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Next year's housing sign up changes

□ Office of Residence Life makes rules.

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This year's housing sign-up process is going to operate slightly different than what Meredith sophomores and juniors are accustomed to.

The Residence Life office has decided to alter traditional methods of completing the housing registration process in order to promote class unity.

Director of Residence Life Charlene Gaines said that the decision to change on-campus housing was made on the basis of student reactions and responses to surveys and focus groups.

By using a new housing handbook entitled "A Guide to Community Living," the Residence Life office hopes to promote a better community environment.

The basic idea is that by keeping classes together, floor

by floor, building by building, classes will form stronger bonds and Meredith College will ultimately be a stronger community.

Students voiced their concerns about class unity to Gaines. She said, "Particularly during Cornhuskin", I got a lot of complaints from people."

Gaines said that Dr. Jean Jackson, vice president for student development; Ann Gleason, dean of students and she made the decision to change housing on Monday, Jan. 24, the day before the big snow.

Due to the changes in the housing handbook, it is going to be tougher for members of different classes to room together, yet it can still be done.

Juniors and seniors or sophomores and juniors are allowed to live together, but the dorms in which they can live is going to be limited to specific ones.

Juniors and seniors are permitted to live on first Barefoot if that floor is not already filled

by seniors. Sophomores and juniors are allowed to live together on third Poteat.

When mixed suites or rooms go to sign-up on Mar. 7, the suite or room must sign-up during the scheduled time for the student with the lowest classification. In other words, if a junior and a sophomore decide they want to live together, they must sign up during the sophomore's scheduled time.

Another change the new housing handbook brought about is that it is no longer possible for a big sis and a li'l sis to room together. As of right now, there are no exceptions to this rule.

Gaines said that she is optimistic that the new housing plan will help students in "connecting with people" on campus.

She said that now, people ask her where juniors live, and she cannot tell them for certain.

Even though Gaines is confident of the plan's success, many students have some doubts.

Juniors Katherine Jones and Shelley Whichard were not sure that the plan would, in fact, reinforce class unity.

Said Jones, "I think it will just cause more tension between classes."

Whichard said, "I don't understand why everything is based on Cornhuskin'."

Students should be thinking about who they want to room and/or suite with and on which floor and building they would like to live on next year. Students are encouraged to choose alternate rooms in case the room of their choice is taken before it is their time to sign-up. The sign-up process takes place this year on Mar. 7 from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium.

Students must bring their housing packet, which they received in the mail last week, their ID and a non-refundable \$150 housing deposit or a voucher from financial assistance. If further questions arise, contact the Residence Life office at 760-8633.

Reichard to speak on Founder's Day

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Next Monday, students, faculty and staff will meet for the first time the new vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Rosalind Reichard, who was chosen as the new vice president in December 1999, will be one of the several speakers at the Founder's Day convocation at 10 a.m. in Jones Auditorium.

The convocation, entitled "A Brief Primer to Some of Meredith College's Ways and Traditions," will also involve students, faculty and administrators.

At this convocation, seniors and faculty dress in their academic regalia and process in.

Afterward, convocation-goers will attend a reception in the rotunda of Johnson Hall.

Due to the processions, classes before the convocation

on Monday morning will be slightly different, Dean of Undergraduate Instruction Allen Page announced.

8 a.m. classes will meet until 8:45 a.m. Classes that usually meet from 9 to 9:50 a.m. will instead meet from 8:50 to 9:35 a.m. The convocation will be at 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. classes will resume with a normal schedule.

Founder's Day is held every year near the actual date of its founding in 1891 on Feb. 27. This year, the date falls on a Sunday.

Founder's Day recognizes the college's founder Thomas Meredith with a wreath-laying ceremony on the marker outside of Johnson Hall.

Students should plan to attend the convocation next week to celebrate the seniors and faculty and to remember the founder, Meredith.



Dr. Rosalind Reichard, Meredith's newest administrator, will speak at convocation on Monday.

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