

IMAX adds to summer reading experience

Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure sheds light on Jerri Nielsen's story.

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Each year, incoming freshmen are asked to participate in Meredith's Summer Reading Program. The Class of 2006 read *Ice Bound: A Doctor's Incredible Battle for Survival at the South Pole* by Dr. Jerri Nielsen. In conjunction with this year's program, Dr. Jean Jackson, vice president for student development, sponsored a trip to the IMAX Theater at Exploris Museum to see *Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure*, a film relating to Dr. Nielsen's book.

Meredith planned three trips to the IMAX Theater at Exploris to see *Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure*. The first trip was on August 24. According to First Year Experience Co-Director Carolyn Koning, more than 120 people attended this event.

Freshman Amanda Dood

attended on this date and found the experience to be a positive one.

"I thought that it was an awesome film, and it tied in with the Summer Reading Program nicely," she said. "It makes you wonder how they made it down there [to Antarctica] and survived."

Following the showing of the film, everyone gathered in the IMAX Cafe for drinks and snacks while they informally discussed the film and the book.

"Dr. Jackson treated everyone to coffee, tea, juice, soda, and snacks afterwards in the IMAX Cafe, which was a very nice ending to the evening," Koning said.

The outings provide Meredith students with an opportunity to include their boyfriends, friends and families in a school related activity.

"Many students, faculty and staff brought friends from other schools and family members," Koning said. She and her husband joined the group on August

24.

"This was my first IMAX film, and I was very impressed. It does create a total experience," she added. "I thought the film provided excellent background information and a historical context in which to consider Dr. Nielsen's experiences. She specifically refers to and quotes Shackleton several times in *Icebound*."

Freshman Sandra Price also attended the showing on August 24 and found the trip to be a rewarding experience as well. "I had fun with the people I brought," Price said. "The film did compliment the book by Dr. Nielsen. It gave you a good idea about how rough it is in Antarctica. It shows you the harsh weather and the ice there, and I really think it did add to the book."

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The latest news from Meredith's only course devoted to campaign issues and registering you to vote.

Voting for Donuts

What do donuts have to do with voting? Meredith Votes will provide a 10 pm donut snack to every hall where 80% of the residents vote in November. We hope to be bringing donuts to every hall on campus, but you can't vote if you don't register first. Over the next couple of weeks there will be hall meetings in the dorms where students will have the opportunity to register and to get answers to their questions about registration and voting.

Many faculty members will also be distributing voter registration forms in their classes and the registration sites in Belk, Cate, Johnson Halls and in the Library are open for business 24/7. The deadline for registering to vote in North Carolina is October 11.

Students who want to register in another state should allow more time. Contact Meredith Votes at meredithvotes@meredith.edu and we'll get right back to you

Faculty Challenged to Set an Example for the Students

Meredith Votes has verified the registration of 55% of the full time Meredith Faculty, but we won't be satisfied until we have verified the fact that every single faculty member who is eligible to do so is registered to vote. We believe that the faculty wants to set an example for students and show that they take the obligations of citizenship seriously.

The History and Politics and biology departments have already achieved

100% registration.

Congratulations to these departments, and thanks to all the faculty who have taken the time to respond to our queries.

Many faculty members not only confirmed their registration with Meredith Votes, but they volunteered to follow up with other members of their department. In some departments, we had far more offers of help than we needed. We are very grateful for the help of those faculty members.

Individual faculty who haven't yet verified their registration, either by email or personal contact, can email Meredith Votes at meredithvotes@meredith.edu. We know that most of you are already registered to vote. Please take a minute to verify that fact.

Staff Registration at 17.5%

Registration among the staff has gotten off to a slower start and currently stands at 17.5%. There are many more staff than faculty and they work in many more departments. We really need help with the staff registration effort. If you are willing to follow up with other members of your department to see if they are registered or need forms, please contact Meredith Votes at meredithvotes@meredith.edu.

Campus Sports Events from Sept. 11th-Sept. 17th

Tennis- 3pm September 11th at Greensboro College

Volleyball- 5pm September 13th at Chowan College
TriMatch at Peace College

Soccer- 4pm September 11th versus Averett College
2pm September 14th at Converse College
2pm September 15th at Columbia College