

Meredith students may receive national alcohol, drug survey

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This month, in addition to the usual sweepstakes packet from Ed McMahon, some of you may receive something else in your mailbox.

This year, Meredith College received the opportunity to participate in the 2001 Core Alcohol and Drug Survey, a national survey designed to assess the nature, scope and consequences of alcohol and other drug use on college campuses.

This survey, distributed by the Core Institute at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, is sponsored by the Fund for the Improvement of Post-secondary Education within the U.S. Department of Education through the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1986. This survey will be sent randomly by the Core Institute to students at participating institutions.

Names and address of Meredith College undergraduate students (excluding students who have placed privacy holds on their records) were sent to the Core Institute in late November for inclusion in this random selection process.

Students who receive the survey will have the option of completing it through mail or on the web on a secure, dedicated server.

All information is confidential, and participants' names.

passwords and survey responses are never linked.

Meredith College will receive only composite information about our institution's survey results, but no individual survey responses.

While participation in the survey is voluntary, if you are randomly selected to receive this survey, you are encouraged to complete and submit it.

Students from the participating institutions who complete the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey will be entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 scholarship given by the Core Institute.

The first part of the Core

Alcohol and Drug Survey will include questions covering the following areas: demographics; academics; perceptions of

location of use; consequences of use; and family history of substance abuse problems.

The second part of the survey will cover beliefs about the effects of alcohol; questions on racial harassment and violence; effects of drinking and perceptions of harm associated with using alcohol and other drugs.

If you have questions or concerns about this

survey, please contact Dean of Students Ann Gleason by email at gleasona@meredith.edu or by phone at 760-8521.

campus substance abuse policies and their enforcement; patterns of use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drugs;

The Core Alcohol and Drug Survey is a national survey designed to assess the nature, scope and consequences of alcohol and other drug use on college campuses.

Election time approaches at Meredith

You feel like you've had your share of elections lately, what with the interminable presidential election and the circus surrounding it.

But don't get tired of elections yet, for right around the corner is our very own taste of the election process.

Spring elections, sponsored by the Meredith College Elections Board, are slated to begin in just a few short weeks.

Beginning the week of Monday, Jan. 29, students can pick up filing information including how to run for an office. The elections will not take place until mid-February.

Offices up for grabs in next month's campus-wide election include SGA president, senior class president, junior class president, sophomore class president, MRA president, MEA president, Honor Council chair and Elections Board chair.

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REGISTRATION PERIOD: January 19 - February 1
Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Twenty spaces have been reserved for each classification (rising seniors, juniors, sophomores).

Be the first in your class to register!!

