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Summer school changes possible

□ Last week's surveys currently being tabulated

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As the weather grows warmer, young hearts immediately turn to thoughts of ... summer school? Many Meredith students have done just that as a summer school survey was conducted last week.

The survey was headed by the Summer School Planning Committee, which consists of: Dr. Allen Page, chair; Dr. Lyn Aubrecht, professor of psychology; Sandra Close, director of the 23 plus program; Martha Harrell, director of

campus events; Ann Gleason, dean of students; Sue Todd, registrar; Susan Wessels, professor of business; Debra Horvitz, director of graduate studies; and Lori Duke, professor of business.

Close explained that this is not a standing committee, but one that was brought together in 1999 at the request of Dr. Maureen Hartford, in part to accommodate the growing number of students wanting to attend summer school.

As part of the 1999 proposal, the hours in the BeeHive were extended, as were the hours of the Learning Center and the efforts for summer faculty advisers during the summer.

According to Harrel, "You can't expect students to attend and do well if there is no support from the school."

Page, chair of the commit-

tee, stressed that the remainder of the 1999 proposal to Academic Council was not rejected. "They simply felt that we needed more research and input," said Page.

So the Summer School Planning Committee presently has been called to action at the request of Dr. Rosalind Reichard, vice president for academic affairs.

Page said that the reasons for this "were and are two-fold. There are questions of the educational soundness with [summer school's] current intensity." Also, the scheduling for the current format is an "administrative nightmare."

The current format for summer school consists of three, three-week sessions for day classes. These meet five days per week for 170 minutes at a time. Also available are two,

six-week night sessions, meeting for 200 minute sessions 2 times a week or for 100 minutes per session 4 times a week. It is currently recommended that no student take more than 12 hours in a given summer.

The new proposal consists of two, five-and-a-half week sessions, in which day classes would meet four days per week for 100 minutes. There would still be two, six-week night sessions and the recommended class load would not exceed 14 hours.

Christy Lentz, a senior who has attended summer school at Meredith and other institutions, said, "The three week schedule is intensive, but you get it done in three weeks. I'd rather eat,

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Sophomore tradition brings charm

□ 2003 commemorates half-way point

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At Meredith, a school famous for its traditions, a relatively new one has stolen the hearts of each sophomore or rising sophomore: Charming Evening.

The class of 2003 took a step in its journey through Meredith last Wednesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Charming Evening Dinner. The event was held in the Stringfield side of the dining hall, which was brightly decorated centerpieces, different shades of blue balloons coming out of blue bags.

Each table was covered in angel and star confetti and had places set with tuxedo coupons at each chair as a reminder of the quickly approaching formal.

"That was a good reminder; I'm glad they did that," noticed Christina Meade.

The atmosphere for the night was set by the sounds of songs

familiar to the class of 2003, such as "You've Got a Friend in Me" and "Meet in the Middle," playing in the background. As each student entered, she got her T-shirt and charm.

The lilac shirts were made with this quote on the back: "Make new friends but keep the old; one is silver and the other is gold." The classic silver charm has "MC" written on the front and "2003" on the back.

Sophomore Jessica Sawyer said, "This charm is our first piece of Meredith jewelry and it is very lovely. It is scary to think the next one is the ring!"

The meal consisted of salad, green beans, pasta, potatoes, bread and chicken cordon blue.

Co-chair Katie McNamara presented fellow charm event co-chair Megan Deane with a framed copy of a poem that she'd read earlier in appreciation for Deane's hard work. Deane's original co-chair,

Mary Schulte, is currently studying abroad in France.

Overall McNamara was pleased with the night, noting, "Everybody seemed to love the shirts, charms and food. It really couldn't have gone any better!"

She added, "All of the hard work was worth it. It is exciting to see girls wearing the shirts and being excited about it."

Other students shared rave reviews of the night as well. Abbey Nelson enjoyed "getting together as the class of 2003 and celebrating the past two years."

"It is one of those special events that brings us closer to our friends, and an exciting part is that we have something to symbolize it," pointed out Lena Brooks.

All in attendance might agree with sophomore Amanda Austin's summary of the night. when she said, "It was all about the people. It was a special night that brought us closer together and showed us how much we need and love each other. It wasn't about the charm; it was about the people."



Jill Rosenbaum and Beth Jarvis celebrate getting their 2003 charms last week.

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