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News Briefs

- South Floridians are still recovering from Hurricane Andrew. It is estimated that 180,000-250,000 people are without homes. Damage is now estimated at \$15 billion. Florida Governor Laughton Chiles warns that if the federal government does not pay 100% of reconstruction cost, Florida will be "totally busted."
- NC gubernatorial candidates Jim Hunt and Jim Gardner campaigned in the Triangle Monday. Hunt said he would fight to protect the woman's right to choose. Gardner commented about the rash of murders in Durham.
- Presidential candidate Bill Clinton has gained strength according to a recent national poll. Clinton has 55% of the nation's support and President George Bush has 36%.
- The Rev. Jesse Jackson will speak at a memorial service for the 25 Imperial Food Product workers who died in a plant fire in Hamlet last September.
- Teachers in the Detroit public school system, the nation's 7th largest, went on strike Monday. 168,000 students are effected by this strike.
- The US Open Tennis Tournament is revving up in Flushing Meadow, New York. Americans Jim Courier and Mary Jo Fernandez have advanced.
- The NC State State Wolfpack is gearing up for its home opener Saturday against Appalachian State.
- Jose Canseco, outfielder for the Oakland A's, was traded to the Texas Rangers for Reuben Sierra

Food services director responds to students' concerns

By Beth Lowry

The newly renovated Belk Dining Hall continues to be the talk of the campus. Meredith students are excited about the new food possibilities and are eager for them to start.

Students agree that the new rose and teal atmosphere provides a more appetizing setting, but feel that there are still some kinks that need to be ironed out.

The *Meredith Herald* took the students' questions to Thad O'Briant, food services director. He too agrees that there are problems to be worked out and was more than willing to answer questions.

The lines are too congested. There is not enough space to move around.

According to O'Briant the lines are moving faster than last year. When all of the programs (Cafe Features, Grill Works) are implemented, it will be a much better situation. He says that students are conditioned to the old traffic-flow and once they get used to the new pattern it will be better.

The enter/exit is a pain when all you want is more to drink or



Students adjust to new layout of dining hall.

photo by Amity Brown

seconds.

The dining hall staff is continuing to explore alternatives for refills or seconds.

The ice machine is dangerous because it spits ice all over the floor.

The dining hall realizes there is a problem. It would help if students would hold their glass closer to the nozzle. A service technician has come to Meredith to do what he can to fix the problem.

The ice machine slows the line down.

O'Briant says that the line is not going any slower than last year. The dining hall staff is looking for options, however, to speed the line up.

Where is the menu board?

The menu board will be more of an informational system, providing students with menus and nutritional information. These boards will be placed in the foyers at each door. O'Briant said that they have been ordered and should arrive soon.

Student wrecks car on campus

A Meredith senior had a car accident on campus last week. According to Meredith Security, no one was hurt.

Susan Broadwell was leaving the campus around noon last Wednesday, and while exiting Faircloth gate, she took her eyes off the road for a few seconds to straighten something in the passenger's seat. While going down the hill, her car went off the road and

hit a light pole. The car flipped. Broadwell was wearing her seatbelt.

Frances Pate



Chief Dan Shattuck said it saved her life.

A little after the accident occurred, the security office received a call from one of the call boxes. Chief Shattuck said that three people had called on the box and that he couldn't really understand what any of them were saying. He stressed the importance of knowing how the call boxes are used. The emergency boxes can

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