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Local man attacks housekeeping supervisor

by Elizabeth Rihani

While Meredith's student body was enjoying a relaxing spring break, some of the College's security department and housekeeping staff were confronted with a not-so-relaxing event on campus.

Around 6:00 last Tuesday morning, March 15, a man who had recently been released from Dorothea Dix Hospital entered Joyner Hall, pulled two fire alarms, broke one fire extinguisher cabinet, and emptied two fire extinguishers there, according to the security report.

George Avramidis, 22, a recent patient at Dorothea Dix until his release Friday, March 11, had spent last Monday night sitting in the Waffle House on Hillsborough St. until, according to his statement to security, he suffered an anxiety attack early Tuesday morning and walked across the street to Meredith.

Security Officers Larry Ferrell and Wendy Honeycutt had just unlocked the doors to Joyner and were on their way to open the gym and Harris when Avramidis entered Joyner, according to Security Chief Dan Shattuck. It was not until Ferrell and Honeycutt were walking back towards Harris and Joyner from the gym that they heard the fire alarm go off.

According to the report written by

Ferrell, both he and Honeycutt went into Joyner to investigate, but at that time they found nothing. Ferrell left Honeycutt in Joyner so that he could

return to the security office to reset the Joyner alarm.

While in the office, Ferrell received a call from Honeycutt saying that there was definitely someone in the building. Ferrell called Lawrence

Williams at the guard house and advised him to call the Raleigh Police Department, according to the report.

Meanwhile, Craig Bridges, housekeeping supervisor, heard the alarm going off from where he was in Harris, and he went over to Joyner, according to Ferrell's report. He saw what he thought to be smoke, actually the carbon dioxide substance from the used extinguishers, and continued up to the second floor where he and Honeycutt found the suspect, armed with a fire extinguisher.

Avramidis sprayed Bridges in the face with the extinguisher but did not harm Honeycutt, according to Chief

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Residence Life seeks to better meet student needs

by Addie Tschamler

The Meredith College experience means different things to different people. Recently students have been given the opportunity to express their opinions about their Meredith experience by completing surveys and by writing comments on bulletin boards in each of the residence halls.

The purpose of this "writing on the wall" is to inform residence life administrative committees on necessary changes to improve residence life and other aspects of Meredith for the students. And many changes have already been made. For instance, "private rooms will be available for an additional room charge. More areas in the residence halls will be designated smoke free," Director of Residence Life Janice McClendon commented in a letter on student-requested changes.

"We have heard the cries for change," she stated.

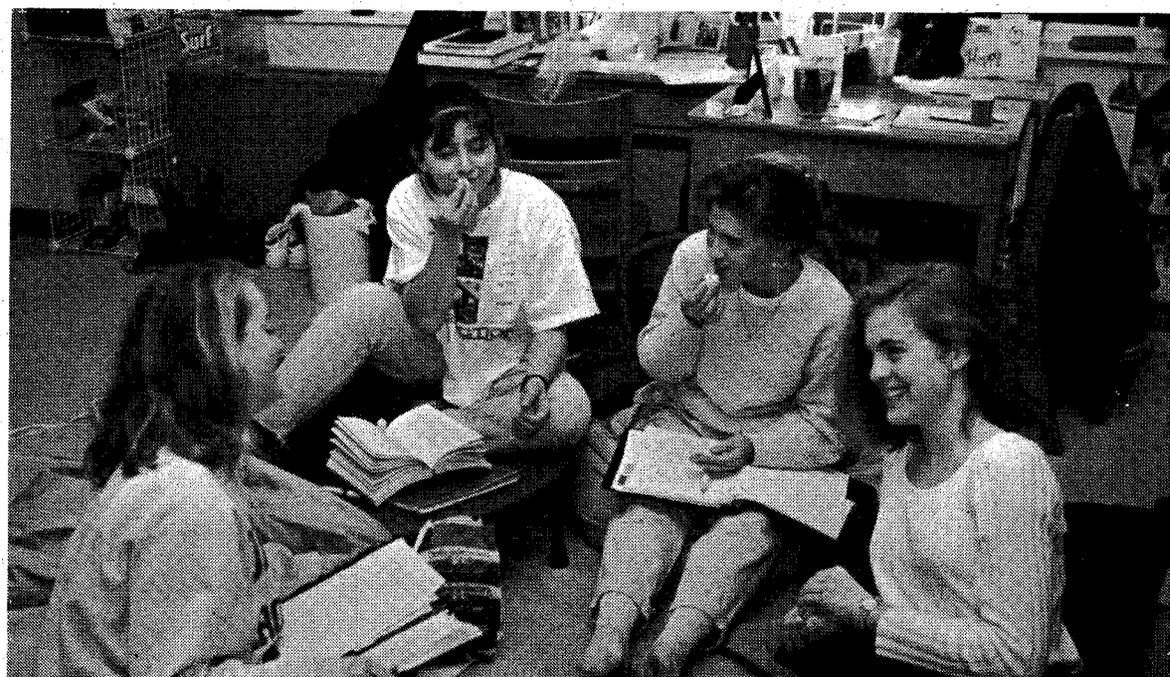
In order to hear those "cries" a group called Enrollment Management suggested for committees from the Office

of Residence Life to collect input from students through questionnaires and other means, to gain an understanding of the needs of the Meredith student.

Committees were formed in certain areas such as undergraduates, commuters, transfers and re-entry. The groups were broken down from a committee

on retention issues and campus concerns chaired by Dean Dorothy Sizemore. After all the information gathered by the groups is compiled, it will be presented to the Enrollment Management committee for reviewing.

Residence Life strives to create community in the residence halls, McClendon stated. "[Students'] comments on the surveys and opinion boards are not in vain. Residence Life exists to serve students. We continue to need [students] comments and input in order to do our jobs better."



Carroll residents enjoy each other's company as they study together. The Office of Residence Life is seeking student input on residence life.