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## Reichard named new vice president

□ Academic Affairs position to be filled in February.

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Though the search began in August 1999, it was not until December 1999 that the missing piece was found: Meredith's new vice president for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Rosalind Reichard, currently the dean of sciences and mathematics at Elon College near Burlington, NC, was named to her new position by Dr. Maureen Hartford, president of Meredith College in mid December. She will join the Meredith community on Feb. 21.

In her capacity as vice president for Academic Affairs, Reichard will be responsible for making sure that both students and faculty are academically fulfilled and challenged.

Notably, Reichard will help in the planning of the new sci-

ence building that is proposed for Meredith.

"We are interested in some of the same themes," Hartford said, "including student research and community service."

Technically, Meredith has been without a vice president of Academic Affairs since Dean Allen Burris retired in 1998.

However, Dean Allen Page has performed many of the duties of that position--until now.

Hartford said of Reichard, "She and I balanced each other," calling Reichard a "strong academic" who likes students and still wants to teach.

Reichard, Hartford said, "will work well with the Senior Management Team."

During the first week in December, the three finalists for the position visited Meredith's campus, speaking with students and faculty and undergoing interviews and meetings.

Dr. Richard Fallis of Belmont College in Nashville, Tenn. and Dr. Suzann Buckley

of Texas Woman's University near Dallas, Tex. were the other two finalists.



Dr. Rosalind Reichard will join the Meredith community in February.

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## Meal exchange plan to take effect

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In response to student requests, a new meal exchange plan will be implemented starting Monday, Jan. 24. As a part of the new plan students will be able to exchange a meal in Belk Dining Hall for selections from a designated menu at the BeeHive during certain lunch and dinner hours.

"This is a way to increase student satisfaction and offer them flexibility as to when, where and what they want to eat," said Thad O'Briant, director of Campus Dining Services.

The plan will allow students to exchange a meal at the BeeHive for lunch from 2-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students may also use an exchange for dinner from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. As a result, light lunch hours in Belk will start ending at 2 p.m. rather than 3 p.m.

However, most students say

they will not be affected by the early closing.

"I don't see any problem with it," said senior Stephanie Bobb. "At least you will be able to get food somewhere."

Many students say that they will especially benefit from the extension of dinner hours that this new program will offer.

"Some of my dance classes are only offered in the evenings so I have been missing dinner hours at the ding hall," said senior Missy Blackburn. "Now the new hours at the BeeHive will let me get a full meal after my night classes."

In addition to designated hours, there is also a set menu to follow for the exchange plan. Students may choose from a Grille Works sandwich, a sandwich or sub from Deli Corner or a solo pizza from Itza Pizza. A student may also pick a side soup or salad and a fountain beverage to accompany her meal. However, no substitutes will be permitted.

While these menu options are more restricted, O'Briant feels that this was the most economical way to work the plan.

"We discussed giving students a dollar amount for each meal, but by having a set menu a whole meal can be provided with no additional cost to the student," said O'Briant.

Most students agree with the menu options.

"It would be nice to be able to get Chick-Fil-A on the plan but it is definitely not worth paying extra on room and board to get it," said junior Natalie Murray.

All seem to agree, even with the designated hours and menu choices, that the plan will be popular. Some wonder if the BeeHive will be able to handle such an increase in customers.

However, O'Briant says that all the preparations have been made.

"The time frames the meal exchange will be offered are

not usually the busiest for the Bee Hive, so I think they will be able to handle any increase that will result from the plan," said O'Briant.

The new plan has been discussed for several years. The recent installation of new computer software and registers has brought the meal plan from a possibility to a reality.

"The new registers will track when and what students eat," said O'Briant.

The registers keep track of a student's meal limits. Students can exchange two meals a day, Monday through Thursday and one on Friday. Students will not be permitted to use a meal at Belk and the Bee Hive for the same meal plan.

Plans for next year are now in the works.

"Next year we will be looking toward a commuter meal plan," said O'Briant. "We are always on the lookout for doing something new or improving."