

Meredith in print

by Jill Allen

If you've ever wondered what that racket is coming from on the third floor of Johnson Hall, it's probably the machines from Central Services printing up most of Meredith's needs -- handouts, tests, brochures, stationary, and even student resumes. And with such an important role, many students don't even realize they are there.

"Central Services is the printing and purchasing annex to Meredith College," said Fred Thompson, Director of Central Services. "Being responsible for as much of the printing needs of the college as we can handle, our true purpose is to provide the fastest and most accurate service as possible to students

and faculty at a reduced price."

To make things much easier, they don't have a wide variety of equipment from presses to xerox.

Usually, printing up to 250,000 impressions a month, the machines really get a work out in early fall and spring when they print up to 325,000 impressions monthly.

Besides being the director, Thompson is also the golf coach which he has been doing for the past three years at Meredith. "Since I spend about ten hours a week away from my office, I need a lot of help here which I have with my assistant, Vickie Harris and student workers. Vickie, my right hand, is more responsible for technical jobs

and handling general stock and supplies while I work more with organization, paper work ordering, and the more difficult technical jobs." Responding to her job, Vickie said, "I like working with people and the different things we can do. Creativity gives me a chance to do things I want to do."

Thompson is presently a senior at State College with a major in business management. "I returned to State after I worked with IBM for awhile and married a Meredith graduate."

When asked about his future he replied, "I'd like to stay in higher education, and I enjoy working for Meredith College very much."



Fred Thompson, Director of Central Services, and Vickie Harris, his assistant, are the people responsible for printing those handouts you are always finding at your door, as well as the tests you have to take.

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the afternoon activities help bring students at Meredith together and it distinguishes Meredith from all other small colleges.

Dr. Crook, Chairman of the Religion Department, commented, "If you want it, the only thing you have to do is support it," which was followed by a round of student applause.

It was then suggested that MRA be given an opportunity to make the traditional Play Day a success with a fuller percentage of participation from students and faculty alike.

Thus, the real issue is: Is Play Day an anachronism? Or do students really want it?

The meeting as then adjourned.

Alcohol survey results released

The following survey was presented to Meredith students by Resident Advisors Lynn Moss and Joy Jones in an attempt to determine the extent of which Meredith students use alcohol. The survey was presented as follows:

Please take a few minutes of your time to answer and return this questionnaire. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers. Your cooperation is needed if we are to understand the part alcohol plays in our lives. BE ASSURED, YOU WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS; DO NOT SIGN THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

Please read each question carefully. You may volunteer additional information if you feel the coded responses do not fit your circumstances.

1. Total number of surveys - 650. Total number of students - 505.

2. Check any of the statements below that represent your feelings toward drinking alcoholic beverages. Drinking is never a good thing to do - 11 percent; Drinking is all right, but a student should never get high or drunk - 20 percent; An occasional "drunk" is okay as long as it doesn't interfere with grades or responsibilities - 58 percent; It's nobody's business how much anyone else drinks as long as she doesn't bother anyone - 24 percent.

3. If you never drink alcoholic beverages, check here - 14 percent.

4. Think back over the past week: how many cans of beer did you drink? 0 - 40 percent, 1 - 6 percent, 2-3 - 16 percent, 4-10 - 21 percent, 11+ - 17 percent; how many glasses of wine did you drink? 0 - 77 percent, 1 - 7 percent, 2-3 - 8 percent, 4-10 - 6 percent, 11+ -

2 percent; how many mixed drinks did you drink? 0 - 64 percent, 1 - 8 percent, 2-3 - 13 percent, 4-10 - 11 percent, 11+ - 4 percent.

5. Check any of the following reasons which negatively influence your consumption of beer, wine, liquor. Don't like taste, beer-33 percent, wine-25 percent, liquor-18 percent; makes you ill, beer-8 percent, wine-8 percent, liquor-7 percent; detrimental to general health, beer-20 percent, wine-18 percent, liquor-24 percent; parents disapprove, beer-28 percent, wine-23 percent, liquor-28 percent; friends disapprove, beer-5 percent, wine-5 percent, liquor-5 percent; moral or religious reasons, beer-25 percent, wine-21 percent, liquor-23 percent; friends never use, beer-3 percent, wine-3 percent, liquor-3 percent; can't afford, beer-10 percent, wine-10 percent, liquor-15 percent; Other (specify).

