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Plans for "Alternative Newspaper" Discussed

by: Deanna Harris

Approximately 15 students attended an organizational meeting for an alternative newspaper last Wednesday in front of Belk Dining Hall. The meeting, led by Julia Toone and Tricia Neale, addressed the need for another medium through which students could voice their opinions.

Toone recognized the option to write letters to the Herald, but felt that although the "Herald is good, [it] lacks something." The alternative paper would be "in addition to the Meredith Herald, not competition."

Toone admitted the obstacles such a paper would face, such as finances. Neale and Toone presented prices from Kinko's but plan to consult Meredith's Central Services for printing.

Although faculty, which Toone refused to name, have offered support, both Neale and Toone feel that the group would be better off without a sponsor. "A sponsor makes the group an instrument of the college," said Neale.

When addressed as the people in charge of the alternative newspaper, Toone was quick to respond. "We're facilitators. We're not in charge. We're just getting it going."

Both women solicited ideas for articles and were presented with storylines which the Meredith Herald has run in past years or has scheduled for this year. Such items of interest ranged from student highlights to political opinions to surveys to sports and parking.

Before the first issue is published, Neale and Toone want to make sure the alternative paper will be "fully legitimized by going through the proper channels." One participant felt that the paper "should be legitimate just because we're [students are] interested in it."

The first issue of the newspaper will include a statement of intention or philosophy, according to Toone. The group did not name the newspaper. They did decide to distribute the publication door to door.

The group is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 5 p.m. on the front steps of Belk Dining Hall to finalize plans for the first issue of its alternative newspaper.

Spring Break Trip to Hawaii Planned

by: Jayne Potter

As a Spring Break treat, Student Development is sponsoring "Meredith in Hawaii." About 30 Meredith students will leave from the Raleigh/Durham airport on March 2 and return March 10.

After arriving in Oahu, students will have an array of excursions and lectures to teach them about Hawaii's beauty, culture, and history. Tours of the area include: an excursion to Hanauma Bay, one of the world's most beautiful beaches; a half-day lecture tour to Honolulu's historical landmarks, National Cemetery, Punchbowl Crater, Waikiki, and Diamondhead; a lecture tour cruise of Pearl Harbor; and other excursions. The history and culture lectures will

be provided in Honolulu by officials of the state of Hawaii, department of culture.

Students will also have optional excursions to Maui, Kauai, and to explore the sugar cane and pineapple fields. Also offered are snorkeling lessons, a glass-bottom Catamaran sail, hiking, or sunning.

The price includes two meals per day for most days, all required tours, airfare and hotel, plus baggage handling, transfers, and tips.

Sunday, Feb. 11, from 4-6 p.m., there will be a Hawaii Orientation meeting in the Art History Auditorium, in Gaddy-Hamrick.

For more details, contact the Office for Student Development, 103 Johnson Hall.

Meredith Recycling Efforts Reported

by: Marlea Doane

Congratulations Meredith for doing such a good job recycling. According to Allison Shannon from the Meredith Student Recycling Group, Meredith has collected 18,000 lbs. of paper since last December.

Although that number shows a terrific effort, the recycling group estimates that only about 50% of paper discarded daily is recycled. The group's goal is to see 75% of our paper recycled.

"This summer the group will review the program and find the best way to continue," said Shannon.

Shannon also said the group would possibly like to see us expand our program to other products such as glass.

The group is also thinking of getting the Meredith community to purchase more recycled products.