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WEATHER

TODAY: Partly Cloudy.
Low 34, High 48.

Thursday: AM Snow Showers. Low 23, High 41.

Friday: Sunny. Low 30, High 41.

Saturday: Showers. Low 32, High 51.

Sunday: Few Showers. Low 44, High 61.

Monday: Mostly Cloudy. Low 41, High 67.

Tuesday: Partly Cloudy. Low 39, High 56.

Source: www.weather.com
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Tues. Jan. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

New Semester, New Faces to Welcome

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Staff Writer

The start of a new semester brings many unfamiliar faces to Meredith; new faculty and staff members came from near and far to join the Meredith community. Aubrey Chapman, Pat Newton and Lisa Wilson are just a few of the newcomers and old-timers who have assumed new positions or been promoted.

Aubrey Chapman, Grounds

Chapman comes to Meredith from New Jersey. He's enjoying Raleigh so far, and he loves learning about plants and being in Meredith's "positive environment." As a member of the grounds staff, Chapman helps to maintain every area of the campus. He says his daily responsibilities include "clearing parking lots, filling work orders and completing extra experiments such as rose clippings and vermicomposting" (using worms and other such creatures in compost piles).

Grounds Manager Aaron Schettler and his crew keep busy, and Meredith's beautiful campus showcases their hard work. "Lately we've been working on the design and sourcing for the Parents' Fund project and for the graduating class gift," says Schettler. The Grounds staff looks for multiple ways to fund their beautification projects, and they recently found a big

boost: "One nursery committed to donating 100 trees per year for the next 10 years," says Schettler. With enthusiastic members such as Chapman, the Grounds staff ensures Meredith's beauty will remain.

Pat Newton, Registrar's Office

Unlike other new faculty and staff members, Newton has quite a bit of Meredith experience already. Originally from Fayetteville, Newton graduated from Meredith in 2002, with a degree in history. She also worked in the Registrar's Office and in the Alumnae House.

On January 22, Newton re-joined the staff in the Registrar's Office. She says, "I am returning to the Registrar's Office because I love working with students and assisting them with day-to-day issues. I find this particular line of work to be very reward-

ing."

Her time in the Alumnae House was not wasted, however. "I was able to see another side of how the college functions—I became familiar with more Meredith alumnae, contributors to The Meredith Fund, the Board of Trustees, etc.—all of whom make tremendous contributions to the college and keep the college going!" The Registrar's Office is sure to welcome back an important member of its staff. Newton will serve as operations manager for the registrar's office, making scheduling decisions and working with transfer students.

Lisa Wilson, Interior Design

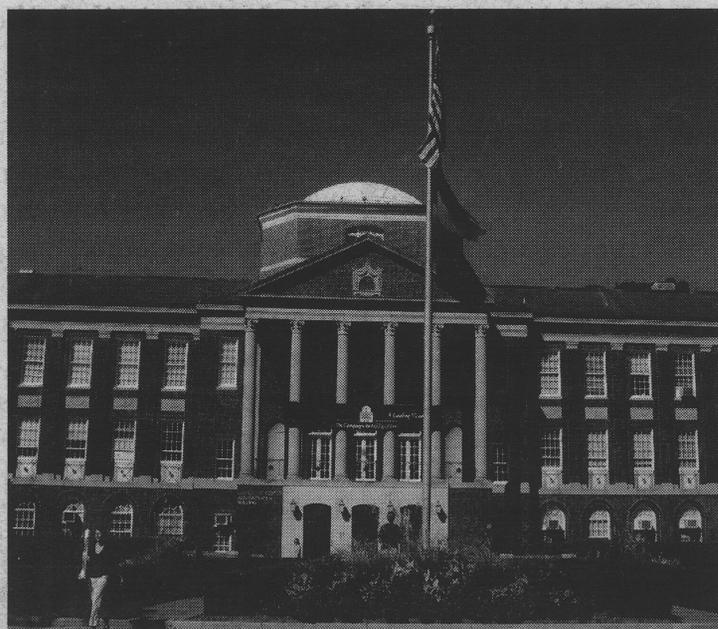
Wilson originally hails from Wilmington, and she received her Masters of Architecture from NCSU. In 1997, she founded Design Collaboration, LLC, which is a residential

design firm that specializes in green building practices. She is also a Licensed General Contractor, and she started Pluta & Wilson Construction Group, LLC in 2000.

With so many commitments already, what attracted her to Meredith? "I have been a guest lecturer (for Dr. Burpitt's interior design classes) at Meredith for the last ten years. I like the college environment and Meredith's commitment to education," she says. No longer just a guest at Meredith, she now teaches ID 244. Her past inspired much of what she does today, and also what she hopes to pass on to her students. "When I was a student at NCSU, I had an instructor who inspired me to pursue my interest in sustainable residential design. At the time, sustainable principles were not considered a priority in design and were often ignored. My instructor empowered me to pursue an educational/career path that aligned my personal values for the natural environment with my design values. I hope to inspire students to learn and to find their passion," she said.

Interior Design is lucky to have added such a knowledgeable professor to its staff!

Those featured here are just a few of the new faces coming from all over to join the Meredith family, so extend a warm welcome to all new faculty and staff members.



Johnson Hall

Photo submitted by Erin Etheridge