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Speeches for campus-wide elections will be given Monday

by Jill Barlow

Campus-wide elections are already underway. Two workshops were held on March 11 and March 13. To be eligible to run for office, a rising junior or senior must have at least a 2.25 GPA and a rising sophomore must have at least a 2.0 GPA. This rule also applies to class elections.

Filing ended at noon on Wednesday, March 18. Speeches will be given Monday, March 23 in Belk Dining Hall - **THIS IS A REQUIRED HALL MEETING!** Voting will begin on Tuesday, March 24 at lunch and will continue through dinner. Please make plans to support your fellow classmates by voting and attending the meeting.

Workshops for class elections will be held on Monday, March 30 at 10:00 am and Wednesday, April 1 at 8:00 pm. If you plan to run for a class office, you **MUST** attend one of these meetings. Filing for class elections will end at noon on Friday, April 3. Speeches will be given at your class/hall meetings on Monday, April 6 at 7:15 pm. Voting will be at lunch and dinner on Tuesday, April 7.

Please consult your Meredith handbook for differentiation between campus-wide and class offices and for any question (pp. 137-141), or call Sara Raynor at X7948.

SGA Executive Committee proposes ban of alcoholic containers on campus

by Tracey Rawls

On Thursday, March 12, the SGA Executive Committee passed a proposal stating that alcoholic beverage containers should not be allowed on campus at any time. This includes recycling or keeping alcoholic containers as mementos.

One rationale behind this proposal is that Meredith is an alcohol-free campus. The Student Handbook states, "The College strongly discourages the use of alcoholic beverages by Meredith students" (32). The proposal states, "If this is truly the case, then the SGA Executive Committee believes that there is no need for the use of alcohol off campus to be displayed on our campus." SGA believes that the display of alcoholic beverage containers "sends mixed signals to students, promotes alcohol consumption as an activity to be displayed, and supports underage use of alcohol. . ."

The second rationale is practicality. When alcoholic beverage containers show up in recycling barrels, suspicions about someone breaking the Honor Code arise. Actually, over the past several weeks incidents of alcoholic containers in recycling barrels have prompted hall warnings. These problems led to SGA's proposal.

Currently, students are allowed to display rinsed out, uncorked alcoholic beverage containers in their rooms. According to Dean Dorothy Sizemore, this allowance came up several years ago when the Honor Council was faced with a string of cases involving students keeping alcoholic containers as mementos. It was then decided that mementos would be allowed as long as the con-

tainers were rinsed out. Later, the Honor Council added the containers must also be uncorked.

SGA thinks it would be a conflict of interest to allow alcoholic beverage containers to be kept as mementos but not to allow them to be recycled on campus. The proposal states, "As a matter of principle and practicality, alcoholic beverage containers should not be allowed on Meredith's campus."

The proposal will now be sent to the Senate where it will receive two readings. If the Senate passes the proposal, it will be sent to the Student Life Committee. Then the proposal will be sent to Dr. Sandra Thomas, who will make the final decision. If the proposal is passed, it will take effect beginning in the fall of 1992.

SGA encourages you to talk to your class senator, anyone on the Student Life Committee or anyone on the SGA Executive Council if you have any questions or comments. You can also call Ann Hiott, SGA President, at X7848 with any questions or comments.

SGA Forum touches on participation, publicity, and parking

by Ann Hiott, SGA President

Last night another profitable SGA Forum was held. The purpose of the Forum was to open the lines of communication by hearing what was on the minds of the students and by sharing current information and ideas with the students.

The topics and discussions were very relevant and helpful to this year's Extended SGA and to next year's Extended SGA. Students were concerned about where to put publicity
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Students give opinions on new off-campus housing lottery

by Amity Brown

Meredith students agreed that this year's lottery for off-campus housing is fairer than the old method of selection, but many believe the lottery could be improved.

Sophomore Kim Engel was among the rising juniors who were drawn in the lottery. Engel said, "I was happy that my name was drawn, but I still think it's unfair. People who want to live off-campus should be chosen on a reward basis. If you have good grades and want to live off, you should have first choice."

Brice Jones, a junior who entered the lottery, but was not drawn, agreed with Engel that, "a student's GPA and involvement at Meredith should be taken into consideration."

Jones added, "Since off-campus living is more isolated, there has to be a willingness for the student to continue to participate in on-campus activities."

The off-campus lottery replaced the first come, first serve method used in the past. But the policy that limited off-campus, full-time students, who are not married or living with their families, remained at 18 rising seniors and 12 rising juniors.

Junior Nikki Reidy, who received off-campus permission last spring, stated, "I think the lottery is an improvement from last year because there was not so much chaos. I don't think the lottery is the best way, but it's definitely an improvement."