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## Dean Page discusses snow policy after storm

By Robin Hollingsworth

Though the blizzard of '96 didn't strike Raleigh with the full force northern cities suffered, Meredith students certainly know the feeling of being bombarded with ice and snow. The storm brought life to a virtual standstill in Raleigh and surrounding areas.

The pleasant Christmas vacation was extended an additional day as the ice created hazards for students returning to campus. Students were notified of the delay through bulletins on WRAL and 101.5 in accordance with the official Meredith College snow policy which reads, "If the college cancels classes as the result of inclement weather it will run public announcements on the radio station

101.5 FM and television station WRAL, channel 5. In the event that the college does not close individual instructors still have the option of cancelling classes. All instructors must include an inclement weather statement on their syllabi, as well as instructions regarding how to obtain instructions on any class cancellations."

In addition to this, students may check for cancellations broadcast on MCTV, by calling the voice mail of individual instructors, or by calling the Meredith College switchboard. Meredith College, according to Dr. Page, Dean of Undergraduate Instruction and Registrar, has become increasingly aware of its growing commuter

population and is in turn more flexible and sensitive of driving hazards.

Because of the difficulty in calling a spectrum of t.v. and radio stations, the college has limited its notices to these mediums, said Dean Page. Unfortunately the policy was devised with an in-session semester in mind. Because the cancellations occurred on the heels of winter break the situation grew more complex, especially in notifying the faculty, staff and student body.

Upon return to campus, students found hazardous conditions. The grounds crew and maintenance worked with tractor plows and rented equipment to ease the situation. However, the thickness of the ice was particularly

hard to penetrate and additional ice accumulation and freezing conditions did nothing to alleviate the situation. Salt compounds were also utilized on the campus roads and sidewalks as an additional safety measure.

In addition, security was understanding and reasonable in dealing with the problems arising, so long as students did not block the traffic lanes or create any danger. Dean Page encourages all to use their own judgment above all else in the event that the situation reoccurs.

## Personality Profile: Amy Harper

By Betsy Stewart

Senior Amy Harper takes a keen interest in almost everything that happens at Meredith College. If you have a compliment or a complaint, Harper wants to hear it. If you are concerned about heat in the dormitories or commuter parking, Harper wants to know. She is chair of the Student Life Committee, an organization whose purpose is to direct attention and study to the concerns and well-being of the student body, and she and the committee members can make things happen.

The chance to get involved was one of the reasons Harper chose Meredith when she was looking at colleges four years ago. Among the schools she visited were NCSU, UNC Charlotte and Meredith. "I came to an Open Day," she said, "and I had such a warm feeling coming down the front drive, I knew this was where I was supposed to be." Harper added, "the people were friendly and I liked the fact that it was a women's college with small classes. I was involved in leadership in high school, and I saw lots of opportunity here."

Harper has taken advantage of every opportunity that has presented itself. She has been a member of the

Junior Woman's Club for four years and has served as its treasurer, vice president and president. She has been a resident assistant and a student adviser, she is a member of Tomorrow's Business Women, and she served as Student Life Committee secretary in her junior year. Harper was recently named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," and last semester she was selected for membership in Meredith's honorary leadership society, Silver Shield.

One of her best experiences at Meredith, Harper says, was going with Meredith Abroad during the summer after her freshman year. "I would love to go again, and my roommate Nikki Shearin and I always said that's what we would do after graduation. Now we realize we don't have any money, so we're really glad we did it then."

Harper and Shearin met as high school seniors while attending a "Looking Toward College" session at Meredith. They agreed they would room together if they both decided to enroll at Meredith, and they have been roommates since their freshman year.

Harper is a Durham native and a graduate of Northern High School. "I've

lived in the same house, same bedroom for 21 years," she laughed. She is carrying a double major in management and accounting. Harper would like to go to graduate school after working for a few years. Her spare time is filled with an internship at a local law firm where she works as a courier and does general office work. She said, "they have great connections there," and she's hoping her internship will pay off in finding a good job.

"I like to travel and stay on the go," she said. A favorite destination is visiting her grandparents at Emerald Isle. "I'm not much of a reader," she admitted, "and I don't like to sit still. I hate to be cooped up and I hate watching TV; the only show I watch is Melrose Place."

A hot topic on campus this year, and an issue that is being addressed by the senate rather than her committee, is a change in the male visitation policy. Harper is against making a radical change. According to her it is "one thing that makes Meredith College unique. It is one reason you came to Meredith, and it is one of the traditions that are special to Meredith. If you throw those away, it won't be Meredith College." Harper admits that as a freshman she thought changing the policy



Amy Harper: Student Life Chair

was a good idea just because "there was no place to go on the weekends." Now, she says, the older she gets, the more pride she has in Meredith's traditions, and she wants to preserve them.

"This will create more problems than anyone thinks there will be," she said, "and the honor code must be respected in order for male visitation to work." She emphasized that the campus is "our territory and it's a place that is special for us." Her view is that the student body won't have the same closeness if the policy is changed. "It won't make or break us," she said, "but the bond that is there will be invaded." Harper thinks that small steps to change

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