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Freshman class candidates take a plunge into politics

by Ashley Peay

Many voices were heard in support of the freshman class candidates on Monday night at the freshman election speeches.

The speeches took place in the Chapel after the freshman hall meetings, and the group was a large and enthusiastic one.

Kristy Applehans, senior elections board representative, said she thinks there are a lot of enthusiastic candidates running this year, and she is excited about the class as a whole. She also thought that there was a great turn-out for the speeches.

The three candidates for freshman class president began the speeches as Stephanie Conger offered herself 100% and displayed her respect for opinions as well as personalities. She also stated that she is willing to listen.

Amanda Ledford emphasized her pride in Meredith College and talked about laying a foundation for the freshman class. She used the orientation theme of "A League of Our Own" and

she stated that the bases are loaded, and she wants to make a the class of '98's freshman year a grand slam.

Amy Palazzo, the final candidate

represent the class of '98, and her slogan was "Amy-it's that simple."

The candidates running for vice president are Dana Helfert, Emily Nec-

torian and Amy Newsome is running unopposed for honor council. Emily Fulgham is also running unopposed for senate. Rebecca Huffsteter, Donna Murray, and Sheridan Whitty are the candidates for class marshal, and the student life candidates are Meredith Lovelace, Amy Everett, and Ginny Thigpen.

Positions are still open for elections board and applications will be available after the election process is complete.

Campus-wide positions are also being filled for student life. The five candidates running for the junior class positions are Dede Canedo, Rebekah McRoy, Kimberly Zucker, Kyle Hoffman, and Heather Graves. Senior class representatives are Jan Everhart and Betsy Tribble.

Amanda Ledford, candidate for freshman class president stated, "Even if I don't win, I'm really excited about getting our four years together as the class of '98 off to a great start."

Freshman Class Elections 1994

President: Amanda Ledford

Secretary: Emi Tarleton

Historian: Jennifer Ferrell

Honor Council Rep.: Amy Newsome

Student Life Reps.: Amy Everett, Meredith Lovelace, Ginny Thigpen

Class Marshal: Rebecca Huffsteter (run-off: Donna Murray, Sheridan Whitty)

Class Senator: Emily Fulghum

Vice-President: (run-off) Dana Helfert, Emily Necessary

Treasurer: (run-off) Jennifer Gillis, Ellen Havens

for president spelled out her name by using adjectives or phases to describe each letter. "A" stood for active, and "M" stood for her motivation. "Y" answered the question of "Why" she is running for the office. Her reason is to

essary, and Kristin Young. Secretary candidates are Lindsay Bean, Carol Swink, and Emi Tarleton. Running for treasurer are Jennifer Gillis, Ellen Havens, and Tansey Kidd. Jennifer Ferrell and Leigh Sitzman are running for his-

TRANSITIONS help ease the freshman burden

by Marsha Tutor

Each Monday at 10 a.m. the freshman of Meredith College file into Jones Chapel prepared for another TRANSITIONS program. (Teaching Relational Academic and other Necessary Skills Important To Insuring Our New Students' Success.) TRANSITIONS, as described by Kim Littlefield, is "another source of support for freshman."

It is a set of programs that has been designed to help in Meredith students' first year experience.

These programs help students make a successful change to college life and introduce Meredith students to subjects and issues. Though many of these issues may not be new to the students, TRANSITIONS approaches these issues in a manner that will help many students to look at things with a different perspective.

The first TRANSITIONS meeting was August 21 at 3:30 p.m. during freshman orientation. This program

taught the freshman more about Meredith College and the community of Raleigh.

Dr. Jean Jackson, vice president for Student Development, addressed the freshman on her experiences as a student at Meredith and a faculty member. The freshman were then introduced to the history and traditions of Meredith.

On Monday, September 12 the TRANSITIONS seminar "On Your Honor" was held. During this session the members of the honor council discussed the honor code, the rules behind it, and how these rules are to be enforced.

The honor council's Solicitor General Lori Miller, Chairperson Kristen Tyvoll, Support Counselor Christina Steward, and Bonnie Williams of the review board, presented their roles on the honor council and how they work for us.

After this presentation a mock trial

was held. It explained and enforced to the students how the honor council works.

TRANSITIONS is a required session for the freshman of Meredith. If a session is missed it must be made up. This is done by going to the freshman center at the allotted times to watch the taped session. One must then write a summary of the session explaining what knowledge was gained from it.

Freshman have many different ideas about TRANSITIONS. Some find the sessions to be very helpful while others do not quite see the purpose of them.

Mary Vitkus, a Meredith freshman, says, "TRANSITIONS is very educational, but nobody seems to respect it."

Barbara Laubach, also a freshman, states, "I think they help us adjust because college can be overwhelming especially for us freshman."

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