

News Briefs

°Clinton decided to lift U.S. sanctions against Haiti on Monday and encouraged other nations to do the same. Clinton said that lifting sanctions will speed economic recovery in Haiti. Madeleine Albright, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said that U.S. will seek a quick vote to lift remaining UN trade sanctions.

°A Hope Mills police officer was found shot to death early Monday morning. Officer Sgt. Ronald L. Yeazel died of a gunshot wound to the back of the head, according to a spokesperson for the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department. Few details were released about the slaying, but there were no apparent signs of struggle.

°Wake County commissioners have been arguing over a resolution on prayer in schools. Commissioner Gary Pendleton proposed that Wake join the six other counties of North Carolina by writing a resolution encouraging Congress to reinstate school prayer.

°Few answers have been found in the Triangle's quest to attract an aquarium. Representatives of local businesses said Monday that they need more details about the proposal before deciding whether to study further into the project's feasibility.

°Two employees of Central Prison have been blamed for negligence in the escape of two maximum security inmates in July. One inmate still at large is believed to be headed toward Iowa. The two inmates slid down a trash chute July 29 and rode out of the prison grounds in a garbage truck.

Student teachers learn the ABC's of teaching

by Addie Tschamler

Next month many seniors involved in teacher certification programs will get their first real taste of their future career as student teaching gets under way. But this isn't the beginning.

Students began learning the ABC's of teaching this semester with Block, a concentrated study in student teaching where students get experience teaching to their peers. English major Francés Pate said that through Block she is taking a course on how to teach English and courses on pre-adolescent and adolescent behavior.

Although student teaching and classroom observations are pass/fail, it isn't a recess from the books. According to Pate, student teachers have the same responsibilities as a regular teacher would have. Student teachers are responsible for all lesson plans and giving grades in the classroom.

Pate, who will be teaching elev-

enth grade at Athens Drive High School, said that Meredith students are placed in different schools where cooperating teachers are interested in having student teachers. During the time Meredith students teach the class, a supervisor from the education department will come in at some point, to observe how well the student teachers are able to manage the classroom and how effectively they perform. If the student teacher is having problems, the supervisor works with them to help them improve their teaching skills.

Many students come back after they graduate to do the in-class teaching segment of their study. However, students that do this must have previously graduated with most of their certification work already completed. For example, students planning to go into education must take a course in educational psychology and foundations of American education.

In addition, there are six other additional requirements for those planning to student teach. A student must have a summation of a 2.5 grade point average or above prior to student teaching, a student must be involved in observation in the public schools and must demonstrate competencies constituted by the Department of Education showing teaching effectiveness. Additionally, she must have satisfactorily completed all method courses, obtained a physical examination for public schools teachers and filed an application for student teaching with the Department of Education, according to the Meredith Student Catalogue.

Students preparing for the program await with anxious feelings. Pate said, "I will be able to see in the students what I'm learning in class. I'm excited about it!"

Meredith falls for Fall Fest '94

by Teresa Latham

This year's Fall Fest had more than just good bands. The music heard over the campus Sunday, September 25th drew students and others out of their rooms and outside for some fun and relaxation. Bands Doolittle from Raleigh and Catfish Jenkins from Athens, Ga. provided great tunes for everyone to listen to.

Due to the reconstruction at the amphitheater, Fall Fest was relocated this year on the field area beside the lake. Everyone seemed to actually prefer the area because it allowed a lot more space to play Frisbee, walk the dog, or simply wander about and socialize. "I like this years location because you are not just confined to the island and there is more room for other things than just the band," said senior Erin Riley.

New activities were provided to add to the festivities such as the Orbitron and the Moonjump. Everyone seemed to enjoy these attractions. After jumping around on the Moonjump, senior Heather Marshbanks described her experience as "Very bouncy, but lots of fun!" The Orbitron, which always had a line,

gave students a chance to spin themselves any and every which way possible. Also, lots of food was available including pretzels, candy apples, roasted peanuts, hot dogs and more. "

events. It has coordinated really well with Family Day and there has been a good turn out from students, parents and the community as well," said Missy and Leigh. Remaining parents from



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Children kept lining up for the Moonjump, but the Meredith students had already claimed it for their own.

I think that Fall Fest is much better with all of the new additions although I missed the cotton candy machine!" said senior Crystal Howard.

The MEA co-chairs of this event were seniors Missy Barakat and Leigh Butler. "We've tried a lot of new things this year - activities, location, and

Family Day even seemed to enjoy all the activities.

Everything seemed to go smoothly and the co-chairs did a great job of making Fall Fest fun for everyone that came. "I hope they do it this well next year," said a Meredith student.