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B.Y.O.P. - Bring your own paper this year

By Beth Hall

If you were standing near one of the computer labs this January, you would have heard along with the swearing of New Year's resolutions, swearing of a different sort. Just what were those in the computer lab so upset about?

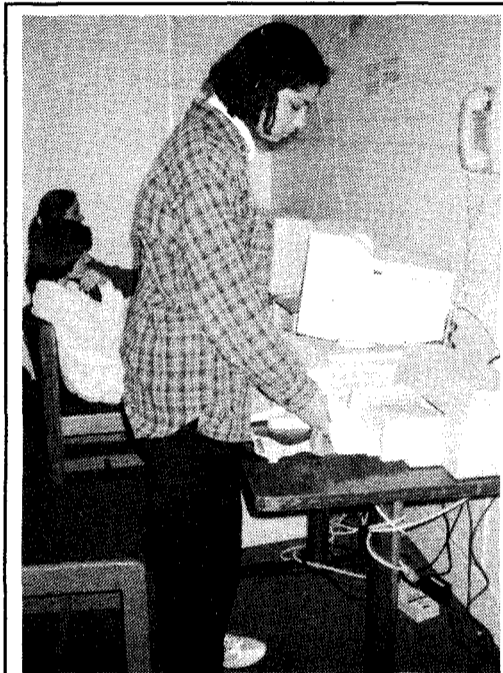
As it turns out, one of Technology Services New Year's resolutions was to stop supplying paper to campus computers located in labs and in dorms.

Most of those students who have become dependent on these computers, and their paper, were, needless to say, upset. Complaints like "It's hard to remember to bring paper," "I am forced to use the lab because my printer is broken," "I thought all of my computer needs would be taken care of," and the ever-popular "What does my tuition pay for anyway?" rang through the air.

Another common complaint deals with the controversial, if convenient, Meredith book store. Controversy is incited because of the expensive price tag attached to the only brand of computer paper sold there (\$4.99 for 80 sheets). There is also a problem with the stores operating hours (M-F 8 a.m.— 5 p.m.) for people who need paper at night or on the weekend. However, the bookstore is convenient, perhaps even necessary, for students

without immediate means of transportation or those who need the paper immediately in an emergency situation.

But there are those who think Technology Services' approach is a good idea. Regina



Freshman Valerie Acors loads paper into one of the computers on third Stringfield.

Rowland, an instructor in the art department, thinks if students are responsible for their own paper they will no waste as much. This reduction in waste would be more economical, as well as environmentally sound.

Lou Rosser, an instructor in the English department, realizes students will not so easily adapt to this impediment induced by the push of technology. As students in the past had to adjust to notebooks and pencils instead of slates and chalk, students today must accept the fact that computers and their accessories must be encountered. Few teachers allow students the alternative of hand-writing their papers. Most papers have to be typed by computer, and there is also a growing number of teachers who require students to "travel the information superhighway" in order to complete assignments.

In fact it is this INTERNET superhighway which is partly responsible for wrecking Technology Services' ability to continue supplying paper for all of the campus computers. All students who went to a computer training session received an e-mail address. According to Ruth Balla, head of Technology Services, many students printed out their e-mail messages and

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Turn to Wake Up Meredith on MCTV

By Dina Di Maio

Move over *Good Morning America*; it's time for *Wake Up Meredith*, Meredith College's first-ever talk show that had its debut last week. Although the name "Wake Up" implies that the show is a morning show, it is not. It's a talk show. The show airs weekly, three times a day, so there's no excuse to miss it.

Cindy Bowling, head of MCTV, had the idea for the show and asked MCTV's new station manager, sophomore Courtney Duncil, to produce it.

Duncil, who is interning at MCTV, is ecstatic at the thought of running Meredith's first talk show. She admits being a little nervous about campus response to the show. Duncil says, "I didn't know what to expect." So far the news has been good; Duncil reports having received much positive feedback.

While Duncil does the backstage work, freshman Heidi Gruber hosts the show. So far, she enjoys it. "I'm excited about it. I think it's going to be fun," she says.

Hosting alongside Gruber is co-host sophomore Jennifer Franklin. Franklin plays a character named Barbara. Barbara is a gossipy New Yorker similar to Mike Myers' Linda Richman of *Coffee Talk* on Saturday Night Live.

The character of Barbara is Franklin's creation. One day, she, Duncil, and Gruber were hanging out. Franklin recalls, "I started to talk with this New York accent playing around, just acting stupid." Duncil told her the character would be great for the show, and Barbara was born.

"Barbara's the humorous part of the show," Franklin says, "so the show isn't all like Sally Jesse Raphael."

Franklin says Barbara will be giving her opinion on the elections in an upcoming episode.

Other topics to look forward to include this week's guests, President Weems, who will be talking about his recent marriage, and Duncil

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Nuisance caller deemed not dangerous

By Robin Hollingsworth

In a recent evening report by WRAL-TV news, Meredith College was rated as one of the safest colleges in the Triangle area. The television station chose Meredith as a contrast to other local universities whose crime rates are higher. Meredith College students were interviewed as they walked the "Meredith Mile" and confidently voiced the high measure of safety the Meredith security staff offers.

It is no illusion that Meredith does enjoy a high degree of security. A well-staffed and well-sized security force offer around the clock protection for students, staff, faculty and visitors. Unfortunately no one can ever be entirely safe in such a public, if private, facility.

In several recent incidents within the past few weeks students have realized Meredith is not an entity unto itself. Instead, its strong reputation for safety is exposed daily to minor threats of all varieties. The most visible violation this year occurred in the parking pit, the large resident and commuter lot below Barefoot and Heilman dormitories. Several car windshields were smashed in past weeks. Phones, compact discs, purses and other items were stolen from the vehicles, according to campus security. On a routine check a few nights later, Chief Mike Hoke said he discovered the bandits as they surveyed the lot for their next victim. The three male perpetrators were ar-

rested by Raleigh Police and the break-ins ended, said Hoke.

However, during the week of January 5-11, several Brewer dormitory residents were disturbed by a series of harassing calls, said Hoke. The calls began as what seemed to be an innocent wrong number. The caller identified himself variously as "Don Lewis" and "Bill". He routinely requests to speak to a "Lisa" but offers no last name. According to Hoke, the caller initiates a social conversation with the student and calls repeatedly if he receives any response. A suite on third Brewer and nearby rooms were harassed five times between 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

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