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## Heading to the future

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Most likely, students are already aware that Meredith College has installed a campus-wide Internet system. This network was introduced to keep the Meredith community up to date with ever-changing computer technology.

This new system allows students to access personal e-mail accounts, the Internet, the library ALIS, and Meredith's own gopher and Web pages.

This summer the college installed the new network throughout the campus. It was and is a tedious and complicated process of wiring and preparing facilities. Last year Meredith didn't have this technology and it definitely has come a long way since then.

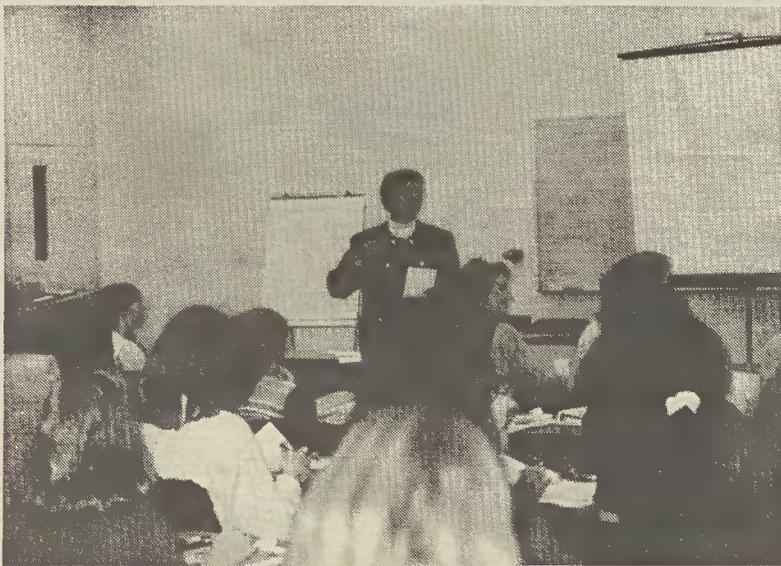
Many students may have difficulties in sending e-mail off-campus, but technology services asks students to please be patient. Technology services is thrilled that the new computer system they are installing has proven to be so popular.

However, this summer they had no idea how it would be accepted, therefore they did not realize how much software they would need. As soon as they saw the rush of eager users, they ordered additional software. Unfortunately you can't just go out to a store to buy this software package. There have been delays in the shipment of their orders.

In order for the e-mail system to work, the hardware must be in place, and for every 500 users, there must be a Microsoft post office in place. Also the special software that enables the mail to be sent off or onto campus must be installed. In addition to the delays in their orders, the understaffed technology services department is continuing to connect parts of the system and prepare buildings to accept it. A lot of background work goes into making this technology possible.

This is only the test semester. After the initial installation of the software and registration of users, there is no doubt it will all run smoother. "It has been more successful than I could imagine," said Ruth Balla, manager of User Support.

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Dr. Mary Johnson gives the keynote address at the fall leadership conference.



April Crocker uses e-mail at Meredith. Photo by Carolyn Chandley

## Leadership conference gives a new attitude

By Clarky Lucas

Leaders from various campus organizations attended Meredith College's 1995 Fall Leadership Conference held at NCSU's McKimmon Center on October 7.

"Leaders Under Construction: Blueprints for Change" was the theme of the conference which was organized by a committee of student leaders in conjunction with the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development.

Students started off the morning with a team building exercise before they went to the first breakout session. The sessions included "Don't get stuck in the Cement: Assert Yourself" with Sanne Martin, Assistant Director of the Counseling Center at Meredith and "Using Your Tools Effectively: Business Etiquette and Protocol" with Kathy McLaughlin, President of Kathy McLaughlin and Company and Protocol Consultant to the Research Triangle World Trade Center.

Martin stressed the importance of being assertive and not aggressive or submissive. Students were taught the verbal and nonverbal characteristics of assertive people and how to acquire them.

McLaughlin gave students an edge in business and social etiquette with lessons on introductions and handshaking.

Dr. Mary Johnson, Dean of Continuing Education and Graduate School, spoke about the qualities students must possess to be an effective leader with integrity at the top of the list. She also gave tips on how to relieve the stress that comes with being a leader. Some participants were given bubbles to blow as an example of a stress reliever.

"The clip she showed us from the movie *Sister Act* reminded us that leaders should be risk takers even though it isn't always the easiest thing to do," said Rebecca Huffstetler, sophomore class president.

During lunch a panel of alumnae spoke to students about their experiences out in the work place and how Meredith prepared them for life after college.

Participants returned to another breakout session and then finished up the afternoon with a general session on "Building a Strong Foundation: The

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