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Welcome to Meredith!

Welcome, incoming freshmen, transfer, and 23+ students. The staff of the Meredith Herald (our campus newspaper) has made a special issue just for you! Read through these pages to get great information from current and former Meredith women about academic life (see below), Hillsborough Street (page 2), or even dating a State boy (page 4). We hope that this issue may inspire you to join us on staff this year. Have a great first week!

-Amy Hruby, Editor



Move-in Day, 2009 courtesy of Meredith Marketing Department

College Academics 101

Kristen Gallagher, Staff Writer

You've packed all your things, unpacked those precious remnants of home, and settled into your new dorm. Before classes start on Wednesday, go ahead and give yourself a break – sit on your new bed, take a breath, and close your eyes. College is going to be an experience – a word we here at Meredith are fond of saying. As a former freshman, I want to give you just a few words of wisdom that I hope you'll find helpful.

You've already picked your classes for this semester, but what if you get into them and you're not so sure they're right for you? Well, that is when you need to know how to drop

a class. If you decide you want to get out of a class, you may do so within the first five days of class. Just go to the registrar's office (on the ground floor of Johnson Hall). Remember not to drop below 12 hours per semester – that would make you a part-time student and you could lose your laptop.

All freshmen also have a Student Advisor and Faculty Advisor already assigned to them – these are resources you'll want to take advantage of! Both advisors can guide you on what classes you should take if you already know what you want to do. They can also help you talk to professors to see if you want to take a class just to get exposure to another subject. Taking a good mix

of General Education and "interest" classes your first year is a good idea because you won't really have time to do that once you declare your major. If you're undeclared, those "interest" classes are especially important because they help you explore possibilities for majors, something you'll have to decide by the end of your sophomore year.

It's a good idea to know that the work load, class structure, and courses in college are very different from high school. In your first week of class, your professors will probably be more lenient than they will the rest of the semester, and you'll need to stay on top of your work. You are capable of passing and excelling in all classes at Meredith as long as you stay dedicated and seek help when you need it. Speaking of help needed...the Learning Center is a great place to start if you find you're having trouble. Check out their website to make an appointment or learn more: www.meredith.edu/learn.

The last thing I'll leave you with is the fact that Meredith has an enormous amount of extracurricular and scholastic opportunities that you can take advantage of. Check the front section of your Course Catalog for a great list of "Academic Enhancements," including

Get to Know Your Classmates!

Demographics for the Incoming Class of 2014

There are **368** incoming freshmen.

These ladies hail from **19 states** including CO, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, MA, MD, ME, MI, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, VA, and VT

The incoming class also includes students from **17 countries**: Afghanistan, Canada, China, Congo, El Salvador, Gambia, Guatemala, India, Ireland, Kenya, Latvia, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, Saudi Arabia and Tanzania.

Geographically, you are Meredith College's most diverse class first year class **EVER**.

This first year class also includes Meredith's largest number of incoming Honors Students with **44** young women joining the Honor's Program.

The average SAT score is **1036** Critical Reading and Math and the average GPA is a **3.08**, putting your class right on track with last year's.

This year's class also includes the first Phi Theta Kappa Scholars. This scholarship was established to acknowledge the outstanding work of our community college transfer students, and there are **4 Phi Theta Kappa Scholars** in your class

undergraduate research, study abroad, service learning, The Honors Program, career paths, and special studies. This catalog is really going to be your best friend for the next few years – you'll need it to understand the courses for your major, what courses contain, and more. Make sure you check out all the clubs, publications (like the newspaper, literary magazine, and yearbook!) and events you can get involved with – you'll be on your way to a great Meredith Experience if you do!

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