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News Briefs

- Responding to the needs of Hurricane Andrew victims, President Bush asked Congress for \$7.6 billion in relief funds.

- Jesse Helms returned to the Senate after a three-month absence following heart surgery, saying he is ready with several amendments to Senate legislature.

- A fishing boat came into Morehead City Tuesday, carrying Chinese refugees. According to authorities, the boat left Taiwan in April and may be part of an operation illegally smuggling ethnic Chinese into the US.

- Americans are spending more than \$2 billion annually to have small blockages in their arteries cleared, hoping to prevent strokes.

- Ivan Lendl defeated Boris Becker, 6-7 (7-4), 6-2, 6-7 (7-4), 6-3, 6-4, to advance to the quarter finals in the US Open. Monica Seles and Mary Jo Fernandez also advanced.

- In the National League, the Atlanta Braves lead in the West by 7 1/2 games while the Pittsburgh Pirates lead in the East by 4. The Toronto Blue Jays lead the American League East by 2 1/2 games, and the Oakland A's lead the West by 4.

- President Bush sent his top trade official to the Senate to begin lobbying for the North American Free Trade Agreement.

- A collection of Beatle's recordings will be released for the first time next year.

- Salman Rushdie, author of *The Satanic Verses*, made a rare appearance in Boulder, Colorado Tuesday.

Meredith community experiences increase in international student population

by Susan Finley

The Meredith community has always included a broad spectrum of students, but this year is exceptional because Meredith has the largest number of international students in the history of the college. According to the Office for Student Development, there are about seventy-five international students enrolled this year, which is up by approximately ten students from last year. These figures include graduate, full time and re-entry students.

The Office for Student Development acts in an advisory capacity for Meredith's international students. As well as helping with such technical concerns as having the correct visas, the office provides a handbook specifically for international students. Dr. Sandra Thomas, Vice President for Student Development, also acts as the Administrative International Student Advisor. In addition, international students can address academic concerns to Dr. Rhonda Zingraff, who serves as the Faculty International Student



Zimin, Michiko, Yoko bring Asian cultures to Meredith.

file photo

Advisor, or to Dr. Betty Webb, the Director of International Studies.

The International House provides a unique living environment for Meredith students. In this setting, students from abroad and from the U.S. live together and benefit from each others' experiences.

All of this information is very interesting in a general sense, but what is it like to be an international student?

Katherine Gu, who came to the United States from Shanghai, China nearly three years ago, says that her experiences here at Meredith have been very rewarding. In particular, Katherine points out the sense of family she feels with the people she has met. Katherine says, "The most important thing here at Meredith is the sense of sisterhood. I am an only child, so I have found a lot of sisters here."

Security advises students to take precautions

by Traci Latta

For most of the student body here at Meredith, staying in shape is a big priority. Just look around the campus day or night, and you'll see students walking or jogging. For most of the student body, the idea that Meredith is a little world in a larger city is common. Unfortunately Meredith is not immune to the criminal element.

Earlier this month a student was approached by two men while she was walking on the new road parallel to Hillsborough St. and was asked if she had a car. When she acted disinterested and replied that she had no car, the two men fled. The student reported the incident and then met with Chief Shattuck

and Dean Sizemore to discuss what happened. Since the incident, that area of the new road has been patrolled without further incident.

Security Officer Timmy Morris stated that in all of his 10 years on the security force at Meredith there have been no major incidents of students being accosted on campus, and that this incident proves that Meredith students are not immune.

Chief Shattuck says that they are working very hard to keep students safe, but that there are some precautions that students can practice as well. Most of those are listed in the Safety and Security brochure given out at the hall meetings.

The precautions include 1) Students

should not go walking after dark. 2) Students should not walk alone, day or night. 3) Students should carry flashlights at night. 4) Students who park in the riding ring should call security and ask for an escort to their dorms. 4) Students coming to campus after closing hours, should ask for an escort to their dorms. If there is no security officer at the gate, students should use the new phone that dials security direct. 5) Students who feel they are being followed should immediately alert security by using any of the call boxes located on campus. By remembering to follow these tips and realizing that the security office is here for the students' protection, the chances of further incidents should be minimized.