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## "There's no place like Meredith" for 2001

□ The Class of 2001 got a sneak peak "over the rainbow" at Orientation '97.

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Layout Editor

Orientation '97 "followed the yellow brick road" with the class of 2001 as the incoming freshman entered through the front drive on Saturday, August 17. Carloads of pillows, comforters, notebooks, stereos, TVs and more passed underneath the balloon rainbow which was said to be seen from the Belldine as well as further up Hillsborough St. towards State's campus.

The Class of 2001, their parents and siblings soon realized there is "No Place Like Meredith." After hours of climbing stairs, rolling out carpet, and putting up posters it was time for some of the many information sessions Meredith offers to all who walk through her doors.

The students got a chance to meet with their student and faculty advisers who they had been introduced to over the summer through various letters. Meanwhile Dr. Jean Jackson greeted and welcomed the parents in Jones

Auditorium. After several other parent sessions of choice and another briefing or two with advisers, all guests were invited to the "Over the Rainbow" Barbecue in Belk Dining Hall.

Cheryl Jenkins, Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development, commented that orientation "was a lot of fun."

"The theme was easy to work with,

but we couldn't have done it without the help of the many students like the Resident Assistants, Student Advis-

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Orientation Crew member Nicole Beckwith hands out campus maps, parking directions, and a souvenir cup to members of the Class of 2001 who drove under the balloon rainbow at the front drive on move-in day.

Photo by Kim Highland

## Annual activities fair brings big drawing

□ Students choose to "Wiz into Action" with their favorite interest groups.

Emily Fulghum  
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, August 20, the annual Student Activities and Services Fair was held in Belk Dining Hall. The

west wing of Belk, which is typically known among upperclassmen as the "Freshman" side, was packed with stations representing the diverse range of extracurricular activities available to the class of 2001.

The yearly event is sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and is primarily offered to help freshmen be-

come involved in the wide variety of Meredith's academic clubs and student-run organizations. This year, about 70 of those were represented.

However, Shelley Hoover, of the Office of Student Activities said that the fair was a little different this year. Hoover said that in years past, the fair was held during freshman orientation,

but that this year Student Activities wanted to include returning students as well and, therefore held the fair on the first day of classes. With a little more time to recover from a hectic orientation schedule, the student planning committee, headed by Melissa Ray, was able to advertise widely and plan entertainment.

Also, in an effort to raise awareness about the various services provided by the college, there were representatives from Gateway (as an extension of Technology Services), the Health Center, the Career Center, the Learning Center and Security present this year.

But the fair still seemed to have the largest turnout from and impact on those new to Meredith. Freshmen Dana Spence and Emily Phillips both attended the fair and had similar feelings regarding the size and accessibility of Meredith.

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All students were able to attend the Activities Fair. Freshmen got a chance to see the numerous extra-curricular possibilities available at Meredith.

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