

Special Events Planning class organizes gift market

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Special Events Planning, COM 400, is organizing an Alternative Gift Market and Heifer Project Marketplace for Dec 8, 12-2 p.m. This semester the class has devoted all of its class time to field trips, guest speakers and lectures about various events including fundraisers, weddings, accessible meetings and charity events.

The students were able to learn not only from the class but also from organizing their own event. The students were given a budget and set deadlines to follow

and were in charge of every detail, including advertising, designating volunteers for event day, and selecting a menu.

The class field trips included a trip to a caterer, the RBC Center, Embassy Suites, and many to the event site of St. Giles Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. The students' grade will depend largely upon the overall success of the event and their contributions to it.

An Alternative Gift Market sells either shares or complete stock of livestock, plants, meals, etc. that benefit countries all around the world. The Heifer Project sells only livestock by shares or the whole animal.

Both organizations have gifts starting as low as \$1 or as high as \$500. The market will also host Ten Thousand Villages of Cameron Village. Also, the youth group of St. Giles will be selling barbeque plates for \$6 as a fundraiser for its outreach activities.

This is the second annual Gift Market for St. Giles Presbyterian Church but the first ever completely organized and hosted by Meredith students. The event is open to the public, and all of the Meredith community is invited to attend and support their fellow students.

Alternative Gift Market and Heifer Project Marketplace gift catalogs

will be available at the event or can be requested in advance by calling the church office at (919) 787-4790. Purchases can also be made by mail. All purchases are tax deductible.

St. Giles Presbyterian Church is located at 5101 Oak Park Road in Raleigh, off Glenwood Avenue behind Fat Daddy's (across from Pleasant Valley Shopping Center). For more information, contact the church office at 787-4790 or visit the church's web site at www.saint-giles.org.

Dr Jean Jackson inducted into YWCA Academy of Women

Jackson was given this honor based on her achievements throughout her career as an educator.

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On Thursday, November 14, the YWCA inducted Vice President of Student Development Jean Jackson into their Academy of Women.

"We were honored to have the opportunity to recognize her for her contributions," said YWCA Branch Director Shirley Wilkins-Nimmons.

The YWCA inducted 10 members into its Academy of Women this year, honoring members for their achievements in categories such as Government, Human Services, and Arts and Entertainment. Dr. Jackson was awarded in the area of Education.

"I was both humbled and honored to be recognized,"

she said.

Jackson was noted for her many accomplishments as an educator in the community. She has served Meredith College since 1983 as a professor, department head, and in her current position as vice president of student development.

Jackson supported diversity by lobbying for the inclusion of an African-American literature class while she was a teacher. Jackson shows her devotion to Meredith students by continuing to teach classes in the English department while serving as vice president for student development.

"Dr. Jackson has very impressive credentials and is an outstanding leader," said Wilkins-Nimmons. "The Wake County community is fortunate to have someone of her caliber in its service."

The induction was performed by television anchor

Pam Saulsby, a 2001 inductee, after a dinner for inductees and guests. The night marked the 20th anniversary of the event.

Wilkins-Nimmons said that the Academy of Women is an especially important event for the Wake County YWCA.

"It recognizes women for outstanding accomplishment and contributing to the community," she said, "and is consistent with our mission here at the YWCA of the empowerment of women and the elimination of racism."

Inductees were chosen because of their involvement in education, their impact on the community, and their commitment to the YWCA mission.

Please direct all questions, comments, criticisms, and suggestions regarding the *Meredith Herald* to Christy Sadler, the Editor-in-Chief for next semester, at sadlerc@meredith.edu.

Also, look for Joni Smith's column to be continued from Russia next semester!

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