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## 1997 elections reflect student interests and concerns



Student Government Association president candidate Kelly Conkling speaks of her campus concerns to students at "Meet the Candidates Night" Thursday. Conkling and opponent, Aubrey Henderson, both campaigned hard for the position.

By Robin Hollingsworth

Meredith College elections, both campus wide and class oriented, received a kickoff Thursday evening as the Elections Board sponsored "Meet the Candidates Night."

The event was held in Belk Dining Hall from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. The time and location were chosen to provide Meredith students with an opportunity to meet candidates, hear speeches, gain information from the Elections Board and talk to the candidate of their choice in a comfortable atmosphere. The traditional hours allowed students to participate on a floating basis.

Melissa Ray, Elections Board chair, coordinated the elections rally. She encouraged all students to recommend any suggestions to make the event more accessible to both campus and commuter students.

The cheerful red, white and blue balloons, stars, stripes and flags promoted a patriotic enthusiasm as candidates encouraged those in attendance to become active in campus organizations and, above all else, to vote in the coming week.

The positive campaign promotions pointed to past successes as students were credited with great achievements within the past year. The working relations between students and organizations were also applauded.

Candidates routinely cited their past experience and expressed appreciation for support from classmates. Integrity and creative personalities were highlighted as valuable traits in possible candidates.

The innovative campaign schemes seen in posters, slogans, flyers, and various advertisements of the past week carried through into the speeches of the evening.

Those in attendance were rewarded with an informative and entertaining night. Door prizes were an additional bonus.

Unfortunately, once again, many candidates ran unopposed and various positions remain open. However, campus interest and excitement were alive, as the night's attendance and cheers indicated.

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### After ten years, Writing Center improves options

By Emily Fulghum

Question: What do you get when you combine reading, writing and arithmetics here at Meredith? Answer: an exciting new endeavor in collaborative learning from the same people who brought you the Writing Center in 1987.

The Learning Resource Center comes from the merger of the composition and grammar tutorial services of the Writing Center with a new tutorial program of the same sort from the math department.

Nan Miller, head of the Writing Center, said, "This is one of the biggest things that could happen for us." She emphasized the expanded range of knowledge and services that will be provided to students at any level.

The new math program offers a wide spectrum of services with tutors available in MAT  
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## Call boxes are here to help all students

By Lauren Rattican

They are here to help. They are topped with blue lights. They are everywhere. What are they? They are call boxes. Equipped with blue lights on top, call boxes are spread all around Meredith. According to security officer Timmy Morris, call boxes are for students who need assistance in case of an emergency. To seek help, all one has to do is press the button on the call box, and every security officer on campus will be notified exactly where assistance is needed. Morris also stressed that to say anything through the call box, one must keep the button held down while speaking.

Morris explained that call boxes can be used for, "any practical use" students need. "Although the main reason for the boxes is for emergencies, people can save a few steps if they have a flat tire or needs car assistance," Morris said.

Junior Lianne Jolly believes that even though Meredith is a small campus, it is still a good idea to have the call boxes. "They are worth it," she said. "If someone were coming

after me, all I would have to do to get help is go to a call box."

There are 10 call boxes on the Meredith campus. The boxes are spread out in various places such as the parking lots, on the Meredith mile, and near the infirmary.

Call boxes have been located on Meredith's campus for approximately seven or eight years. Morris said the boxes are used "on the average three or four times a month." He explained that the boxes have not been used for any major emergencies, that they are mostly used for "flat tires and dead batteries."

The call boxes are to help protect the people of the Meredith community, yet some students, especially freshmen, are unaware about their purpose and functions.

Freshman Traci Tucker commented, "If I was ever in an emergency situation, I would not know how to operate a call box."

Unlike Tucker, who has seen the boxes around campus, freshman Krista Rivenbark said, "I've never noticed them."

Morris said there has not been any sort of group session to inform students how to use the



call boxes, but all an inquiring student would have to do is, call the security office. "We would be glad to show anybody at any time how to use them," Morris said. "I know students get mad at us because we give them parking tickets and boot cars, but we are here to help protect the people and property."

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