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Cate Center changes to meet students' needs

by Krystal Roebuck

Students new to Meredith this year may not be aware of the changes that have transformed the Cate Center since last year. The changes took a lot of time, effort and planning. The changes were brought about in order to better serve the students' needs.

The Student Box Office, located on first floor Cate Center, serves as an information center. Their hours have changed to include evening hours. The Box Office will be open Monday through Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Student volunteers are needed for Thursday evening hours.

Other changes on first floor include the Residence Life and Housing's move to the Student Activities office suite and the Meredith Supply Store's new look with the addition of a storefront. The glassed-in entry area will aid in the efficiency of heating and cooling.

On the second floor, there have been many renovations. A "quiet study" area has been created with the addition of a glass wall. The fireplace was removed from the lounge, creating a more visually open and appealing room. The fireplace base has become a planter. The television has been removed from the lounge. The area is more conducive to socializing as well as studying. The adjacent vending area was enclosed.

Traditions, formerly Le Greenhouse, has a large screen television. Comfortable seating has also been added. Camcard is now accepted in the snack bar and in the vending area. Both resident and commuter students can enjoy this as a convenient alternative to the dining hall. Traditions' new hours are Monday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The area formerly used as com-

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Monday	7:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Tuesday	7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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muter study rooms now houses four offices for student organizations. These offices share a common lobby area. The Association of Meredith Commuters and WINGS share an office. Other offices are occupied by class officers, Student Government Association and the Association for Black Awareness/ MRA.

If you need a place to hold a meeting, spaces are available after 5:00 p.m.: Career Resource Room, quiet

study room, Student Leader Conference Room, lounge area and the student offices' lobby.

The Cate Center's changes have combined to make the center more geared toward students' needs and interests. The student center has been structured to bring both resident and commuter students together in a comfortable atmosphere. Students are welcome to voice their opinions regarding the use of space in the Cate Center.

ABC special dispels myths about breast cancer

by Elizabeth Rihani

For most of us at Meredith, our feelings of security run pretty deep. We have comfortable rooms, good friends and a campus that seems to be a little world of its own. Probably the most life-threatening experience a lot of us have had is facing our parents after a semester spent doing everything but studying. We hear about all the diseases out there, but most of us still feel invincible and untouchable.

After watching the September 14 ABC special on breast cancer, however, I realize that feeling safe won't keep me safe. The program was called

"The Other Epidemic," a title I thought a little dramatic until I got into the show. It was hosted by journalist Linda Ellerbee, herself a breast cancer survivor, and it dealt effectively with both the medical and emotional sides of the disease. The writers combined hard facts with heart-wrenching personal sketches of women with breast cancer, and the result was an informative and highly emotional hour that everyone, regardless of sex or age, should have seen.

The most eye-opening part of the show for me was the statistics, because I had no idea how big a threat breast cancer really is. Did you know

that since 1960, twice the number of women have died from breast cancer than men died in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Gulf War combined? Half of those women have died in the past ten years. Two million women have breast cancer right now in the United States, but what is even more shocking is that only half of them know it. This year alone, 185,000 women will be diagnosed with the disease — that's one woman every three minutes! One out of eight of us will have breast cancer by our 85th birthday, and by the year 2000, the odds will be one in seven.

Once my eyes were opened to the statistics, they quickly teared up at the personal stories of the women featured. They ranged in age from 25 to 60, and they all had a powerful message to send: breast cancer victims can recover, but it takes enormous amounts of support from those around you. In one particularly moving segment, survivor PJ Viviansayles of Los Angeles explained how she helped organize a support group for black women who have or had breast cancer. Sue Miller,

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