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Crime increase provokes campus reaction

by Christina Peoples

The Meredith community is not immune to the rise in campus crime across the Triangle area. Spring semester has brought with it many burglaries in the residence halls, classrooms and parking lots.

Along with the crime increase comes a cry from the campus to better equip our residence halls and classroom buildings to prevent the victimization of Meredith's students and staff members.

There has been a proposal for 24-hour lockup for the residence halls with an access system for Camcard identification. Glen Sanderson from information systems on campus and a computer company representative addressed the residence life staff at their meeting last week.

According to Resident Director Beth Flye, they asked that the resident assis-

tants get feedback on the system from the students in the hall meetings. The RAs asked the students for their overall opinion of the system, what hours they would like to see it in use (24 hours, 7p.m.-7a.m., or 11p.m.-7a.m.), whether residents and commuters should have access or just residents, if the cards should work in all residence halls or just specific doors, and if students would ultimately like access systems on all doors.

"The plan is to set the system up according to student preferences," said Flye.

The students wrote their opinions down, and the RAs typed them up and turned them in to Janice McClendon. Meredith administration will also have input into the workings of the system, which they hope to install by August. An access system will be installed in

the International House to try it out.

"The 24-hour lockup would be good for me and my people and would get rid of a lot of people looking for the opportunity to steal," said Chief Shattuck.

Recently, two teenage girls have been spotted in Brewer and Faircloth residence halls. They have been in rooms with unlocked doors and have rifled through purses. It seems that they are looking for cash because they have had opportunities to take credit cards and have not done so, said Chief Shattuck.

They have been seen by housekeeping staff and students and have been scared off twice, but people could never report it in time for security to catch them.

"We need people to be on the lookout because these people are going to be around," said Shattuck.

Just before spring break, money was

stolen from some rooms in Heilman and Faircloth. Between \$30-\$70 was taken, said Shattuck.

On the February 25, Shattuck got a call from a faculty member in the Harris building who said that \$135 had been taken from her purse, which she had left in an office. A student had left her purse in the office as well and had \$45 taken.

A college-age man was seen by people not only in Harris where he asked for a professor by name, but also in Ledford and Johnson Hall. The young man used the professor's name to give himself a cover-up, so that he would not look suspicious, said Shattuck.

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Leaders recognized at Awards Day

by Kate Stewart

The Student Leadership Awards were given out on Monday at 10:00 a.m. in Jones Auditorium. Awards were given to students who had exemplified leadership and dedication throughout the year.

Kristen Tyvoll was selected as the winner of the Student Development and Leadership Award. Amy Rooks, Amy Fisher, Hillary West, and Kristye Koontz all received the Freshman Service and Dedication Award. Carol Hill was the recipient of the SGA Outstanding Leadership and Service Award while Angela Toms received the SGA Executive Award. The "You Make A Difference" Student Advisor Award was given to Anissa Jones. Ashley Horsman and Christa Bucks were both recipients of the Resident Assistant Extra Effort Award, while Jennifer Smith received the RHB Executive Committee Extra Effort Award.

Pin Pin Lian was awarded the MIA Extra Effort Award and the TBW Outstanding Senior in Business and Economics award went to Kimberly Jo Andrews. The WINGS Outstanding

Leadership Award was given to Carol Hill, who won two awards Monday. The Meredith Herald Leadership Award was given to Christina Peoples while Elizabeth Rihani received the Meredith Herald Dedication Award. Winners of the Junior Women's Club Outstanding New Member Awards were Frances Moran and Page Brown while the Jun-

ior Women's club Outstanding Board Member Award was given to Mary Carraway. Winners of the Senior Service and Dedication Awards were Tracy Salter and Blythe Taylor while the winners of

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Angela Toms, Honor Council chair, presents Ginny Stoltz, freshman, with the Carlye Campbell award Monday at Leadership Awards Day Monday.

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Today's
Forecast
Sunny
to partly cloudy

High 80

Low 48