

# Student Government

## Attention all new officers!

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It's here! 1997 Officer Training Workshops for all Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Chairs/Co-chairs of Committees.

Choose one of the following sessions to attend.

**NOTE:** You need to attend a General Session and an Officer Group Session.

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| <b>Wednesday, September 3</b>             | <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b> |
| 5:30-6:30 PM - General Session            | Oak Room              |
| 6:30-7:30 PM - Officer Groups             |                       |
| President/Vice President/Chairs/Co-chairs | Oak Room              |
| Treasurer                                 | Azalea Room           |
| Secretary                                 | Wyatt Room            |
| <b>Wednesday, September 10</b>            | <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b> |
| 5:30-6:30 PM General Session              | Oak Room              |
| 6:30-7:30 PM Officer Groups               |                       |
| President/Vice President/Chairs/Co-chairs | Oak Room              |
| Treasurer                                 | Azalea Room           |
| Secretary                                 | Wyatt Room            |
| <b>Thursday, September 11</b>             | <b>3:30 - 5:30 PM</b> |
| 3:30-4:30 PM General Session              | Oak Room              |
| 4:30-5:30 PM Officer Groups               |                       |
| President/Vice President/Chairs/Co-chairs | Oak Room              |
| Treasurer                                 | Azalea Room           |
| Secretary                                 | Wyatt Room            |

### WORKSHOPS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL OFFICERS.

Each workshop will begin with a general session (50 minutes) for all officers. Afterwards, we will break into separate officer groups (50 minutes) for each of the officers listed above. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS will be provided between the General Session and Officer Workshops. Come find out all the new information you need to know to help your organization have a GREAT year! If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development at 8338.

## Information Desk!

### Your #1 Resource for answers to your questions!

\* The following list includes a few of the resources you can find at the Information Desk:

- Daily listing of campus activities
- Posting of current and upcoming week's events
- Information Desk general announcement notebook
- Occasional child care information notebook (babysitting job opportunities for students).

\* Come by and visit us on 1st Floor Cate Center or call us at 835-6105 (x6105 on campus)!

\* We will answer your questions. If we don't know the answer, we'll find someone who does!

## SGA Corner

### Position Available:

Freshman Member at Large

Applications due: Aug. 29

\* Pick up applications at Student Activities on 2nd Cate.

Questions?? Call Kelly at x7925

### How to Run for Office

Do you like to meet new people? Would you like to get involved? Do you want to make a difference? Would you like to voice your opinions and concerns about Meredith? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should run for a campuswide or class office in the 1997 Freshman Elections! Below are some tips for running in a Meredith election.

#### CHOOSE AN OFFICE

- .. Check out the offices on pages 120-122 of your 1997-1998 Student Handbook and Activities Calendar. There are 22 offices for which you can run!
- .. Find an Elections Board Notebook and look at the job descriptions listed for each office. The notebooks are in the first floor parlors of every residence hall, in the Office of Student Activities, and at the Information Desk in Cate Center. Pay close attention to the skills needed and the time required for each position.
- .. Talk to the woman who currently holds the position in which you are interested. Don't hesitate to ask her questions about the responsibilities that come with that office!

#### FILE FOR OFFICE

- Pick up two filing cards from the Office of Student Activities during the week of September 2.
- Fill out the cards. Be creative! Make your cards stand out. They will be placed on display in Cate Center and Bello Dining Hall throughout the elections period.
- Turn your filing cards into the Office of Student Activities by 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 5.

#### ATTEND ONE WORKSHOP

- Go to one election's workshop in 101 Ledford: 8:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 3
- Pick up the packet outlining campaign procedures.
- Ask the Elections Board any questions you have about the elections process.

#### PLAN YOUR CAMPAIGN

- Organize your campaign. Ask someone reliable to be your campaign manager. The more organized you are, the better your chance for winning.
- Be creative! Give your campaign a theme. Candidates in the past have used the following themes: "Oh the Places We'll Go" and "Unifying Mind, Body and Spirit."
- Follow the campaign guidelines you received at the workshop.
- Choose what kinds of campaign materials you want to use, i.e., posters, flyers.
- Have all specialty campaigning, i.e., sidewalk chalk, banners approved by the Elections Board Chair and the Elections Board Adviser by Friday, February 7.
- Make your publicity neat and noticeable.
- Distribute your publicity around campus.

#### CAMPAIGN

- Have fun! Campaigning begins 8:00 a.m. September 8 and lasts until polling begins.
- Talk to students about campus issues. Past candidates have gone door-to-door or sat with students at dinner. Once you are elected, their concerns become your agenda!
- Attend Candidate Speeches on Monday, September 8 at 10:00 am in Jones Chapel. This event is a great opportunity for you to meet the other candidates and the voters!

#### VOTE

- Don't forget to cast your vote! The polling site will be on first floor Cate Center Monday, September 15 and Tuesday, September 16. Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Encourage your friends to vote. To win, you need 50% plus one vote.
- Once the votes are tabulated, you will be notified by phone of the elections results.
- If needed, Elections Board will hold a run-off election Thursday, September 18.

ELECTIONS BOARD ENCOURAGES YOU TO RUN FOR OFFICE!! WE NEED RESPONSIBLE, DEDICATED, AND ENTHUSIASTIC WOMEN TO BE CAMPUS LEADERS...NOW IS YOUR TIME TO SHINE!! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL MELISSA RAY x2858.