

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 1, 2007

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

<u>Delaware</u> (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	<u>1-7182</u> (Commission File Number)	<u>13-2740599</u> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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<u>4 World Financial Center, New York, New York</u> (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	<u>10080</u> (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 449-1000

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective July 1, 2007, Carol Tecla Christ, 63, president of Smith College, has been elected to the board of directors of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Ms. Christ has been named to the Public Policy and Responsibility committee of the board.

A press release announcing Ms. Christ's election was issued on July 2, 2007. A copy is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

99.1

Press release, dated July 2, 2007, issued by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Judith A. Witterschein

Judith A. Witterschein

Corporate Secretary

Date: July 2, 2007

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News

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

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Release date: July 2, 2007

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Merrill Lynch Elects Carol T. Christ to Board of Directors

NEW YORK, July 2, 2007 — Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (NYSE: MER) today announced that Carol Tecla Christ, the president of Smith College, has been elected to the company's board of directors, effective July 1, 2007. Ms. Christ has also been named to the Public Policy and Responsibility committee of the board.

"Carol Christ is one of the most highly respected educators in the nation. As president of Smith College, and with nearly 40 years of experience in academia, she has been a driving force in advancing the opportunities and careers of women and minorities. I am extremely pleased to welcome Carol to our board," said Stan O'Neal, chairman and CEO of Merrill Lynch.

In June 2002, Ms. Christ, 63, became the 10th president of Smith College. At the outset of her administration, she launched an energetic program of outreach, innovation and long-range planning. She has encouraged the development of coursework emphasizing fluency in American cultures and in the diversity of experience of American ethnic groups.

Prior to that, Ms. Christ spent more than 30 years at the University of California, Berkeley. She joined the English faculty in 1970, and as chair of her department from 1985 to 1988, she built and maintained one of the top-ranked English departments in the country. She entered the university's administration in 1988, serving first as dean of humanities and later as provost and dean of the College of Letters and Sciences. In 1994, Ms. Christ was appointed vice chancellor and

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provost (and later became executive vice chancellor). During her six years as Berkeley's top academic officer, she was credited with sharpening the institution's intellectual focus and building top-rated departments in the humanities and sciences. In addition, she helped shape Berkeley's campus policy in response to Proposition 209, the 1996 California law barring the consideration of race in college admissions.

In 2004, Ms. Christ was named a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in recognition of her contributions as a leader in higher education.

Ms. Christ graduated with high honors from Douglass College in 1966 and went to Yale University, where she received her Ph.D. in English. She is a director of the Clarke School for the Deaf, a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching deaf children, the Northampton Academy of Music, and the Western Massachusetts Economic Development Council.

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