

Women Always Ask For Directions

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Last week, the Meredith College community made many new additions with New Student Orientation and the start of classes. While Meredith's campus is not as big campuses of other universities in the area, students can get confused if they're freshmen, trying to find all of their classes on time. But do not fear, new students. There are many resources to help you get around campus and Raleigh.

When you're lost, maps are always a great place to start. Conveniently enough, there is a map of Meredith's campus in your Student Handbook/planner. Maps are

also available in the Registrar's Office in Johnson Hall on the first floor. Records Specialist Debra Fairbrother says that having maps in the office reduces the number of questions from students.

In case a map would confuse you more, there are always people around and inside the buildings on campus during the day. Professors, students, and members of the house-keeping or kitchen staff, folks who have been working or studying at Meredith for a while—enough to know his or her way around—will be glad to direct you.. Not only would they be able to give you specific directions, they might

also offer to escort you to your destination.

What if you get lost in the middle of the night? You don't have a map, the buildings are locked, and no one is in sight to help you. In this case, you should call campus police at 919-760-8888. A campus police officer is on duty 24 hours a day.

Another, often forgotten resource is your big sis. Regardless of whether you her or not, she is a readily accessible person to help you in your transition to Meredith. She can give you directions and also give advice based on her experience when she started college. Junior Erin Simpson says that becoming familiar with the buildings that

she would be going to for classes and meetings before the scheduled time was helpful when she was a freshman.

To the rest of the Meredith community, remember our new students in these first few weeks of classes. If you are in a hurry to get to a class or a meeting, but you see someone looking hopelessly around for a helpful glance from a passerby, try to empathize with her. Meredith needs to continue to be a community that embraces all people, and simple gestures like helping a new student find her way around make a difference.

Lauren Philbeck, for example, transferred to Meredith last year and

her experience with the students made her feel a part of the Meredith community. She said, "Last year's Cornhuskin' was literally one of the best experiences of my life. Since I never lived on campus it was hard to know what was going on around campus and to get to know people. Now I know so many people and that feels good when I'm walking around campus [and] going to classes."

So, remember new Meredith women, there is not a stupid question. Don't be embarrassed to ask for help. And isn't it true that women are known for asking for directions?

Meredith College in the News

News Story, WRAL, August 18, 2007 – WRAL covered Meredith as part of a story about Move-In Day at local colleges, also including NC State and UNC. The report noted that Meredith was expecting the largest freshman class in the College's history.

News Story, NBC-17, August 18, 2007 – NBC-17 filmed at Meredith for a story about Move-In Day at local colleges including Meredith and NC State. The report noted that Meredith was expecting the largest freshman class in the College's history. The segment ran on Saturday as well as the Sunday, Aug. 19 morning newscast.

News Story, NBC-17, August 22, 2007 – NBC-17 covered a seminar on low-cost nutrition for senior citizens, which was hosted and presented by Meredith's Dietetic Interns. The segment was part of NBC-17's "Your Life" feature.

News Story, NBC-17, August 22, 2007 – Coverage of Meredith's athletics logo unveiling.

"Meredith Introduces New Logo," News & Observer online, August 22, 2007 – Brief article on unveiling of Meredith's new logo for athletics.

"Avenging Angels Hit Campus" The News & Observer, August 23, 2007 – Additional article in N&O print edition about Meredith's new athletics logo and nickname. The N&O also included the event in their "Daily Planner" on 8/22.

"Common Readings Connect Students, USA Today, August 30, 2007 – Article on summer reading programs at U.S. colleges and universities. Meredith is one of three schools included in a sidebar titled "There's a Theme Here" about summer reading and its connection to campus themes.

"I'm Really Scared, But I'm Absolutely Ready for This, Oprah Magazine, September 2007" (on newsstands in August) – *Oprah Magazine's* profile of Elizabeth Edwards included more than one full column of coverage of Edwards' speech at Meredith's Spring 2007 commencement. The article quoted from Edwards' speech, and also mentioned the pink cancer awareness ribbons worn by Meredith's graduates.

"At Issue," NBC-17, September 2, 2007 – Meredith College's participation in the Initiative to Educate Afghan Women (IEAW) was featured on NBC-17's public affairs program. Meredith's IEAW students and Vice President for College Programs Jean Jackson were part of a roundtable discussion.

For more information go to the Meredith-in-the-News website at <http://www.meredith.edu/mcnews/in-the-news.htm>

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