Diversity Among The New Freshman Class

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As many of you have noticed, the freshman class is abnormally large this year. With 399 freshmen, as indicated by Danny Green, Associate Vice President for Enrollment, this is the largest enrollment Meredith College has ever seen.

Did you also know that this is the most diverse group of freshman Meredith College has ever admitted? The class of 2008 came to our beautiful campus from over 21 states in the U.S., ranging from states such as Colorado, New York, and Texas.

Although diversity is not new at Meredith, how will the more diversified freshmen class affect Meredith

College in years to come?

According to Carol Kercheval in the admissions office, one of President Hartford's main initiatives is to broaden Meredith's diversity on campus and in our community. By doing so, Meredith students are prepared for a more diverse and accepting future.

The Meredith community has already seen the spread of diversity beginning across campus. The new general education requirement CORE for example, a class which teaches students about other cultures, allows them to gain an understanding of different ethnic groups.

Other examples can be found in student organizations such as Spectrum and

Sister to Sister.

This year, along with a new freshman class comes a new diversity calendar. This calendar is provided to gather Meredith as a community in order to create cultural awareness. Events include everything from movies, to Meredith Alumnae and other influential speakers, to marches and workshops dealing specific diversity with awareness.

A more diverse freshman class is to be expected in years to come at Meredith College. As the college diversifies, students gain beneficial acceptance toward vast cultural backgrounds, becoming more aware and successful in the future.

OFFICER TRAINING 2004 Officer Training

Workshops

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING **ONE OF THESE DATES:**

Wednesday, September 1

6:00-7:00pm General Session, Oak Room 7:00-8:00pm Officer Workshops, Wainwright Suite

Thursday, September 2

3:30-4:30pm General Session, Oak Room 4:30-5:30pm Officer Workshops, Wainwright Suite

Tuesday, September 7

3:30-4:30pm General Session, Oak Room 4:30-5:30pm Officer Workshops, Wainwright Suite

These workshops are designed with you in These workshops are designed with you in mind; therefore, your presence is required. The General Manual will be distributed at the General Sessions.

Light Refreshments Will Be Provided Between Sessions.

Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development, #760-8338.

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Saga

<u>Students ask-Get Answers</u>

SGA is up to something new! Beginning on September 15, 2004 we will feature a bi-monthly column in the Herald that focuses on YOU, the students of Meredith College. We'll tackle important campus life issues by interviewing students and then searching for answers to your questions. The first topic will be "Open House Hours," so pick up a copy of the Herald on September 15th to see what your fellow students have to say! Co-editors:

Sarah Wilson, SGA Student Life Chair Kelly Beth Smith, SGA Vice-President & Senate Chair Sponsored by: SGA Student Life Committee & SGA **Executive Committe**

Dear Angel (an advice column)

Hello fellow angels!

I hope that all is well in your life. I know sometimes

things get a little tough and you just need a smidge of advice from an outsider, so this column is just for you! Submit your questions and concerns about faith, relationships, school work or something totally random to Herald@meredith.edu and type "Dear Angel" in the subject line or drop your letters in the Herald submission

box on 2nd Cate. Your identity will remain confidential when your questions are posted.

White Iris Circle Announces New Members

Admissions Counselor

The Admissions Office has named the following students as White Iris Circle members. These students will help the Admissions Office on a weekly basis giving tours to prospective students members! and their families.

They will also help with other recruitment efforts by serving on student panels, visiting their home high school, and giving tours during the College's special events. Congratulations new

Farah Davis Lacey Hayes Megan Hembree Elizabeth Hendrick Kayti Herrington **Terrin Lawrence** Kara Norville

Sarah Owen Meghan Rasmussen **Audrey Tamer**

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