

MCA welcomes students to a new year

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Staff Reporter

Are you in search of a place where you can come together with friends to worship and serve God? According to junior Emily Korman, "Meredith Christian Association provides memories, Christian fellowship, and an awesome time!"

MCA provides a variety of ways for all students to get involved. As Vice President Melissa Rouse explained, "We meet for Worship on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Chapel and Tuesday nights, Crosspoint meets in the Chapel

Commons Room at 7 p.m."

Crosspoint is a time of games, songs, prayer, and Bible study. First-year Kathryn Stephenson feels that it's a great way to meet new friends from not only Meredith, but also Peace and NC State! MCA's goal is simple yet sincere: to be there for those who need a place to come and fellowship with believers and to strengthen one's relationship with God.

President Rachel Bennett is anticipating an exciting year. "Plans are already underway for the fall retreat which is being held at Ridgecrest," she said.

Upperclass-members encourage all to attend, stating that it is a great way to meet people from all over North Carolina and learn more about God while having fun. MCA also sponsors Outreach programs to those in the community and a Focus team that works with area churches and youth groups. They will also be starting prayer and study groups for those looking for an in-depth Bible study and those in need of prayer. Additional plans for the year include a picnic and concert in the courtyard during MCA week, which is September 8-11.

Various committees for student involvement include programming, communications, fellowship, Focus team, Outreach, prayer/study groups, and worship, which are always in need of assistance. If you are interested in becoming involved with these committees, or you would like additional information about MCA, Crosspoint, or any of the other activities mentioned, you are encouraged to contact Reverend Sam Carothers, the campus minister, Rachel Bennett, or Melissa Rouse.

Commuters welcomed at first gathering

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In the first commuter gathering since orientation, the Association of Meredith Commuters gave the campus' non-residents an opportunity to voice their concerns and relieve some stress.

There, on Friday, Aug. 28, when asked what their best class is, first-years spoke very highly of First Year Experience; however, they also joked about how difficult religion is. They claimed that the hardest part of commuting is just waking up, and most

commuters don't find it too difficult to balance family and academics.

Director of Commuter Services Stephanie Harris offered some tips to first-year commuters, including remembering to check mail pockets and always carrying the student. She also announced that AMC is anticipating the production of a monthly publication with news, dates, and other information for commuters.

Dates for upcoming commuter events include the first Good Morning Commuters, sponsored

by Campus Police, which will be held Wednesday, Sept. 2 from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Also, commuters will have an opportunity to bring a lunch and talk with other commuters at Chat and Chow on Monday, Sept. 14. Commuters were encouraged to participate in the Share Ride program in which they list their need as well as their availability for carpooling.

Big Sis/Lil' Sis, Freshman Frolic, and convocation are all issues that were brought up at the meeting as commuters were encouraged to get involved.

New officers for 1998-1999

commuters were also elected at the meeting:

President: Natalie Coleman
Vice President: Veronica Wilson

Social Chair: Amy Erbeznic

Public Relations: Amanda Aisham

The meeting was an important way for commuters to touch base with each other. "Since it was the first meeting since orientation, it gave the commuters a chance to catch up and see how everything is going," said Harris.

How did Meredith prepare for Bonnie?

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Although Hurricane Bonnie did not wreck Raleigh like Fran did two years ago, the College prepared for the worst, even cancelling evening classes and shutting down the campus network system Wednesday.

Allen Page, dean of undergraduate studies made the decision to cancel classes after 3 p.m. last Wednesday. Chuck Taylor, executive vice president, said, "Over the years, the college's attitude toward cancelling classes has altered because of the large number of commuters." High winds and rain would make driving for commuters hazardous, he said. "We want to assure students' safety.

When asked if Wake County's School closings or NC State's evening class cancellations affected Meredith's cancellations,

Page said. "Our decision is made independently of other schools." Different school systems have different cancellation problems to consider, he said. Usually Page would collaborate with Mary Johnson, dean of graduate studies, on whether to cancel classes but she could not be contacted Wednesday afternoon when the decision had to be made.

After the decision to cancel classes is made, the Office of Marketing and Communications is responsible for getting the word out to commuters and the community. First, the Office changes the inclement weather phone message (x2384). "We encourage students to call this number to find out about cancellations," said Jeannie Morelock, director of Marketing and Communications.

The office then contacts tv

channel WRAL and radio stations, 101.5 FM and WPTF AM. In order to prevent unauthorized class cancellation messages, schools use a "snow code" so the stations will know the cancellation is legitimate.

Also, Technology Services made the decision to turn off the campus network in preparation for the storm. Angela Gouge of Technology Services said past experience with a campus-wide power outage had taught them to prepare and "be safe rather than sorry." There is a battery back-up but that lasts only a limited time. If there is a power outage, there is also a risk that things on the network could get lost.

Shannon MacFarlane, SGA president and student representative on the Campus Emergency Incident Management committee, said the college handled the Bonnie situation very well.

"Posters about hurricane procedures went up in the residence halls a day or two before the bad weather even got here," she said. MacFarlane also thought the College was wise to cancel classes early enough to make sure commuters had plenty of time to get home.

The residence life staff also prepared for the worst. Residence directors rehearsed emergency procedures with RAs. They also posted severe weather information from the residence life handbook around campus. Paula O'Briant, director of Residence Life, stayed on campus until 9:45 Thursday night. She visited the residence halls and talked to students. "I had a great time actually," she said. "The students felt prepared."

Campus Briefs

New scholarships established

FROM THE OFFICE OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Faye Formy-Duval '61 of Lumberton and Kelly Formy-Duval '95 of Raleigh established the scholarship to perpetuate their love, friendship and support of Meredith College and to provide assistance to students with leadership capabilities. "It is a special event when a mother and daughter, both graduates, decide to repay their alma mater for the educational experiences which they received by establishing a scholarship that will allow others to obtain a similar experience. These two wonderful people have remained active and supportive to our college," said Vice President of Institutional Advancement Murphy Osbourne.

Bill and Dot Loftin Goodwin established this financial need-based scholarship to honor the memory of Dr. and Mrs. O.S. Goodwin, parents of Mr. Goodwin and Sallie Beal Loftin Goodwin, mother of Dot Loftin Goodwin. The scholarship was also established in the names of Dot Loftin Goodwin '47 and her daughters Claire E. Goodwin '73 and Susan Goodwin Thornbrough '76. The scholarship serves to perpetuate the Goodwins' interest in providing love, friendship and support for Meredith College. Osbourne commented, "Very few families have ever offered Meredith College the continuous support and caring as have the Goodwin and Loftin families. Bill and Dot's support has included not only their financial gifts, but also their active leadership and encouragement." Mrs. Goodwin has served on the Meredith Board of Trustees, the Board of Associates, as the Heritage society chair, and as the curator of the Meredith Doll collection.

John T. Kanipe, Jr., Jane Guion Kanipe, and John T. Kanipe III, all of Raleigh, established the scholarship to honor Jane's mother and to perpetuate her interest in providing love, friendship and support for Meredith College. The scholarship is intended to assist talented and deserving art or music majors. Mrs. Kanipe is a graduate of the class of 1965. Osbourne said, "John, Jane, and John III are a very sensitive and caring family who have offered their talents and support to many facets of the Raleigh community. The family has remained active and knowledgeable of Meredith's progress in education and we are always pleased when those who know us best invest in the lives of our students."