6. On the average, how many times per month do you attend parties where alcoholic beverages are consumed? 0...1...2...3...5...5+

7. Please indicate the frequency with which you drink when accompanied by each of the following groups: Family - frequently-4 percent, occasionally-23 percent, seldom-25 percent, never-49 percent; one person, same sex - frequently-22 percent, occasionally-32 percent, seldom-22 percent, never 24 percent; one person, opposite sex - frequently-28 percent, occasionally-38 percent, seldom-14 percent, never-20 percent; small group, same sex - frequently-29 percent, occasionally-34 percent, seldom-17 percent, never-20 percent; small mixed groups - frequently-30 percent, occasionally-33 percent, seldom-

17 percent, never-20 percent; large mixed groups - frequently-30 percent, occasionally-28 percent, seldom-16 percent, never-26 percent; fraternity or sorority - frequently-30 percent, occasionally-19 percent, seldom-12 percent, never-39 percent; Church groups - frequently-1 percent, occasionally-2 percent, seldom-7 percent, never-90 percent; special interests clubs - frequently-3 percent, occasionally-10 percent, seldom-14 percent, never-72 percent.

8. How often do you drink for the following reasons: sociability - frequently-29 percent, occasionally-28 percent, seldom-15 percent, never-28 percent; for aches and pains - frequently-1 percent, occasionally-8 percent, seldom-12 percent, never-78 percent; to facilitate study - frequently-1/2 percent, occasionally-3 percent, seldom-7 percent, never-90 percent; to get along better on dates - frequently-3 percent, occasionally-15 percent, seldom-19 percent, never-63 percent; to relieve fatigue and tension - frequently-6 percent, occasionally-21 percent, seldom-17 percent, never-56 percent; enjoyment of taste - frequently-33 percent, occasionally-26 percent, seldom-12 percent, never-29 percent; in order not to be shy - frequently-4 percent, occasionally-14 percent, seldom-19 percent, never-63 percent; for a sense of well-being - frequently 3 percent, occasionally-10 percent, seldom-19 percent, never-65 percent; as an aid in forgetting disappointments - frequently-3 percent, occasionally-13 percent, seldom-20 percent, never-64 percent; to get high - frequently-11 percent, occasionally-20 percent, seldom-10 percent, never-59 percent;

to get drunk - frequently-8 percent, occasionally-21 percent, seldom-19 percent, never-52 percent.

9. Have you ever worried about the long range consequences of your drinking? Frequently-4 percent, Occasionally-18 percent, Seldom-25 percent, Never-53 percent.

10. What percentage of the students at Meredith, in your opinion: never drink-8 percent, drink occasionally-30 percent, drink frequently-49 percent, drink to excess-14 percent.

How many times per month do you find yourself in situations where you are encouraged to drink more than you would like? Frequently-7 percent, Occasionally-10 percent, Seldom-13 percent, Never-70 percent.

The Freshman Class led the other classes in participation of the survey. There were 168 Freshmen who answered the questionnaire, then the Sophomores with 133 students participating, followed by 117 Juniors and 87 Seniors.



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House Director's Office
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1. Glass in tan case.
2. Black (fold up) umbrella.
3. Tennis racket
4. Navy blazer
5. Navy wool sports jacket
6. Navy slacks
7. Warm up jacket
8. Blue slipover sweater
9. Two watches
10. Two gold bracelets
11. One bracelet with stones
12. One pair of magnetic earrings
13. One earring (loop, pierced)

Appreciation for Dean and Mrs. Peacock -- on occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary

by Dr. Gates

The memorable and cherished thoughts I have of the Peacocks are many. When Dean Peacock interviewed me for my initial appointment at Meredith College, he was interested not only in my academic qualifications but also in my great appreciation for the arts and my love for my family and church. His appreciation for what is beautiful and good and wholesome is genuine. One sees this when talking with him after a concert when he is smiling and relishing a particular passage. When he was kind enough to participate in

an interdisciplinary course on Asia that I coordinate, he once asked that he not deal with a particular novel the second time because it did not have in his view a single character with redeeming features. This does not mean that he is not realistic; he is, but it does mean that he prefers what is beautiful and inspiring.

While I came to know Dean Peacock at Meredith, I also came to appreciate and love his wife. Who could forget the parties for the faculty at their home with lanterns decorating the yard? As a couple they not only please but also delight. They are sup-

portive friends, bringing flowers to our daughter's wedding in Roxbor. Jack and I do deeply admire, appreciate and love the Peacocks.

Their view of humanity is broad. It includes the world. They are interested in solving problems through peaceful means, and they support the United Nations and attend functions in Raleigh in support of the idea that all men and women are brothers and sisters. They love each other, what is beautiful, and humanity. We congratulate them on this fiftieth wedding anniversary.



Ann Beamon and Penny LaFont, cafeteria staff member, decorate the Christmas tree in the dining hall. (Photo by Susan Kellum)