorium.

Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development. Questions? Call 829-5335.

## Thanks to Student Advisors!

Thank you so much for the wonderful job you did on Orientation Day and throughout Orientation Week! You worked so hard to make our new freshmen feel at home and you did a great job! You're the best and **YOU ARE APPRECIATED!** Thanks again for a job well done!

Anyone interested in working on the HERALD come to the staff meeting on Tuesday night at 7:15 p.m. in the Publications Office (located in Cate Center, down the hall from Le Greenhouse). Hope to see you there!