

# 'Peak' times cause long lines

by Casey Bass, Features Editor

Complaints about long lines and a single open lunch line spurred the *Herald* to investigate these problems.

Mike Bellefeuil, Meredith's new Dining Hall Manager, is aware of these problems and said, "On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 12:00 noon, and on Tuesday and Thursday at 12:20 p.m., the lines are longest in the dining hall because of these being the ending time of classes."

Bellefeuil said, "At this time, we feed approximately two-thirds of the students who eat lunch each day. If students would wait just 10 or 15 minutes, they would not have to stand in line as long."

The dining hall staff is also aware of the "peak" times.

"The cooks, student workers, and the staff prepare themselves for this daily rush," Bellefeuil said.

'Peak' lunch times also mean 'peak'

tray pile-ups.

"It is necessary to cut off the belt that carries the trays occasionally to switch tray carts. During these 90 or so seconds, trays tend to pile up," Bellefeuil said. "The belt only has one speed, and it's not fast enough to handle the number of girls finishing their meals at the 'peak' times."

Even with these difficult 'peak' times, there are times when only one line in the dining hall is open.

According to Bellefeuil, "At these times, there generally aren't as many students and one line is enough. (These times being on the weekends.) The other line is usually set with food in case the waiting line is too long in the one single open line."

Bellefeuil said he's concerned about these 'peak' times, and suggests that some girls consider waiting a few minutes after class before coming to the dining hall, they don't mind standing in line."

# Senate committees work to meet students' needs

by Paula Tomlinson,  
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The Meredith College Senate of 1985-86 has had a very busy and productive year thus far. Meetings have been held every two weeks to discuss topics and

suggestions of students' interest. An overview of this year's work follows:

1. A committee was formed to investigate the possibility of new post office hours and school store hours. It was decided that the school store hours are sufficient for students' needs, and the post

# Meredith fails to keep rates down under new postal system

by Cathy Manning, News Reporter

Unable to finance the Meredith College United States Post Office, Meredith administrators turned to a private non-federal post office in August, 1985.

The change in services resulted in a \$1.50 increase per box for each student and a reduction in service — no more money orders.

Before the change, the fee for one box was \$15. The price in August rose to \$18 for each box.

"Our concern is always to keep the cost down," Charles Taylor, Director of Fin-

ance said.

The increase was initiated because the \$1,800 contract Meredith had with the U.S. Postal Service was insufficient to pay for the post office services.

The contract with the U.S. Postal Service was to pay for the expense of running the post office. Meredith administrators asked for an increase but it was denied.

Meredith presently budgets \$40,000 to cover the cost of personnel services, supplies, travel and student help. The figure does not include any overhead expenses such as utilities for operating the post office.

office hours are still being discussed. It has been proposed to change hours from 3:30-4:30 to 2:30-4:30.

2. A senior conference subcommittee was formed out of concern for senior graduation conferences. The following has been proposed:

The registrar should give students a copy of the sheet outlining the requirements for their declared majors, minors, general education requirements, etc. This sheet should be given to the student at the end of her sophomore year. A copy of this sheet should also be sent to the

major advisor of the student. Also, the registrar should send each senior by the first week of fall semester classes a copy of his records as to what that student lacks toward her graduation and degree requirements.

3. A committee was formed to discuss an itemized list of tuition costs for students. When discussing the issue with Mr. Baker, he seemed to think that releasing another breakdown was unnecessary and virtually impossible. The committee is

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Meredith chapel draws crowd of seniors during Founder's Day ceremony, but doesn't on Sundays.

# Church closed on Sundays

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would want to participate in. It would require the securing of outstanding speakers and music on a weekly basis.

3. Most of the faculty and staff are involved with their own church services, so they are not available to assist in a campus worship service.

4. Many local churches offer outstanding college programs within their organizational framework."

It is more important for students to be involved with local churches, according to Sizemore. "This allows the Meredith student to participate in worship services which are a part of the local church and promotes the nourishing and nurturing which only a local church can give."

Sizemore also added, "I think that it is important that we have special services on special weekends such as parents' weekend and orientation weekend. This provides a sense of worshipping community which includes faculty, staff, students and parents.

Transportation to and from church for freshmen and sophomores has been one issue which prompts students to feel a need for Sunday morning church services on campus.

When asked her feelings about church being held on campus, freshman Becky Barton said "For those who want to go to church on Sunday, but don't have a car, this is good." When asked if she would be more apt to attend if services were held, senior Jennifer Jackson replied, "yes." Sophomore Tammy Reeves feels that this would be great, because she now attends

church, "When I can find a ride or when I can get over there."

Ministers from Forest Hills, Hayes-Barton, and Pullen Memorial were contacted as to their feelings about Meredith College holding Sunday services. All three ministers felt that a worship service would not give the students the full effect of a church atmosphere. As David Wilson of Hayes-Barton explains, "They would be missing a lot by not having a local church setting to be involved in." Rev. Jerry Hayner of Pullen Memorial feels that students need to experience a full church body of believers of all age groups, more than just a service to attend.

When the problem of transportation was discussed Rev. Larry Ballard of Forest Hills stated, "There is an alternative for students without cars."

Many of the churches in the area offer buses to and from church for interested students.

St. Mary's College offers an Episcopal Sunday morning service. According to Rev. Janet Wautrous, chaplain at St. Mary's, the students are required to attend once a week. The services are offered on Tuesday night, Wednesday night and Sunday morning. On Sunday morning anyone in residence is required to attend.

There is also a Catholic service held at North Carolina State University each Sunday morning. According to Rev. Al Dash, the campus chaplain, "There are approximately 500 students per Sunday." There has been a Catholic chaplain for 25 years.