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WEEKLY VEGETABLE SHARES AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS

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The ambitious local farmers at Beausol Gardens grow food "to feed... you with the healthiest food we can provide, to provide... you with as safe and wholesome an environment as we can, [and] to leave our small piece of the planet better than we found it and improve the world by example." This is a hefty wish list, yet Harry LeBlanc, owner of Beausol Gardens, rises to his high standards and involves Meredith College in his quest for an organic America. Beausol Gardens, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, uses organic methods to grow all its produce. Ever since its beginning in 1997, Beausol Gardens' farmers have lived out their dream of providing their community with healthy, safe, and environmentally friendly food. Now they make it convenient to buy this wholesome food, by delivering it directly to the Meredith campus.

In the summer of 2009, Meredith and Beausol Gardens launched a project to take Community Supported Agricultural shares, or CSA shares, to the Meredith community. Now, with the school year well under way, a huge variety of fresh produce will be available on our campus. From the first week of November to the last week of January, LeBlanc will deliver weekly vegetables

shares to the Chapel Reading Room. At four o'clock every Tuesday, LeBlanc will drop off loads of organic vegetables including sweet potatoes, turnips, radishes, beets, carrots, kales, Swiss chard, Napa cabbage, mustard green s, arugula, lettuce, kohlrabi, and more.

Individuals can get fresh vegetables every week for ten weeks, for just \$150. The average value of produce received each week is \$15. The CSA will not deliver shares on the following holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

The CSA asks that individuals please pickup their shares when LeBlanc delivers them to the Chapel's Reading Room each Tuesday at four o'clock. But don't worry, the room is reserved until nine o'clock a.m. the next day, and individuals can pick up their shares until then. However, please remember that the Chapel is a public location and neither Meredith nor Beausol Gardens will be responsible for shares not picked up or shares that go missing after the drop off. The CSA shares will be delivered in reusable bags, which individuals will return to

the Chapel before the next drop-off. What is CSA? According to its Website-<http://beausol.com>: --"CSA is, foremost, a community: People joining to support a local farmer in producing food for their tables. CSA binds community members and farmers in relationships of mutual support based on an annual commitment to one another. This commitment helps ensure the survival of small farms, a local food supply, and of agricultural land." It now supplies food for over one hundred families all over the Triangle.

Individuals interested in meeting farmer Harry LeBlanc personally can drop by the Chapel Reading Room any Tuesday through October 6th, as he drops off the last of the summer shares.

For more information, contact farmer Harry LeBlanc at beausolgardens@embarqmail.com, or visit <http://beausol.com> to learn more about the CSA community.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS!

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