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## Freshmen kick-off a new year in student government

by Ashley Peay

Red, white, and blue balloons and banners graced the Cate Center and Belk dining hall on Friday as freshman elections once again were underway.

The Election Kick-off began at 9:30 a.m. in the Cate Center and was moved to Belk dining hall at 11:00 am for lunch.

The Elections Board used the kick-off as a time to answer questions from freshmen about the available positions and the overall election process.

Members of the board were able to talk with prospective candidates one-on-one.

Elections Board Chair Rebecca Sweeney said that the freshmen seemed

really excited this year about the different available offices.

Sweeney also stated that their excitement is what will make elections successful in the upcoming weeks.

Not only are freshman positions available, but upper classmen also are encouraged to run for Student Life and Elections Board positions that still need to be filled.

Everyone who plans on running for an office must pick up filing cards from Student Activities or Rebecca Sweeney this week and remember that filing ends on Friday, September 12 at noon.

If there are any questions contact Rebecca Sweeney at X 7830.

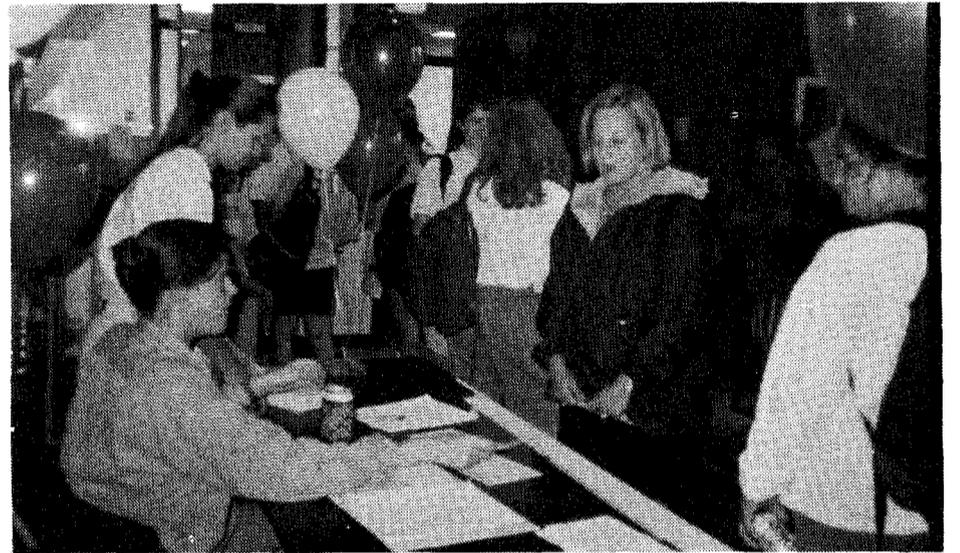


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Elections board member, Ashley Peay, registers freshmen for class offices. Upper classmen are not to forget that positions are still available on the student life and elections boards.

## Meredith's Cam-Card is opening new doors

by Keri VanDoren

This year Meredith is trying something new. It has to do with the piece of plastic students all carry around with them everywhere they go.

The Cam-Card allows students to do many things. Students must use the card in the cafeteria, library, computer lab in Joyner and to enter the dorm after 7 p.m.

But those aren't the only uses for the card. Students have the option of opening a secure spending account.

With this account students can also use the card in the Cate Center student center, Traditions snack bar, the post office and the drink and copying machines.

The Cam-Card can seemingly do it all. Soon there might be even more uses for the card. Right now tests are being done so that students might be able to use cards for the Lance snack machines. Officials are not positive when students will have this convenience. They hope to have the card readers in place in the machine sometime during fall semester.

The Cam-Card officials also hope to put a system in the laundry room. A change machine for the card might be

put in each laundry room. This machine would allow us to get proper change for the washers and dryers.

It would be too difficult to put readers on every washer and dryer on campus. It is unknown when these machines will be in place.

Some students may have experienced difficulty with their cards at the beginning of the year.

The Cam-Card reader is a relatively new system— it was installed over the summer. As with any new system there were a few quirks.

At the beginning of the semester the card readers were re-designed. This should stop the problems with cards. The system was still being tested and debugged when the freshmen moved in.

However, as you probably know, the readers on the doors are not working properly. The problem is being worked out and the system was expected to be up and running by Tuesday night after Labor Day.

Each night the doors will lock at 7 p.m. and unlock again at 7 a.m. This means that during those times students must use their card to enter the dorm.

When creating the Cam-Card system, Cam-Card officials traveled to

other colleges to investigate what kind of system they used.

The system at Meredith is very much like the systems in Mississippi State University. North Carolina State University doesn't have a campus card, just their student ID. Students at UNC Charlotte can only use their ID in their cafeteria. However, they cannot get back any unused portion of their account.

The Cam-Card gives security to students. With the account students have no need to carry cash with them. Their card can be used for money.

The card makes life easier when it comes to everything from buying books to snacks.

If a student loses her card she should immediately go to or call the Cam-Card office and notify them. The old card will be made invalid. Anyone who finds the lost card will not be able to use it.

The student will be issued a new card. At this point there is no charge for the new card. All of her money will

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Sunny  
High 82

September 8 -

Partly cloudy  
High 84

September 9 -

Sunny  
High 83