

# Dean of Students Gleason advises, counsels

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One of the changes that has come with a new school year is Meredith's new Dean of Students, Ann Gleason.

Gleason has been with Meredith since July of 1997 when she became Director of Academic Advising.

Gleason said that this change in position has been challenging but positive.

Gleason grew up in Illinois where she attended Quincy University and graduated with a double major in psychology and sociology.

For her post-graduate studies she attended Auburn University in Alabama. There she received her graduate degrees in education and counseling.

While attending Auburn, Gleason became very interested in the development of college students and began exploring this interest as a possible career. There, she worked as a Resident Director and with orientation and admissions to get

a good idea of how a college helps its students to develop.

In order to gain experience off the college campus, Gleason's next move was to Dallas, Tex., where she did non-profit work as an HIV Counselor and served as head of a senior citizens volunteer program.

However, she once again found herself involved in college life by becoming a Health Professions Adviser at the University of Texas at Austin, and later she became coordinator of the Health Professions Advising Program at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Gleason's husband, Gary, then her fiancée, was working at UNC-Chapel Hill's library, and she began searching for a career opening that would bring them together. Gleason applied for the position as the Director of Academic Advising at Meredith in the spring of 1997 and was hired in that summer.

Gleason served as the Director of Academic Advising until

assuming her new position last May.

Gleason currently lives in Durham with her husband and says she is thrilled about her new position at Meredith.

As Dean of Students, Gleason advises the Honor Council and acts as a support system for all students at Meredith.

She says that her transition between jobs has been really exciting, because, even though she is in a new position, she still gets to work with many of the same people as before.

Gleason not only supports students, but faculty as well. She serves as a support for the offices of Residence Life, Commuter Life and Special Services, and the office of First Year Experience.

Gleason serves as a support for all of these resources and makes sure that when a student needs help there will always be someone to help them.

Her advice to freshmen or anyone who feels overwhelmed by college is to notice

what Meredith has to offer and then to choose what you are most interested in by getting involved.

Gleason said, "There is no better time than now to be at Meredith. We are on the verge of a new millennium, and for

the first time we have a woman President. There are many exciting changes happening at Meredith, and I am happy to be part of them."



Dean of Students Ann Gleason is available for advising for students and faculty.

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## Hurricane Floyd ready to strike NC

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Hurricane Floyd, as of 10 p.m. Tuesday evening, was projected to hit the east coast of Florida Wednesday morning, according to the weather.com.

By Wednesday evening, Floyd is predicted to be in the Savannah area of southeast Georgia.

By Thursday morning, Floyd will probably be hitting the southeast corner of North Carolina and the southern Piedmont around Charlotte.

Around 5 p.m. Tuesday evening, Floyd struck the Bahamas with sustained winds of over 115 mph.

Brandi Orbin, assistant director of communications at Meredith, said that the Incident Management Group met Tuesday afternoon.

Orbin said that the Residence Life staff has battery-operated radios and flashlights should the power fail.

Orbin also said that Belk Dining Hall is prepared to serve food on a small scale if a power failure occurs.

"The college is constantly monitoring the situation," said Orbin.

## Results of Freshmen Elections

**\* President (runoff):**

Olivia Dutka

Taylor Warren

**\* Vice President:**  
Amanda Warren

**\* Secretary (runoff):**  
Holden Burke

Megan Deane

**\* Treasurer**  
Kristen Tripp

**\* Historian**  
Camden Watts

**\*Cornhuskin' co-chairs:**  
Erin Taylor & Lauren Boone

**\*Student Life Representatives (3):**  
Hunter Eddins

Kimberly Kappa

Elizabeth Kelly

**\*Honor Council**

**Representatives (2):**  
Rebecca Rawl

Meredith Tucker

**\*Class Marshals (2):**  
Adrian Lovelace

Becca Smith, Elections Board Chair, said that runoffs will be held Thursday, Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Cate Center. If the school is closed, runoffs will be held the next day that classes meet.