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fall of 1972, and Dahle was involved in getting the program started. She said, "I was hired to do it, but I depended on Dean Burris a lot to understand what the program needed."

Discussing the needs of re-entry students, Close said "The college is showing more and more concern and flexibility. The faculty is more conscious of the needs of re-entry students."

"One of the things we've done for re-entry students is to help the faculty get used to students who are not full-time or who have other responsibilities besides school," Dahle added.

Many re-entry students major in business, but recently there has been a shift to other majors, creating more of a balance among majors.

"Business is still very popular because many have come from the business world and have been overlooked for promotions. However, in the past three years, there has been an increase in English and social work majors," Close said.

Some re-entry students return to school to pursue a second degree, often in art, interior design, or marketing.

While many re-entry students have common majors, they are not alike in several other ways. In fact, the age spread of the students has

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may need.

In order of potential noise level, the various floors rank as follows: main is least quiet, ground is quieter, and second is quietest.

(3) As space in the library becomes more and more limited, services as well as shelving for the books, periodicals, and audio-visual materials will infringe on student study tables and carrels. Finding a quiet place in the library to study is going to become an increasingly greater challenge.

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Janet L. Freeman, College Librarian

Student responds to security issues

In light of the incidents that have occurred so far this semester, it is all fine and dandy that security advises the students at Meredith to

been from 23 to 78.

"The oldest person in the program graduated at age 78 in 1991. She didn't have to make A's. She enjoyed every minute of it."

Dahle added, "The median age is moving down. There are more younger people now than in the 1970's and 80's," Close said.

Re-entry students also have a variety of educational backgrounds. Close said, "As numbers increase, we're seeing more of everything."

Dahle said, "The woman who had been to school a year or two and had then gotten married is not the majority anymore. We get a lot of older women who've had no college, more women in their late 20's with high school diplomas, and more GED students."

This semester among the 142 newly enrolled in the program, 100 came with some college, 5 with no college, 37 with some college at Meredith.

Close and Dahle agree that re-entries have needs that are different from traditional-age students.

Close said, "The program is unique in that we have no admission requirements. We base admission on how they do after they get here."

Dahle added, "The greatest problem of re-entry students is fear. This year for the first time we are offering high school algebra through a co-op with Wake Tech."

Dean Mary Johnson summed up by saying, "I do think we certainly are an advantage to Meredith College from the standpoint of programs offered, and I also think we are an advantage to the wider community."

pizza, they should also offer a cheese and vegetable pizza.

The dining hall does not have vegetarian dishes every day especially on weekends. We have had to resort to going to Taco Bell for bean burritos every weekend. Granted, we can eat salad or the vegetables that are served, but variety would be nice.

The cafeteria workers not only need to label the vegetarian dishes, but also be knowledgeable about them. Before labeling dishes began being labeled, we once asked if a broccoli and cheese dish was vegetarian and were told "yes." However, when we ate some of the dish, we found it had chicken in it, and it made us sick.

We are glad that the dining hall is trying to work with us by labeling the dishes and trying new ones, but we would like to help them with suggestions. After all, our health is at "steak."

take some precautions when they are out at night. But there is one precaution that struck me as funny, that is the one that said, "students coming to campus after closing hours, should ask for an escort to their dorms." It is so funny to me because not more than two weeks ago I came onto campus after closing hours and asked to have an escort because I had to park in the back of Stringfield and walk to the front of Vann. The security officer gave me a hard time and also made me feel very foolish for asking for an escort. I parked my car and there was not a security officer to be found. When I got to the front door, no security officer was there either. I had to call security again to get them to send someone to let me in. I think the precautions that security gave were good, but if they are not going to go through with them, what good are they?

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