

# Cast your ballot - elections are here

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Yes, it's that time again—spring elections! The elections are to determine next year's elected positions. The positions up for elections include campus-wide positions like SGA and MEA presidents and class positions like class presidents and treasurers.

Last week, which was the elections filing period, three elections workshops were held. Each candidate was required to attend one workshop in order to be eligible to run. Elections Board representatives said that all candidates complied with this rule.

This week, candidates are submitting specialty campaigning

materials to the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development for approval. Specialty campaigning includes balloons, banners in the breezeways, and mailbox fliers.

Although campaigning has not yet begun, students can still get a view of candidates on the boards in both the dining hall and downstairs Cate Center, where filing cards for all candidates are posted. These cards include a space for the candidates to list their qualifications and space for a picture so that students can learn about the candidates before speeches.

Campaigning will begin on Monday, February 9, at 8:00 am. Speeches will take place that night at Meet the Candidates

Night at 4:30 pm in the dining hall on the Faircloth side. Candidates will take this opportunity to give their speeches and interact with the students. Students will have the opportunity to get to know the candidates and their positions.

Candace Whitehurst, Elections Board Secretary, said, "We were pleased with the response to last year's Meet the Candidates Night, and so decided to plan another one for this year."

On Monday, February 16 and Tuesday, February 17, from 9 am to 7 pm both days, students will vote both for the campus-wide positions and for the positions for their class. Each will receive two ballots—one for campus-

wide and one for her class. Voting will take place on the first floor of the Cate Center. It is important for all students to vote and support their class and their school. Even seniors can vote in the campus-wide elections.

Each candidate must receive fifty-one percent of the vote to win. If they do not, a run-off elections must be held. The date for run-off elections will be Thursday, February 19 from 9 am to 7 pm.

Melissa Ray, Elections Board Chair, said, "We are very excited about this year's elections. We've had a lot of interest and excitement. We're looking forward to having a successful election."

## Campus Wide Elections!

**Feb. 2 - Feb. 6:**  
Candidates must submit campaign materials for approval.

**Feb. 9:**  
Campaigning begins.

**Feb 16 & 17: Polling**  
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Cate Center.

**Feb. 19: Run-off elections**  
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Cate Center

# Weems Gallery hosts Long exhibit

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There have been many art lovers across Meredith campus these past few weeks. Besides the Rachel Nicholson exhibit in Johnson Hall is the Noyes Capeheart Long art exhibit with its grand opening on January 25 in the Frankie G. Weems Art Gallery.

Maureen Banker, gallery director at the Gaddy-Hamrick Art Center, said that "the gallery was full from before the opening

time until 5 p.m."

Noyes Capeheart Long was at the opening, along with his family and friends from all across the state. Long has been painting for over forty years, and this exhibition is what Banker calls "a celebration of his retirement after 27 years of teaching at Appalachian State University."

Long brought in his paintings one week before the gallery opening, and then freshman Susan Phipps, gallery assistant, Clelia Evans, gallery intern, and

Maureen Banker worked to set up the exhibit.

Long's paintings are mixed media, which can include watercolor, ink, acrylics, and even collage. Some of the pieces in the gallery also include printing and drawing. The pieces range in price from \$700 to \$3,500 dollars, and more than a few of them have the red dot that means they have already

been purchased by gallery viewers, but will remain on view until the end of the gallery.

The paintings include titles such as "Hawthorne's House," "Woman with Pearls," and "Suzanne's Surprise."

Banker suggests, "Note the excerpts from his personal diary that he has written on many the paintings. This is a human being who acknowledges and celebrates his individuality."

These "excerpts" are personal notes written in the bottom corner on many of the paintings from what Long calls "The Private Diary of Noyes Capeheart Long."

One example is on "Suzanne's Surprise," reading, "When I first came upon the abandoned house in the gothic silence of that winter day, I felt an overwhelming sense of apprehension, and I wept. September 1997." Many pieces center on the themes of houses, the sea, and winter.

Banker gave a personal comment on her feelings about the exhibit. "This is a very inspiring exhibition for our art majors in that Noyes Capeheart Long has found inspiration for his art from his life experiences," she said.

"Since he is unique (as is each of our art students), if he pulls his images from his personal encounters with things, people, and ideas, his art will be unique."

The Noyes Capeheart Long exhibit will remain open for viewing until March 22, 1998.

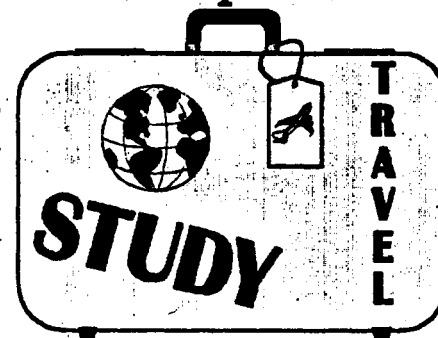


Noyes Capeheart Long's exhibit will run through March 22, 1998. This painting, "Woman with Pearls," is one of the many pieces on show.

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Study Abroad Scholarships are awarded to students based on their academic excellence and service to Meredith.



Applications available in the Vick Study Abroad Suite, 124 Joyner  
Application deadline: Friday, February 27, 1998

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library will be a combination computer lab and classroom.

Presently, there is no established date for the completion of the renovations.

The plans will be set into action at the end of the spring semester, when a library moving company will move staff, offices, circulation, reserves, some reference materials, and a reading collection for summer school students to 1st Stringfield.

The remaining books and stacks will be moved to the center of each of the floors, and construction will take place around them. Construction will continue through the summer.

Finally, the materials will be moved out of Stringfield when classes start in the fall semester.

The renovations have been in the planning process for about a year and a half.

"We are really excited about the possibility of improved services that we will be able to offer," said Janet Freeman.

## Meredith College Inclement Weather Policy

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