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Student injured in Joyner

By Arinn Dixon

A Meredith student was taken to the hospital after crashing headlong into a glass door Monday evening, witnesses say.

Freshman Amy Privette cut her nose and head on one of the glass panes in Joyner Hall's outside door closest to the library at about 5:30 p.m. An ambulance rushed her to the hospital where she received four stitches on the bridge of her nose and four stitches two inches above her left ear. She was released Monday night.

According to Privette, she was walking up the steps of Joyner Hall when she stumbled on the top step and fell forward. "I tried to grab the railing and the student next to me, but I missed both," Privette said. She fell face-first into a glass pane near the door handle.

Senior Shannon Hagerty was sitting in the computer lab when she heard glass break. She looked through the open computer lab door and saw Privette with her hands to her face, bleeding. Hagerty helped her to the kitchen in Joyner Lounge and tried to stop the bleeding with paper towels until the nurse arrived.

While a witness called 911, another student went to the Health Center to get help. Meredith nurse Mrs. McLain arrived in the lounge kitchen about five minutes after the accident occurred. She applied pressure to the wound on Privette's nose with sterile gauze pads. "There is a tendency to panic at the sight of blood," McLain said, "but Amy and the girls with her were very calm." McLain called Privette's parents and told them to meet Privette at the hospital.

Emergency Medical Services arrived about two minutes after McLain. An ambulance took Privette to Rex Hospital on Blue Ridge Road a few minutes later.

Privette's parents took her home to Cary Monday night. She returned to school Tuesday night.

Open house proves effective

By Allison Carter

At the beginning of the semester all resident students were required to sign an Open House policy and to agree to follow its procedures. Each student was notified of the probable penalties for not following the stated procedure.

At the entrance of individual dorm parlors a sign-in sheet is located with directions reading "All guests must sign in and out." This means all male and female guests, including parents and other family members. According to SGA President Erica Balmer, the reason female guests are counted is so that Residence Life can keep track of the number of guests for evaluation of the policy at the end of the semester.

All residents are required to escort their guests through the halls to insure the protection of all individuals and property.

The new Open House policy states that Barefoot Dorm has an open house every weekend only for senior residents (juniors moved to Barefoot due to the fire will have underclass-

men open house hours). The hours on Saturday are from 1:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

All other dorms are given two days a month for male visitation. If Open House is on a Saturday, the hours are 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. On Sunday, the dorms are open from 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The weekend of September 14 and 15 was the first time the senior dorm was open for the weekend. There were 24 guests that visited on Saturday and 16 on Sunday, the majority being male guests.

The first campus-wide Open House was held on Sunday, September 22. On that day, 489 guests visited residents in their dorms.

The large numbers are the result of Family Day taking place at the same time. Guests included boyfriends, parents, and siblings, giving a balance of male and female guests.

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Family Day activities fun for students and guests

By Beth Hall

Rain or shine, Family Day must go on. Despite the threat of rainy weather on September 22, Family Day's church service and other social activities still took place. Luckily, "Sun" day was just that.

Organizers worried earlier in the week when rain was predicted for Family Day. There were orange sheets taped to the doors and on the walls of the residence halls informing students of the changes in the schedule that would occur if rain did dampen Family Day. The sheets stated that over a 1000 guests were expected, most of whom would eat lunch on campus. Since Belk Dining Hall only holds 600 people, students were advised to bring their families back to their hall parlors to save room. The DJ, carnival games, and human fooseball game would have been held in the gym instead of the spacious courtyard. Fortunately, all of these sheets were disregarded since the sun shined brightly Sunday.

After registering in Johnson Hall, the first Family Day activity was the special family worship service in Jones Chapel. The church was full of students and guests during both the

10 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. The service began with a Carillon prelude by organist Betty Holland and a call to worship by the Meredith Ringers, the college's handbell choir. Next, was the familiar hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" followed by a welcome and introductions by Randi Ligon, Student Foundation's chair for Family Day. Student Foundation member Cheryl Taylor read a scripture lesson and Reverend Sam Carothers led the group in prayer. Following was special music by the Meredith Ringers and three sermons on family. The sermons were given by three students: freshman Sally Wooten, Erica Balmer, a senior and SGA president and Peggy Barbee, a reentry student and MCA WINGS coordinator. When the sermons were finished, all those in the church stood to sing "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing", a benediction by Reverend Sam Carothers and a postlude by Betty Holland. Even if it had been raining outside, the togetherness of church and family would have forced the soul to shine.

There were plenty of activities going on around campus throughout the day. A lot of the

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Student Foundation members work game booths provided for students and guests at Family Day.

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