

## The "Stars" of Meredith's Campus

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As one walks across campus, it is hard not to notice the young women sporting brightly colored t-shirts that read "A Star in Every Classroom." These students are part of the Meredith College teaching fellows program, described by the program's website as "one of the nation's most ambitious teacher recruitment systems."

Administered by the North Carolina Public School Forum, the Meredith College teaching fellows program is one of 18 such programs offered by North Carolina colleges and universities, says the program's website.

According to the same website, Meredith participants receive \$26,000 in scholarships and/or loans upon consenting to teach for at least four years in a North Carolina public school after graduation. In order to further help with tuition and room and board expenses, Meredith matches the scholarship and loan

awards from the state for a total of \$13,000 in financial assistance per student per year.

The website goes on to add that Meredith "offers N. C. Teaching Fellows a dynamic educational experience enriched with opportunities to get classroom experience, to learn from professional teachers, to volunteer for community projects, and to study abroad."

For example, as part of their curriculum, Meredith teaching fellows work with Wake County Public Schools each year. During their junior year they receive mentors who are public school teachers in the teaching fellows' areas of licensure. These teachers continue in such a role during the teaching fellows' student teaching experiences as well.

The Meredith teaching fellows' website also states that some of the college's teaching fellows have recently studied abroad in Brazil, Chile, England, France, Mexico, Spain and Switzerland.

Furthermore, teach-

ing fellows participate in each year's focus on excellence activities, a "special series of cultural events," at no extra cost, cites the program's website.

Each teaching fellows class year has a particular theme that is supported by a seminar series as well. "Success in College," "Learning to Teach, Learning to Serve," "Catching the Dream" and "Beacons of Light" are the themes for the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes, respectively.

Meredith teaching fellows must also complete a minimum of 15-17 hours of honors course work as part of their curriculum, including the writing of an honor's thesis, states the program's website. Some teaching fellows are also full members of Meredith's honors program.

By the end of their freshman year, Meredith teaching fellows should have at least a 2.25 GPA. This requirement increas-

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## VOTE!

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Hey, you. Have you been paying attention to the upcoming Presidential election? Yes, I know it's a whole year away, but that doesn't make it any less important. I'm quite aware that watching the news or reading the News & Observer isn't exactly at the top of your list of things to do, but you still need to make an effort to keep up with the activities of the current Presidential election.

Overall, New York Senator Hillary Clinton

is leading the campaign fundraising. According to the News & Observer, Clinton has raised \$27 million in the July-September quarter. Barack Obama is directly behind her; he was able to raise \$20 million dollars in the last quarter. Republican candidates Rudolph Giuliani and Mitt Romney raised \$11 million and \$10 million respectively, putting their fundraising for the past quarter far behind the leading Democratic candidates.

Jonathan Edwards, from Robbins, North Carolina, was able to

raise only \$7 million dollars this quarter. According to the News & Observer, Edwards "plans to accept public financing that could boost his overall fundraising by about \$10 million." A majority of the money the candidates raised over the past three months will go to the primaries, but the rest will help fund the general elections.

To stay knowledgeable about the upcoming elections, I suggest watching one of the news

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## Star Tech

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Have you ever wanted to sneak in a video camera to an event where photographs were not permitted? Maybe you've just always wanted to be prepared for those impromptu, unforgettable moments that should be recorded. Your wish has been granted—here comes the Micro Camcorder!

Fitting inside a pack of chewing gum, the Micro Camcorder has been called "the smallest high-resolution, real time digital camcorder ever produced." Duly impressive is its ability to record up to 33 hours of video on a 1 GB Micro SD card. Plus, the device can record up to two hours on a single battery charge (the internal battery is rechargeable via USB port). Videos are recorded fifteen frames per second, so the quality is decent but not stellar.

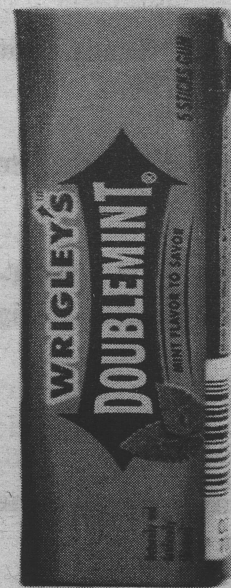
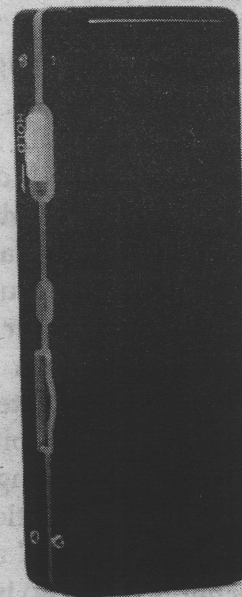
The camcorder's one-touch recording feature discreetly starts the pinhole camera. However,

this is the very feature that worries some, including this columnist. With the camera's ability to slide effortlessly into a pack of gum, what's to stop people from cutting a tiny circle in the package (to allow the camera's "eye" to find what it's recording) and to record people without their knowledge? If the camera falls into the wrong hands, privacy could become a cherished memory. Let's just hope sketchy next-door neighbors don't find out about this all-too-easy way of recording.

Even considering its "stalker" factor, the Micro Camcorder appears to be a handy little device—useful to stash in a purse and to whip out when a priceless moment arises.

For more information about this teeny tiny gadget, visit <http://tech.yahoo.com/blogs/hughes/19402>

Interested? Visit <http://www.spygadgets.com/micro-camcorder.htm> to purchase a Micro Camcorder for \$195.



Micro Camcorder: Handy or Stalkerish?