

# Freshmen: On your mark, get set, file for office

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Ever dreamed of becoming a senator, vice-president, or even president? If so, then Sept. 5-8 is the week for you.

That week is the week of freshmen elections filing, a time for all freshmen to step up to the time honored Meredith tradition of becoming involved.

Not interested in a major office of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer or historian? There are several co-chair options for those students who wish to concentrate on more specific activities such as Cornhuskin' or Stunt.

From now until Friday, Sept. 1, elections information will be available for freshmen in the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development, as well as the first floor parlors of freshmen residence halls.

Meredith's Elections Board encourages students to stop by, look through the material and find a position that is right for them.

From there, students need to pick up a filing card from the Office of Student Activities and fill it out anytime from by Sept. 8. The office is located on the second floor of the Cate Center just before you reach the elevator.

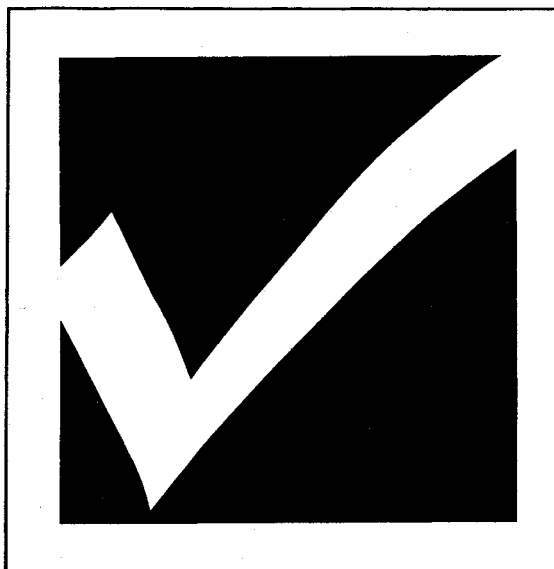
After filing, all candidates must attend one of two elections workshops. The first will be held in Kresge Auditorium, located on first Cate, on Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 8 to 9 p.m. The second will be held on Friday, Sept. 8 from 10 to 10:50 a.m. in 101 Ledford.

After attending a workshop, candidates can begin their campaigning on Monday, Sept. 11 at 8 a.m. All flyers and mailings must be approved by the Office of Student Activities before they are distributed.

Candidates will then give their speeches on Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the

Chapel.

Only the candidates for the five major offices are required to give speeches, but all candidates are welcome to participate, and all freshmen are



encouraged to attend the speeches.

Finally, elections polling will begin on Monday, Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will resume Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 9 a.m., ending at 7 p.m.

Students must have their

CamCard in order to vote and are encouraged to vote at some point during the two day period. If run-off elections are needed, they will be held on Thursday, Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Most campus leaders would agree that getting involved is an important facet of the Meredith environment.

Becoming involved enhances students' personalities in terms of self-confidence, assertiveness and ability to work with people.

Being involved also teaches students valuable skills such as cooperation, organization, and flexibility, and of course students gain the opportunity to meet and work with new people, gain experiences that will last a lifetime and have a part in the life of Meredith.

SGA President Leslie Gilliland said, "It is of the utmost importance for Meredith students to find at least one club or organization to become involved in while they are here.

"Campus involvement is a component of a well rounded education, as it encourages students to take breaks from studying and participate in special activities or meetings of interest.

"In addition to programming and service organizations, Meredith also has clubs within most majors.

"Clearly, there are many wonderful opportunities to become involved-- take advantage of them!" she added

Students are encouraged to do as Gilliland says and "take advantage" of the many opportunities to get involved. There is no greater way to do this than through class elections.

So find a position that suits you, pursue it, and make your mark on Meredith.

**Get involved in the freshman class!**

## Freshmen Elections Coming Soon...

**Elections Information Available:** Aug. 30-Sept. 1

Elections Board notebooks located in first-floor parlors

**Elections Filing:** Sept. 5-Sept. 8 (Tuesday 8 a.m.-Friday 5 p.m.)

Pick up a filing card in the office of Student Activities and Leadership Development (202 Cate Center).

**Elections Workshops:** Wednesday, Sept. 6, 8-9 p.m. (Kresge)

Friday, Sept. 8, 10-10:50 a.m. (101 Ledford)

All candidates must attend one workshop.

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**Campaign Speeches:** Tuesday, Sept. 12, 7-8 p.m. (Chapel)

**Elections Polling:** Monday, Sept. 18, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. (1st Cate)

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. (1st Cate)

**Run-off Elections (if needed):** Thursday, Sept. 21, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. (1st Cate)

**Remember to bring your CamCard!**

### BECOME A SPOTLIGHT CAREER PEER COUNSELOR!

Interested in getting paid to help students while developing your communication, presentation, and teamwork skills?

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- ◆ junior, senior, or grad student
- ◆ GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ◆ Two semester commitment
- ◆ Work 5 hours a week (\$6.00/hr)

#### PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Direct students to appropriate Career resources and personnel
- ◆ Provide resume/cover letter critiques
- ◆ Staff walk-in hours in the Career Center
- ◆ Conduct workshops and presentations
- ◆ Perform outreach activities

#### TO APPLY

Fill out application (available at Career Center main desk). Return with cover letter and resume to the Career Center by Wednesday, September 6