

# Campus Extras

## Brent Road opponents celebrate

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Last week, students had barely unpacked their belongings and bought their books when school leaders sent them letters warning of the Brent Road party, which took place Saturday, Aug. 26.

The letter, which was signed by administration including President Maureen Hartford, staff including Campus Minister Sam Carothers and student leaders including SGA Vice President Hope Parrish, addressed the issue of safety for Meredith students.

Each year, the SGA (Student Government Association) mails the letter to all students advising them to use caution if they choose to attend the Brent Road party.

This year, however, the caution of the letter was a little stronger as laws in Raleigh changed over the summer.

The new ordinance in Raleigh says that landlords are held responsible for their guests' actions. In addition, the Raleigh Police Department warned that any violation, even a misdemeanor, would result in full arrest.

SGA President Leslie Gilliland said, "The letter was different this year because of

the new ordinance. We wanted to give students the facts so that they could make an educated decision."

The party, which traditionally takes place the weekend after school starts, has turned into one of the largest parties on the East Coast.

Held on Brent Road, off of Gorman Street, the party forces Brent Road to close to cars.

This year, the Raleigh Police set up three checkpoints for cars on the way into the vicinity of Brent Road and one checkpoint for pedestrians at the beginning of Brent Road.

By midnight on Saturday, 117 people had been charged with 130 offences. Many of these people had motor vehicle violations including expired registrations.

About 20 people were arrested, and 12 of them were actually on Brent Road. Most of these people were charged with noise or open-container violations. Police had said that they were prepared for up to 700 arrests.

In addition to the problems that a Meredith student could face if arrested at Brent Road, she also faces the Meredith Honor Council.

The Student Activities Handbook reports that "the College reserves the right to make violations of federal, state or local law by its students a matter for consideration and action of Honor Council."

To encourage students to avoid Brent Road, N.C. State sponsored an alcohol-free alternative party called Crossroads. Non-State students paid \$10 and received a concert by Jump Little Children and

Tonic, pizza, drinks and carnival rides. State students paid \$5 for the concert.

While many students were not happy with the restrictions on their fun, opponents of the party on Brent Road had cause to celebrate.

Meredith was not the only college in the area warning students about the dangers of attending Brent Road.

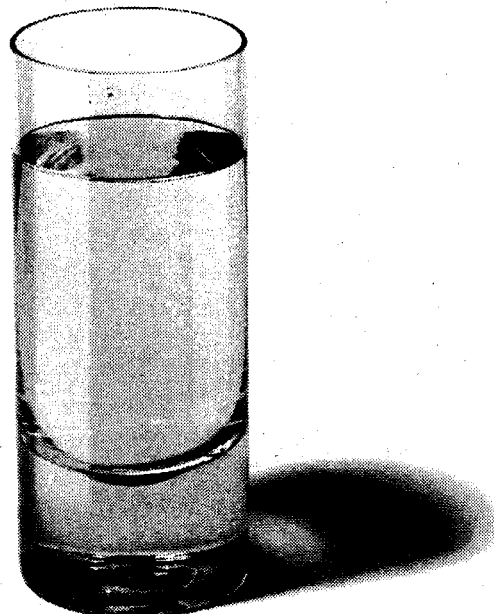
Indeed, N.C. State Chancellor Marye Ann Fox sent letters to the parents of N.C. State students over the summer advising them that the city of Raleigh has no tolerance for those causing problems on Brent Road. N.C. State also sent all undergraduates letters similar to those that Meredith students received.

Gilliland was pleased with the response to the letter because she believes that the warnings of the letter prevented some Meredith students from attending Brent Road on Saturday night.

**"We wanted to give students the facts."**

**--Leslie Gilliland,  
SGA President**

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## Campus Briefs

### Volunteer opportunities increase

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If you are open-minded, creative, energetic and visionary about what the world could be like, the office of Volunteer Services invites you to learn about some of the exciting and challenging community volunteer opportunities within the greater Raleigh community.

To help you find ways to become involved, Volunteer Services is hosting a Volunteer Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the courtyard. Representatives from over 60 community agencies, museums, healthcare facilities and schools will be on hand to share information and recruit volunteers. Mark your calendars now for this special event.

If you can read, your help is needed. If you can commit at least one hour a week, you can help a child who's falling behind. As an America Reads campus, Meredith is partnering with Motherhead, Inc., a national literacy organization for curriculum and training.

Whether you are interested in a long term volunteer commitment or participation in a one-time service event or activity, call Lynne Wheatley, coordinator of Volunteer Services, at 760-8357, or drop by her office in Jones Chapel.

### Strickland named police chief

BILL WADE  
Interim Executive Vice President

Interim Police Chief Frank Strickland has been named chief of Campus Police, replacing Chief Mike Hoke, who resigned last year. A search committee consisting of Bill Wade, Jean Jackson and Ruth Pearce was named early in the summer to select a regular replacement for Hoke.

# VOLUNTEER FAIR

## CATCH THE SPIRIT!

Tuesday, September 12, 2000  
4:30-6:30 p.m.

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