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## Heilman students recover

By Allison Carter

As the horror of the Heilman fire fades away, the students involved are just beginning to get on with their lives. Residence Life continues to work on placing the residents of 2nd Heilman in other rooms around campus. A majority of the students are now living in Barefoot with friends or in a room that was assigned to them.

A few of the residents are living in the freshman, sophomore, and senior centers that are located on the first floors of Vann, Faircloth, and Heilman dorms. There are also some residents that are living in Brewer as well.

Paula O'Briant, Director of Residence Life, says that they have tried putting roommates close to each other, but some in some cases they have been separated. There are plenty of spaces on campus for all of the students, just not necessarily together.

In fact, about five students who live in Ra-

leigh have chosen to live at home rather than living with someone new. These students are now commuting to their classes until their rooms are ready to live in again.

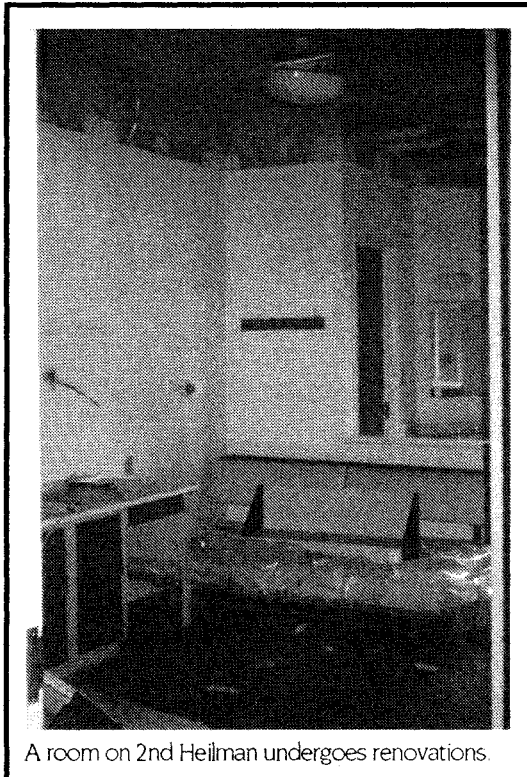
Both Residence Life and Cary Reconstruction are working together to get the rooms on 2nd Heilman ready before the Christmas holiday. However, no one knows for sure and "road-blocks are always possible," said O'Briant.

Anna Chetwood, a resident of 2nd Heilman who now lives in Barefoot, says that with her moving situation her new roommates have welcomed her with open arms. "It's a big adjustment. We were settled in and

now are having to settle all over again," says Chetwood.

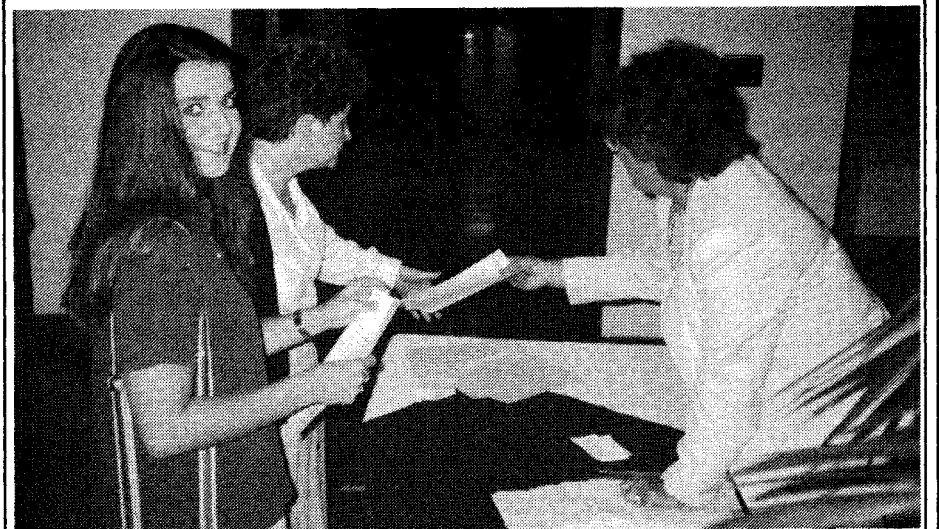
Chuck Taylor, executive vice president for Meredith, says that the school is still planning to

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A room on 2nd Heilman undergoes renovations

## Open Day attracts prospects



A high school student and her mother register for Open Day in Johnson Hall rotunda.

By Lauren Rattican

Remember the days of touring different colleges and stressing over application deadlines? To seniors those days may seem like centuries ago, but for freshman the memory may still be vivid. These days are just beginning for the 51 high school students and their parents who visited Meredith for Open Day on Friday, September 27.

High school seniors and parents were welcomed Friday by the Meredith Chorale, Erica Balmer, SGA president, professor of English and director of International Studies program, Dr. Betty Webb, and Ruth Balla, manager of Technology Services. Students also visited various classes, had lunch in Belk Dining Hall, attended student sessions and took a tour of Meredith's campus.

Jonna Anderson, senior class president, Emily Necessary, junior class historian, Alice Henrick, sophomore class president, and Alison Flood, freshman class president spoke to students about their experiences at Meredith. Of her speech, Anderson said, "I reflected on my four years at Meredith. I also spoke about the benefits of attending an all women's college.

While Anderson talked about college life as a senior, Flood discussed life on the other end

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## Recent FDA regulations on tobacco affect NC's farmers

By Dina Di Maio

Tobacco is the staple crop of the Gordons' farm. The money they have earned has paid for the bills at home and helped them raise and educate their children. "Without it, we would not farm," says Linda Gordon, whose daughter Jennifer is a senior at Meredith. Gordon and her husband, Walter Gordon, Jr., own a 200-acre farm in Selma, North Carolina.

Gordon is worried about President Clinton's August 23 announcement allowing the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to regulate tobacco as a drug. Clinton wants to crack down on teen-age smoking. How does the FDA

plan to do that? They have proposed:

- \* requiring age verification and having face-to-face sales only, meaning no vending machine or mail order sales

- \* banning outdoor advertising within 1,000 feet of schools and playgrounds, and for all other outdoor advertising, requiring that it be black-and-white text-only

- \* requiring black-and-white text-only advertising in publications with significant youth readers

- \* prohibiting the sale or giveaway of products that display cigarette or smokeless tobacco product brand names or logos

- \* prohibiting the exchange of non-to-

bacco products for proof of purchase of tobacco products

- \* prohibiting brand name sponsorship of sporting or entertainment events but permitting it in the corporate name

- \* requiring the tobacco industry to pay \$150 million annually for a public education campaign against smoking among children.

While the regulations have not yet had a direct effect on North Carolina's tobacco farmers, many farmers fear for their future. They feel that these regulations could lead to a ban on smoking. And without their number one crop, they'll have no farms.

How big an impact does tobacco have on North Carolina's economy? According to a

chart in the August 23 issue of *The News and Observer*, the direct impact on the state's economy is seven percent, or \$11 billion. The chart also states that tobacco is responsible for \$1.04 billion, or 15%, of the state's farm income. These figures show that tobacco is vital to North Carolina's economy. According to Richard Davis in the September 1996 issue of *North Carolina Farmer*, Johnston County alone is predicted to bring in over \$55 million a year from tobacco. No doubt about it, without tobacco, North Carolina's economy will be hurt.

How big an impact will these FDA regulations have on North Carolina? An article in the Aug. 23 issue of *The News and Observer* en-

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