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## Meredith Ranked 2nd Best of South Regional Colleges

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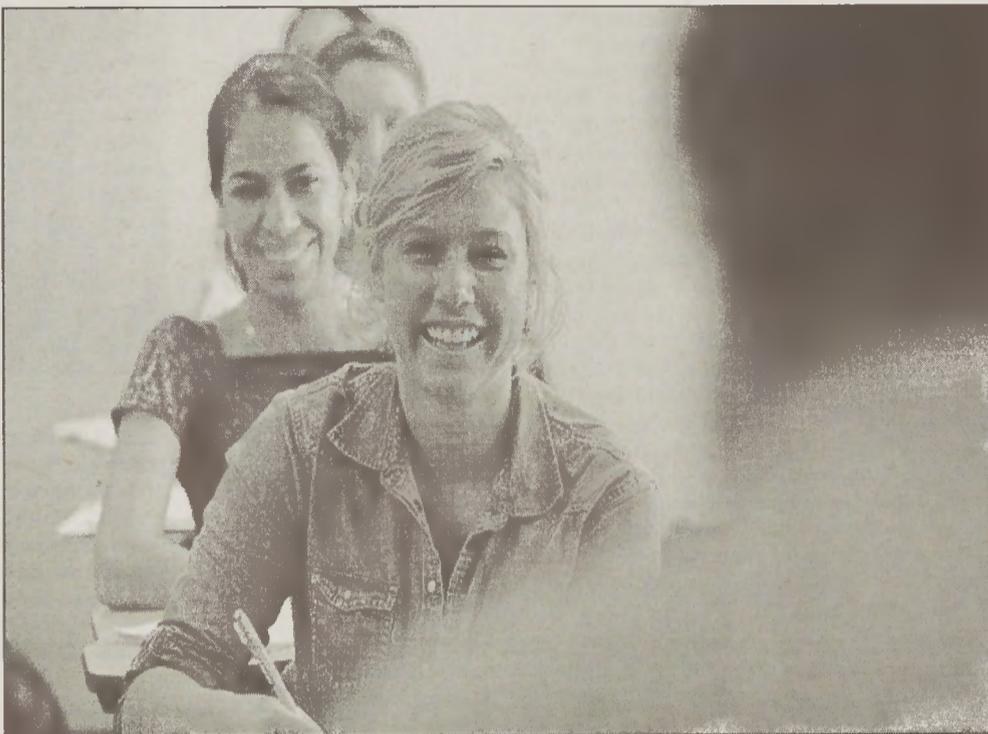
Every year, U.S. News publishes a report listing the best colleges in the United States. The 2014 edition of this report has awarded Meredith second place.

Meredith is categorized as a "South Regional" college, a classification created to include colleges that "focus on undergraduate education but grant fewer than fifty percent of their degrees in liberal arts disciplines," according to the U.S. News site. The South Regional listing includes such colleges as Mount Olive College, St. Augustine's University and Shaw University.

In addition, Meredith took the number six slot on the U.S. News' "Best Value" rankings. This list ranks schools based upon "several indicators including

peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources (class size, faculty/student ratio, percentage of full-time faculty), student selectivity (average SAT scores, acceptance rate) and alumni giving percentage," according to U.S. News. Meredith College shared a top ten ranking with John Brown University, Alice Lloyd College and the University of the Ozarks.

The U.S. News & World Report is a diverse collection of publications dedicated to providing "news and information that improves the quality of life of its readers," according to the site. Along with the Best Colleges series, the site ranks graduate schools, hospitals and many other invaluable institutions that are staples of everyday American life.



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## Election Results

Congratulations to the Class of 2017 Officers:

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**Secretary:**

open

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open

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Dielle McMillan, 2 open positions

**Elections Board Representatives:**

3 open positions

**Honor Council Representatives:**

Alex Brinkley, 1 open position

## Rise in Parking Tickets Aggravates Students

Cody Jeffrey, assistant editor & Katy Koop, staff writer

At Meredith College, Campus Security is known for its consistent, reliable police officers and security guards. It's hard to go a day without seeing a zooming golf cart or a security vehicle cruising around campus. Although this creates a sense of safety at Meredith, some security measures such as gates closing at 11:00pm and parking tickets, cause frustration and aggravation for many students. Recently, the parking ticket epidemic has caused a massive increase in complaints towards Campus Police. For many girls, the tickets have come without notice or warning, upsetting those who do not have the allotted funds to clear the ticket immediately.

After Sarah Cullen's first semester at Meredith, she began commuting to campus instead of living in a residence hall. Continuing this fall as a commuter, Cullen has already received two tickets, one for parking in the commuter lot with a residence hall pass and another for parking in a staff space. Cullen says that one of the "problems with Meredith's ticketing policy is [that] they still give hand written tickets, not electronic. This is a problem because they have no record of where [a student] stands at the school [whether they are a] commuter, resident, [or] visitor and they also offer no 'first offense' [tickets]."

Brooke Mayo, sophomore, agrees with Cullen in that "Campus Security should have sent out a public notice that they were enforcing the parking rules more this year. If I had known that I'd be charged \$75 for parking in the exact spots that I parked [in] last year in, I wouldn't have [done it]." Although some have recently had more issues with Campus Police than normal, there are many students that continue to appreciate all that Campus Security does to keep Meredith safe. Mayo sees the importance of Campus Security and acknowledges that "at the end of the day, I know that they are looking out for our best interests and they are all super nice. I never had any issues until I got a ticket, but at least students have a chance to appeal [it]."

According to Campus Security's public information, students who have a parking ticket or are worried about receiving one, should make sure that they have the correct parking decal affixed to the correct location on their vehicle, and that they only park in designated spaces for students. They say it is also important to note that there is a 15 day grace period to appeal a parking ticket by submitting an appeal form.

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