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Student report closes case

by Christina Peoples

Last April Heather Norman, sophomore, was attacked while walking on the road in front of the Ledford Building. She was not injured, but a man grabbed her and tried to stuff a sock in her mouth. The student screamed, and the man let her go. The attacker was described as dark-skinned and six-foot tall. The student also said the man had pantyhose over his head.

The first week in May another Meredith student reported that she saw a man fitting the description of the attacker on campus. She followed the man and was able to give a description of the man and his license plate

number to security. Security gave the information to the Raleigh Police Department.

The police located the man and questioned him. He confessed that he committed the crime. On August 23, he was sentenced to ten years in prison. A week before his trial, he was arrested for a similar crime in Edgecombe County.

Norman said, "I'm glad he was arrested, but I'd prefer that he'd gotten some psychological counseling."

The responsible actions of a few can save countless hours of pain and suffering for many. Being alert does not mean being paranoid about everything that happens. When things in your environment just do not seem right, or if you notice some-

one who is not usually a part of the everyday "scenery," report your concerns to the campus police department immediately.

The Meredith Security Department offers these tips to students:

- Never attempt to apprehend or question a suspect yourself.

- Never place yourself in danger.

- Get pertinent information -- description of the person, vehicle description, license plate number.

- Always call for help if you feel threatened or scared.

- Always be alert.

- Do not take for granted that everyone is on campus for an education.

- If you feel you are in immediate danger, call 911.

Student Government Association selects vice president/Senate chair

by Tracey Rawls

The Student Government Association (SGA) has chosen Heather Gibson, sophomore, to fill the office of SGA vice president/Senate chair.

According to Camille Hatch, SGA President, five people applied for the position. Interviews were held last Tuesday. Members of SGA conducted the interviews. Candidates were asked about their knowledge of Senate and their plans for Senate.

"I am very excited about her enthusiasm regarding the



Heather Gibson, SGA vice president, and her suitemate, Katie Farmer, take a break from Cornhuskin' to pose for the camera.

position and Senate's role on campus," said Cheryl Jenkins, Senate adviser.

Gibson is from Matthews, NC. She is majoring in International Studies. Gibson was also vice president of her high school student government.

"I applied for Senate chair because I wanted to get more involved at Meredith. I also thought it would be a good way to meet new people," Gibson said.

"I believe that Senate will have a challenging year as it seeks student input and considers their needs toward

Rape -- It does not have to happen

One out of every eight adult women in the United States will be a victim of rape, according to a recent study conducted by the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Rape is one of the fastest growing crimes in North Carolina, up four percent in 1992 alone. The same source reported that rape is also the most under-reported of all violent crimes, with only 16 percent of victims reporting their assaults to police.

Each fall, thousands of young women go off to college, many for the first time. When they arrive on campus they find their new environment vastly different from the relative security of home. But with their newly found freedom comes an increased risk and the need to be aware of some important information.

Whether you live in a dormitory or an apartment, there are certain precautions you should take. First and foremost, keep the doors locked. You do not have to open the door just because someone knocks. Instead, ask, "Who is there?" Always respond in some way when someone knocks on the door or when the telephone rings. By not responding, you give the impression that you are not home and run the risk of an attempted break-in. When returning home, have your keys ready to unlock the door. If a break-in has occurred, leave at once and return with help. If you find yourself trapped and need assistance, yell "FIRE!!"

There is no way to accurately predict who will commit a sexual assault in any given situation. Every woman is a potential target for a rapist. The most important thing for women to know about this heinous violent crime is how to reduce the chance of becoming a victim.

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the enhancement of campus life this year," Jenkins said.

The duties of vice president/Senate chair include leading Senate meetings, coordinating Open House weekend programming, serving as vice president of SGA and sharing vice presidential duties with the Honor Council Chair.

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