

Communication department seeks professor

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The communication department has completely overhauled its catalogue description, and it is about to add a new face to its family.

Three candidates have been chosen as finalists for the new full-time faculty position.

Students were given a special opportunity to give their opinion of the finalists by attending lunch with the candidates and evaluating presentations given by each candidate on the topic of their choice.

On Friday, Mar. 2, Pete Kenny was the first candidate to meet the students. He comes from neighboring N.C. State where he teaches a number of courses in communication. He also teaches Writing for the Media here at Meredith as an adjunct professor.

He received his undergraduate degree from Southeastern College and his master's degree from Regent University in communication art.

He has a good deal of experience in the field of production, having worked on Home Repair and Remodeling, a t.v. show, and a documentary on the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians: Beyond the Trail of Tears.

The second candidate, Liam O'Brien, presented on Monday,

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voted to add hours on Friday nights and Saturdays, and the SGA recommended these changes to Jackson for the 2001-02 academic year.

They have not yet been approved.

Of the proposed extensions of Open House hours, Pritchard said that they "might encourage more people to stay on campus during the weekend."

The senior also lent her support to the extended Open House hours, observing that

Mar. 5. He hails from Los Angeles, Calif. He received his BA in English from Farfield University, his master's degree in dramatic literature from the University of Rhode Island and his MFA in directing from the Goodman School of Drama at the Schools of the Art Institute of Chicago.

He has 14 years of experience in commercial television (documentary and episodic) and theatrical feature film production in Los Angeles and around the world.

The third candidate, Dr. Cliff Jernigan, will be on campus for lunch and a presentation today. He is coming from Claflin University in Orangeburg, SC.

He teaches courses ranging from Basic Video Production to Black Media in America.

His dissertation was entitled Media Education to Enhance Minority Youth Learning in Urban Settings. He has experience in the mass media as a reporter, writer, editor, videographer and producer.

Each candidate has unique qualifications that will bring a new perspective to the department. A departmental search committee will make the final selection of the final candidate. The committee hopes to have a finalist by tomorrow, Thursday.

she initially thought Meredith's visitation policies were strict in comparison to those at State. But she said she now thought the restrictions were "kind of nice" because they let her know exactly when males will be in the dorms. "It's nice because you don't have to worry so much about running around in your pajamas," she said.

Gilliland hopes that Meredith students "see their government working for them" in the referendums and policy changes.

Lot almost complete, assures Facilities Services

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It is the question on the mind of every Meredith student who has had to drive around the B&G lot late at night looking for that elusive space: when will the new parking lot be done? The answer is soon.

Construction has been going on throughout most of the year on the new parking lot behind the dining hall. Also being built is a new building which will house the Facilities Services department. The expected completion date of these projects has been pushed back several times, mostly because of delays caused by bad weather.

However, according to Greg Ahrendsen, Facilities Services manager, the parking lot "will be done within three weeks, weather permitting." At that time, it will be completely paved, marked and ready for use.

This parking lot will have between 190 and 200 spaces and will be open to any student with a B&G permit. It will also include some staff parking.

Ahrendsen said that the

recent increase in underclassmen with cars has caused some parking problems, but the new lot "will be able to handle all of the increase that's needed."

Campus Police Chief Frank Strickland also believes that the lot will alleviate the parking problems. He said, "Campus Police is excited about the opening of the parking lot. It is going to relieve a lot of the congestion in the B&G lot."

He added that the parking lot will be paved and well-lit. The unpaved commuter lot behind the Cate Center will still be used for overflow parking, although they anticipate it will be used much less than it is now. Also, for those students who like to walk to Eckerd or Wellspring, there will also be access to the Wade Avenue gate through the new parking lot.

Many students share the same feelings of excitement about the opening of the new lot. Stringfield resident Elizabeth Wooley said, "The new parking lot will be a great benefit for everyone. It will allow freshmen a closer walk and free up spaces in the B&G lot

for everyone else."

Ahrendsen said that workers are also constructing a road which will run from the back of the new parking lot to the back of the gym. He said that "the goal is for that to become [part of] the main campus loop." This road will hopefully be completed sometime in May.

As for the new Facilities Services building, Ahrendsen said, "We will definitely be in the building by Apr. 1." In addition to the Facilities Services department, the new building will house Maintenance and the Grounds Manager. After the new building is completed, Campus Security, the Cam-Card office and the Copy Center will occupy the current Facilities Services building.

One of the main construction projects for the summer will be moving the Alumni House from its current location across from the Cate Center to the area next to the Chapel pavilion. Ahrendsen said that the building should be functional by the beginning of the new school year.

Johnson Hall gets twenty-first century makeover

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Johnson Hall, one of the first buildings built when Meredith's campus moved from downtown in the 1920s, has undergone very few changes since it was built. Now, Livingston Johnson Hall is getting a makeover—and a pricey one at that.

About \$10,000 has been spent on the renovation projects going on in Johnson Hall since late last summer.

These renovation projects included moving the Copy Center, formally on the third floor of Johnson Hall, to the building that contains the Facilities Services offices.

The space the Copy Center once occupied has been turned into spacious offices with a

modern HVAC system and office furniture. A conference room was also added in this space.

The bathroom on the third floor has also been renovated, along with the break area.

"These renovations have created a really nice, comfortable working space," said Greg Ahreneson, manager of Facilities Services.

A worker in the offices on the third floor commented, "We were in need of having these renovations done. It was getting pretty crowded. The copy center really needed a bigger space."

The offices that have moved into these new spaces are Planned Giving, Admissions and the Office of Assessment.

In addition, on the first floor

of Johnson Hall, the women's rest room, along with the switchboard office and the Office of Enrollment Planning have been renovated. Windows have been added alongside the doors on the two offices, offering light into offices where little entered before.

Ahreneson also commented, "These projects took longer to complete than we had expected, but overall it went really well. We're very pleased with the end result."

All of the renovations have been completed except for the placement of beveled glass in the rotunda.

"The renovations make our campus look much better. I think Facilities Services has done a great job," said sophomore Sandi Davis.