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## New trustee chairman takes the helm

By Betsy Stewart

A man who enjoys paddling his canoe in the creek behind his New Bern home, Norman Kellum is now at the helm of a much larger ship—the Meredith College Board of Trustees.

Although his term began on January 1 of this year, Kellum got involved in campus affairs right after he was elected in September. He has met with the SGA Executive Board, the faculty department heads and he attended the administrative staff's Christmas party. Whenever he is on campus, Kellum eats lunch in Belk Dining Hall and invites any faculty member to join him. He is friendly, approachable and interested in what people—faculty, students and staff—have to say about Meredith.

Kellum is an attorney and a New Bern native. After earning his bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University in 1959, Kellum served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky. His military service complete, Kellum returned to Wake Forest and earned his juris doctor degree. He clerked for Chief Justice Denny of the

North Carolina Supreme Court before entering private practice. Until recently he was a partner in a general practice firm; he now specializes in litigating automobile negligence suits and says he especially enjoys trial work.

Kellum, who says he is 58 but looks 10 years younger, brings an energy and enthusiasm to his job that is contagious. He has lofty goals for Meredith, and he thinks they are attainable. "Fifty years from now," he said, "I see Meredith as the pre-eminent women's university in the U.S." That's not just a dream, Kellum said, it is a prospect that is "highly likely."

During those weeks the board is not meeting, Kellum spends approximately four hours on Meredith business. He stays in touch with President Weems, and they speak on the phone at least once a week. He does not now receive copies of *The Meredith Herald*, but agreed that to do so would be a good idea. He is interested in what students have to say. "I want to meet as many students as I can," he said, "and I want them to feel free to come up and talk to me."

Kellum is very familiar with the challenges of being a college student in the '90's. His daughter, Beth, is a member of the Meredith class of '92, and his daughter, Kathryn, is a senior at Wake Forest. Beth now works in the securities division of the office of the North Carolina Secretary of State.

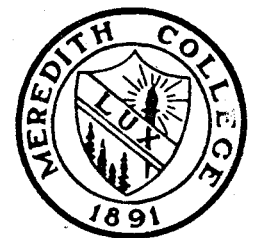
According to Kellum, one of the best things Beth did while she was a Meredith student was take an internship at a women's shelter. He said "that (an internship) is one of the most valuable things you can have on your resume. It should be required of all students, no matter what their major." Kellum believes internships help a student polish her communications skills, both verbal and written. He thinks students should pursue internship experiences "every summer."

The number one item on Kellum's agenda for his term as chairman is an assessment of the current curriculum. He has asked the board to approve the

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Kellum: New Board of Trustees Chairman.



## Time to kick-off elections at Meredith

By Kimberly Zucker

The election kick-off is about to begin. The Student Government Association will kick off elections in the cafeteria on Thursday, February 8. SGA and class officers will be in the cafeteria to answer any questions about the different offices. Students interested in running this year are encouraged to go.

Running for office is a big decision and several things must be considered. First, rising sophomores must have at least a 2.0 GPA, and rising juniors and seniors must have at least a 2.25 G.P.A.

Anyone interested in running must also attend an election workshop. Workshops will be held in 101 Ledford from 7-8 p.m. on February 12 and 13. These workshops will be helpful in

detailing the responsibilities of each job, and explaining how to make the election videos.

Campus-wide speeches will take place at 10 a.m. in the Chapel on Monday, February 19. These speeches will be aired again on MCTV on Tuesday, February 20.

Elections will take place on Wednesday, February 21 during lunch and dinner. Students will be able to vote in the Cate Center or the Dining Hall.

SGA has considered a few changes in the schedule, so keep an eye out for any new scheduling.

Get involved in the elections kick-off! Whether running for an office or voting, be sure to play an active role in choosing the new leaders for the 1996-97 school year.

As the spring semester schedule at Meredith College begins to fill up, SGA is providing the following list of student representatives should you need to ask questions or express concerns. Elections are almost here, so don't hesitate to contact any representatives for more information.

SGA Executive Committee:  
President  
Vice President/Senate Chair  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Reporter/Member-at-Large  
Honor Council Chair  
Student Life Chair  
Elections Board Chair  
Residence Hall Board Chair  
AMC President  
WINGS President  
Adviser

June Holland  
Erica Balmer  
TBA  
Melissa Ray  
Mandy McCullen  
Kristen Tyvoll  
Amy Jo Harper  
Ashley Peay  
Carmen Privette  
Rooney King  
Sharolyn McManamy  
Cheryl Jenkins

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