

Campus Extras

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How to Run for Office

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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, you should run for a class office in the upcoming elections! Below are some tips for running in a Meredith College election.

Choose an office

*Check out the offices listed in the SGA By-Laws in your Student Handbook and Activities Calendar. There are many 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 each residence hall and in the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development. Pay 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 one filing card from the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development during the filing period.

*Fill out the card. Be creative! Make your card stand out. They will be displayed in the Cate Center throughout the elections period. Turn your filing card in by the deadline.

Attend one workshop

*Go to one of the elections workshops. If you are unable to attend, call the Elections Board Chair to schedule a make-up workshop.

*Pick up the packet outlining campaigning procedures and read it very carefully.

Plan your campaign

*Organize your campaign. Ask someone reliable to be your campaign manager. The more organized you are, the better your chances are 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. Have all specialty campaigning approved by the Elections Board Chair and the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development by the designated deadline.

*Make your campaign materials neat, noticeable, and tasteful. Distribute your publicity in accordance with campaign guidelines.

Campaign

*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. If you are not required to give a speech, go anyway! This event is a great opportunity to meet the other candidates and the voters!

Vote

*Don't forget to cast your vote! The polling site will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. for two consecutive days.

*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 election results.

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather, faculty, staff and students should call 760-2384 for the latest information on class cancellations and office closings.

When possible, the College will also run public announcements on 101.5 FM and WRAL Channel 5, and on the WRAL website at www.wraltv.com/contents/.

Officer Training informs, energizes

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The activities of the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development are already in full swing.

Dena Price, Assistant Director of the office, invites all officers (Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Chairs, and Co-Chairs) to participate in one of the training workshops.

Price explained how the workshops are conducted: Each begins with a general session where the group's leaders discuss the services of Student Activities and Leadership Development. Also, a general manual is distributed in this session. After the opening meeting, the officers are separated into different groups based on the position they hold.

In these groups, topics will be discussed that will help the students fulfill their jobs successfully. Presidents, Vice Presidents, Chairs, and Co-Chairs may choose between two topics for this session: "Thinking Outside the

Box...Creative Programming" and "Student Leader's Tool Kit."

Workshops are required for officers of any organization or club, including the class co-chair positions.

Any student who has attended a workshop for two consecutive years that feels that she does not need to go for a third year, may go by the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development and fill out an "Officer Training No Attendance Form." If a student is not able to make one of the times listed below, they should go to the office to check out a video and receive the manuals.

Wednesday, Sept. 1 & Wednesday, Sept. 8:

5:30-6:30— General Session--Oak Room

6:30-7:30— Officer Groups:
President/Vice President/Chairs/Co-Chairs
Oak Room, Dogwood B

Treasurer--Azalea Room
Secretary--Wyatt Room

Thursday, Sept. 9, the groups will be the same and in the same locations, except that the session will begin at 3:30

p.m. and last until 5:30 p.m.

Students have found that much can be learned from participating in this program. Last fall, Heather Thomson and Meredith Bolton attended the workshops.

Thomson remarked, "We did several icebreakers, learned different ways to be creative, and played with Play-Dough!" Last year, Thomson was social co-chair for the class of 2001.

Bolton, president of the class of 2001, added, "The Officer Training Workshops are a wonderful way for student leaders to sharpen their leadership skills so they are better able to serve their classes and organizations."

According to Price, these workshops have proven to be an asset to the leaders of Meredith year after year. The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development looks forward to an exciting year for all officers and is available at 760-8338 for questions.

CLASSIFIED ADS

MOVING SALE: This-End-Up bunk beds, Brio train set, Pie safe, rattan/ glass kitchen table, framed prints, and other household items. Saturday, Sept. 4 (9 a.m. to noon) at 2708 Townedge Court. Call 783-8759.

LIFEGUARDS and swim instructors needed. Positions available immediately. Flexible hours, fun environment, convenient location. Apply, YWCA, 1012 Oberlin Rd.

MATH TUTOR: Are you a junior or senior who enjoys working with middle and high school students? The Sylvan Learning Center in Cary is looking for a math tutor who is competent in teaching through Algebra II. Math instructors are needed part time in the evenings. Call 858-8103.

TEACHING ASSISTANT NEEDED! Assist students and instructors at the Sylvan Learning

Center in Cary. Part time early evenings on Monday and Wednesday. Call Michele at 858-8103.

ARE YOU enthusiastic, organized and cheerful? **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** needed at the Sylvan Learning Center in Cary. Monday-Thursday 4-8 p.m. Call Jessica at 858-8103.

CHILDCARE: Dependable, loving student to care for two children (2& 1/2 y & 6 yrs) from 2:30-6 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, and/or Thursdays. Transportation and references required. \$7/hour. Please call 676-7433.

PART-TIME help needed for a photography library, near downtown. The position is available for the afternoon for a multi-task person. Office experience and typing skills are helpful, but not necessary. Tasks include filing, creating labels for slides, preparing and shipping packages to clients and

photographers. You must have your own transportation to run errands. We would prefer a non-smoker. Pay will begin at \$6.25 and will increase based upon performance. Please call Katrina Brown at 828-0826 for an interview or if you have any questions.

CHILD CARE in our Cary home for our three children, M-F, 3:00-6:30. Children are ages 13, 12 and 7. Responsible individual with own car to take children to after school activities and oversee homework completion. Please call 468-8388 after 6:00 pm.

MOTHER'S HELPER NEEDED for delightful almost 3-year-old girl. Good salary, beautiful Cary neighborhood with park/walking trails. Offer M-W-F mornings, but some flexibility for schedule. Must have own transportation. 387-0505.

STUDENT CLASSIFIEDS?

IT'S A GREAT WAY TO ADVERTISE YOUR CARPETS, REFRIGERATORS, BEDS, CHAIRS, ETC. FOR JUST \$3.00 YOU CAN PUT TOGETHER A 20-WORD CLASSIFIED AD FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SEE IN THE HERALD. BRING YOUR AD AND YOUR \$3.00 TO THE OFFICE AT 208 CATE CENTER. ALL ADS DUE MONDAY AT 1 P.M.