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## Fire damages Shearon Harris Building

by Christina Peoples

A blaze broke out in the kitchen of Shearon Harris Building between 11 p.m. January 7 and 2:10 a.m. January 8, according to the Raleigh Fire Department. No one was in the building at the time of the blaze.

Dr. Gwenn Clay went by the building at 9:30 a.m. January 8 and heard the alarm. Clay called security and they contacted the fire department, said Chuck Taylor, vice president of business and finance.

Fire officials speculate that the fire began due to faulty wiring in the refrigerator. As a result, the kitchen was destroyed and there was extensive damage to three or four offices, the lounge and the reading room.

The fire was extinguished when the joint of a copper water pipe in the ceiling came open and wedged against another pipe, forming a "sprinkler," fire officials said.

Smoke and soot ruined the majority of electrical equipment in the building. "It is possible that many or all of the computers will have to be replaced," said Taylor.

The soot must be cleaned out of the ductwork and the smoke odor cleared before classes can resume in Harris Monday, January 24.

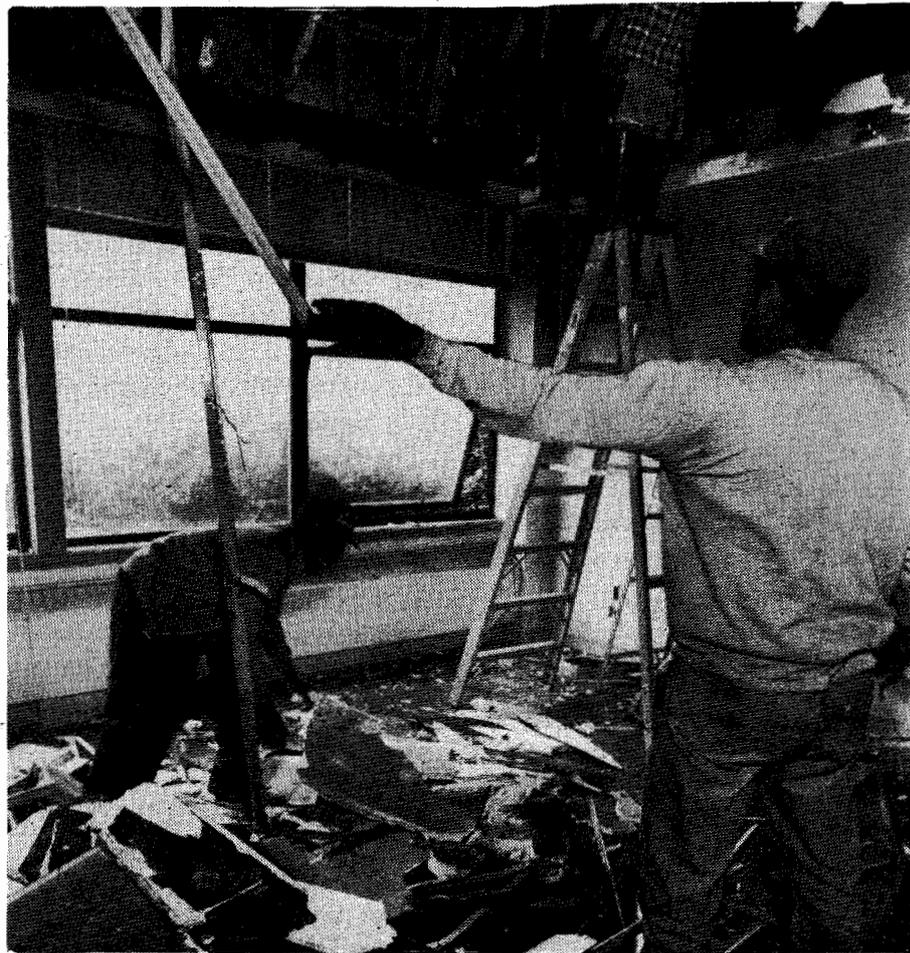


photo by Steve Wilson

Workers add up the damage to Harris Building after a fire damaged the kitchen and several offices. Classes should resume in Harris January 24.

"I'm really appreciative of the way students, faculty, and all who have been inconvenienced have responded in such a cooperative way," said Tay-

lor. "We hope to get the building back on line by the 24th with the exception of the rooms that were burned."

## Faculty committee revises College's sexual harrassment policy

by Christina Peoples and Elizabeth Rihani

The Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) met last Friday to discuss the revised draft of the new sexual harrassment policy at Meredith.

The revised policy, an update from the November 23 draft, takes into consideration suggestions by faculty, staff and administration.

FAC members present at the Janu-

ary 14 meeting were Dr. Brent Pitts, faculty representative, Alyson Colwell, Dr. Jared Kratzer, Dr. Garry Walton and Dr. Robert Vance.

The main concerns expressed at the meeting were general structural and word-choice problems in the policy draft.

Other points of discussion were the right of faculty and students to have an attorney present at college

hearings dealing with sexual harrassment charges. Another topic was the concern of some faculty members that listing specific examples of unacceptable behavior in the policy would limit the ability of the administration to enforce other instances of sexual harrassment that may not be

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## Meredith students named to Who's Who

by Frances Pate

The 1994 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 32 students from Meredith College.

Students were chosen by campus nominating committees and editors of the directory based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Dean of Students, Dorothy Sizemore, said "being selected as a recipient of the Who's Who award is one of the most coveted awards of our students." She added her congratulations to the students chosen.

"They have demonstrated their personal and professional commitment through their academic achievements and their service to Meredith College," Sizemore said.

Students have been honored in the directory since 1934. This year the following students will be listed

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## Today's Forecast

High 23

Low 10

Tomorrow

High 30

Low 10