

French major enjoys semester abroad

by Sonali Kolhatkar

Julie Burnette anxiously awaited her trip to France for the summer. Little did she know that she would love the city so much and that she would apply to live a semester in the town of Angers. In August, Julie made her voyage to France to become a student of language and culture.

Julie is a junior and a French major and felt that a trip abroad would heighten her awareness of French, and an immersion in the culture would help to understand the French way of life better.

Her first few days were difficult, but she quickly made



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friends with other students she and her host family. Julie became a

student at the L'Universite Catholique L' Oeust and immediately became a true Parisian. Her host family took good care of her and she enjoyed many French delicacies.

While in Paris, she was able to meet many students from different countries: Sweden, Germany, Russia, and Madagascar. Spending this semester abroad also taught her how valuable learning a new outlook on life is. Seeing how the French lived helped her to understand that there are not as many barriers that people have to overcome.

Julie's host family was a

single-mother of three boys. She was able to spend time with the family and also visit the country. Julie also received some pointers from her older sister, Mary Snow. She, too, went to France and her insight helped Julie to realize the importance of her trip.

Julie is now back at Meredith. She admits she did miss her friends, but also says she has wonderful and cherished memories of a semester she will never forget. France is a long way from her hometown of Rocky Mount, so Julie is glad to see all the familiar sights of home.

Security prepares for move to new offices

by Kimberly Zucker

Coming back after Christmas vacation, many students asked the same question: what happened to the security building? It appeared as if a tornado whisked it away just like Dorothy's house in *The Wizard of Oz*.

However, the security office did not disappear, but was moved beside the maintenance building behind the cafeteria. They had to move because a new International House will be built in its place, which will be called the Noel House. The security staff will be beside Maintenance until May. At the end of May they will move into the old Inter-

national House.

At least one half of the building will belong to security and the remaining offices will go to faculty members. Chief Shattuck said he is very excited about the move for many reasons. The staff will have more room and will be better able to serve the students as they will no longer share the building with Environmental Services.

Chief Shattuck summed up his feelings on the new plan by saying, "We will be better able to serve the students now that we have privacy. I will have my own private office for the students to come in and talk to me whenever they have a problem. I hope that we can work closer with the students in the future."



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Security is being temporarily housed in this trailer behind the College's Facilities Management office.

Basketball team extends winning streak, hopes for post-season play

by Kate Stewart

The Meredith Angels defeated Averett College 84-52 on Saturday. Emily Brown led four Angels in double figures as she scored 22 points in the victory, which pushed the team's record to 7-0.

Coach Carl Hatchell is very pleased with the way that the season has gone so far, but wishes

that more students would come out and watch the team. "It really helps our players in their effort when the crowd comes out and pulls for the team," Hatchell said. He also said that two players, Emily Brown and Lesley Cox, have had knee injuries this season but both are still able to play.

As for the players, they are indeed very happy with the way

things have gone so far. Fortunately, though, they have not become complacent about their success. As Sylvia Newman said, "We need to keep our intensity up and not underestimate the teams that we are going to play against."

Freshman Emily Brown said that she is enjoying her first season because everyone works really well together and because

"everyone is wanting to win a little more each day."

Other players remarked on how consistent the team has been and how much fun they are having while playing together. However, the Meredith Angels do have a major goal that they hope to accomplish and that is to receive a bid to the NCAA Tournament at the end of the regular season.