

Meredith Pioneers in Institutional Recycling

Green Barrels Signal Ecological Concern

In the hallways of Meredith College, 115 cardboard barrels have appeared over the summer recess.

The barrels were donated by Ajinomoto to the Meredith Recycling Group who painted them dark green with white letters stating "Meredith Recycles" in addition to the international recycling symbol painted on the sides.

The group has stationed them at convenient points throughout the campus, from the administration buildings to the residence halls. "There are at least two barrels on every floor of every building on campus," said Dr. John Saunders, professor of religion, a founding member of Meredith Recycling.

John Kincheloe, Media Services, is a member of Meredith Recycling and is working on a video explaining the concepts of recycling and waste management in general, and Meredith's recycling program. Kincheloe hopes to use the video over the Meredith student channel to help publicize recycling on cam-

pus. Meredith Recycling has already achieved a visible measure of success with the deployment of the green barrels throughout campus.

"Meredith is really ahead of everyone. Even the city government is searching for ways to organize recycling in Raleigh. No one else is going about it in such a comprehensive way," said Liz Cave, chair of the Waste Management Committee of the local chapter of the Sierra Club, a national organization of environmentalists. Cave has been volunteering her time to help Meredith Recycling get started.

The whole recycling effort on campus began about a year ago when Regina Rowland, secretary of the Department of Foreign Languages and Psychology, approached Dr. Julia Mack, a part-time instructor in Foreign Languages, who shared her concern for environmental issues. They discussed the lack of any recycling effort on campus. "We were overwhelmed by the huge amounts of paper we all

threw out each day," explained Mack, "and the idea slowly occurred to us that we could make a difference."

The group started in a modest way, organizing four recycling boxes in Joyner Hall. They were so successful that they figured the project could be extended to the rest of the campus. They met with Charles Taylor, the college's vice president for business and finance and received the enthusiastic support of the college administration.

Meredith Recycling has 10 members now. In its proposal to President Weems, Meredith Recycling stated its goal of handing the whole successful venture over to the students of Meredith College by the summer of 1991.

This semester will be the first big test for Meredith Recycling and for the future of environmental activism on the Meredith campus. "We just have to get everyone involved," commented Saunders.

Gatehouse Nearing Completion

The new gatehouse, located just inside the main entrance to the campus, is expected to be finished soon. Upon its completion, it will be manned 24 hours a day.

"Once the gatehouse is completed we will shift after hours check-in from Johnson Hall to the gatehouse," explained Charles Taylor, vice president for business and finance. Students will follow the after hours check-in procedures outlined in the 1989-1990 Student Handbook.

According to Taylor, the Faircloth and back gates will continue to

be locked at 11:00 p.m. "We will not stop any cars coming onto campus at the gatehouse, however, until closing.

"This is an attempt to know who is on campus after closing and their reason for being here," he continued. "We feel that it is a reasonable security precaution to take."

Taylor stressed that there will be adequate security personnel on campus during check-in and that students can be assured of visual contact as they move from the parking lots to their residence halls.

A decision on additional security equipment which was being considered last year has been put on hold. The equipment included electronic sensors on all residence hall entrances and video cameras on those entrances used to admit students after hours.

"The technology is constantly changing," said Taylor, "and we are looking for the best way to achieve our goals. Also, the project is not yet fully funded."

Evaluation of these security needs is continuing.