

News Briefs

U.S. Senator Bob Packwood (R-Ore.), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, resigned Thursday after being charged by the Senate Ethics Committee with sexual misconduct and obstruction of justice. Packwood relinquished his chairmanship on Friday and promised to leave the Senate by the end of the month. Packwood had originally stated that he would fight his expulsion, but changed his mind when Senate leaders assured him they had the 67 votes it would take to oust him.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians elected a new chief Thursday and made history by doing so. Joyce Dugan, director of Cherokee's schools, is the first female leader of the tribe. She won 62 percent of the vote and six of the seven polling precincts in defeating incumbent Jonathon "Ed" Taylor. Approximately 70 percent of eligible voters cast ballots in the election. Dugan will take office on Oct. 2 and will serve a four-year term. Taylor faces impeachment hearings before the tribal council this week. He is accused of abusing his power and mis-managing tribal funds. If impeached during his last two weeks in office, Taylor will be denied the courtesy title of chief, be barred from running for tribal office in the future and will collect no pension.

The N.C. Supreme Court Thursday upheld the May ruling of the state Court of Appeals that overturned the convictions of Robert F. Kelly Jr. and Kathryn Dawn Wilson on charges of child sexual abuse. The appeals court ruled that the judge and prosecutors in the case made so many errors that the convictions had to be overturned. Kelly, owner of the Little Rascals Day Care Center in Edenton where the abuse allegedly took place, was convicted on 99 counts of abuse on April 22, 1992, and sentenced to 12 life terms in prison. Wilson, a cook at the center, was convicted on five counts of abuse on Jan. 26, 1993, and sentenced to life in prison. State Attorney General Mike Easley, who led the state's appeal to the Supreme Court, said in a written statement that he will leave the decision of whether or not to pursue a new trial up to Chowan County prosecutor Frank Parrish.

E-Mail is an added bonus on Meredith campus

by Arinn Dixon

Last week I wrote an article about all of the interesting, new stuff we have going on at Meredith. I mentioned the new commuter parking lot and the renovation of the Cate Center, but there was one thing important thing I failed to talk about: e-mail. That's right, ladies, we have e-mail this year. It hasn't been publicized too much, so I thought I would take it upon myself to inform everyone. E-mail (stands for electronic mail) is a neat system that allows you to write letters and send them electronically to anyone who also has e-mail. That means you can write to your boyfriend at Carolina, press a button and automatically send him your letter. It costs absolutely nothing and is so much faster than the U.S. mail. Does this sound great or what? Let me tell you how to get your very own e-mail account. First you have go to Technology Services on the third floor of Johnson Hall and fill out an e-mail application. It asks you about your

class and how many credit hours you have and general questions like that. You can turn that in right there in the office after you fill it out and Liz Truelove or Lori McDade, both of whom work in Technology Services, will set up a training time for you to learn how e-mail works. If you don't turn in your application at the office you can mail to Technology Services and you will receive a notice telling you to call Truelove at 829-2323 to set up a training time.

The training sessions are only about an hour long and are really informative. You also learn how to get access to the Internet. The Internet is cool because you can find information on just about any subject under the sun, and you can talk electronically to people around the world.

I'm really proud of Meredith for joining the "world-wide web" by getting hooked up into e-mail and the Internet. It looks like we are definitely coming up in the world.

Editorial: Who's laughing now?

by Wendy Kelly

For the first time in my life I wanted to send someone hate mail. I wanted to call her up and tell her just what I thought of her.

I wanted to reach through the screen during Oprah last week and pop Shannon Faulkner on the hand. How dare she disappoint me like this?

For the past two and a half years I have defended her like a champ and now she does this to me.

The nerve of the woman! Faulkner had the audacity to "tell her story" on Nightline and Oprah. She has become quite famous, or infamous depending on your viewpoint.

She's probably going to sell the rights to her story and become a millionaire. She disgusts me. She should have been in counseling to deal with the enormous amount of stress put upon her and she should have been in shape!

You can't tell me she didn't know what Hell Week was going to be like.

After her great fight to attend The Citadel she should have been prepared and she was not. Faulkner is nothing but a joke now. I bet all of you out there that believe she shouldn't have been at The Citadel in the first place are having a ball with the recent turn of events. I can even hear "I told you so" being muttered across campus.

Y'all are getting a good laugh out of her failure.

But you know what? Shannon Faulkner may not attend The Citadel, but she did accomplish something by setting precedent and breaking tradition. Another woman will rise to the occasion.

She will attend and graduate from The Citadel...Who's laughing now?

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