

A Woman's World

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Meredith Aqua Angels

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Committee works with campus crises

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Features Editor

Through the Heilman fire, the boiler room fire, severe weather and other campus crises, the Incident Management Committee has united the forces of Meredith's administration to serve its students in times of need. At least twice a semester, the Crisis Management Group meets to refine its strategies for dealing with crises and getting information to the student body about them. Its primary goal is to keep the campus running smoothly over any obstacle.

October 1996, after the Heilman fire, and upon the advice of Vice President for Institutional Advancement Murphy Osborne, Campus Police Chief Mike Hoke developed the notification system, which grew by Sept. 1997 into a standing committee to evaluate and improve issues of safety, health, and incident management.

"Dr. Murphy Osborne related to me that there was a violent crime on campus at High Point College some years back," said Chief Hoke, "and many resident students left the campus for a while because—at least in part—of the rumors and wrong information and unpreparedness of the college staff to deal with crisis."

Said Director of Marketing and Communications Jeannie Morelock: "In the event of an incident or crisis, this matrix enables us to notify the appropriate administrators, staff, faculty, and students on a need-to-know priority basis. This has been a very positive move for Meredith. Prior to the current system, the notification sequence had no real structure."

"Ironically, the first group meeting [Chief Hoke] organized was to meet on the day the Heilman fire occurred," added Dean of Students Sharon Cannon. "We did come together later that month to evaluate the crisis intervention for the fire and to begin talking about how we would respond to other crisis situations."

According to Chief Hoke, the commit-

tee has discussed handling and, when appropriate, notification of fire and other disasters, stalking and abusive relationships, illegal drugs, hazardous materials, evacuation planning, and harassing phone calls in its 18 months.

The Heilman fire taught the committee that the notification system in place at the time could be improved by letting the chief of campus police notify more members of the Meredith community as a support system to the residence life staff, which often finds itself focusing its energies on the student body.

The student body itself can help the Incident Management Committee enormously. All students should "read sections in the Residence Life Handbook and Student Handbook about what to do during a crisis," said Director of Residence Life Paula O'Briant. According to O'Briant and Cannon, being familiar with the fire and safety guidelines of these two handbooks is the single greatest contribution a student can make to campus safety. Students are also the valuable eyes and ears of the campus.

"Sometimes a student might be the first to recognize that a serious situation is developing," said Cannon. "That student should notify Security and the residence director on duty. Our student leaders, like resident assistants, class officers and SGA officers, have been great to help us through all our incidents."

For the Department of Marketing and Communication, whose purpose is to provide the campus and community with fast and true information about campus events, students "could help tremendously in a crisis situation by helping us to relay accurate information and assisting in 'rumor control,'" said Morelock. Morelock's department uses a number of tools to keep students well-informed, including e-mail, the Intranet, hotline phone numbers, press conferences, newsletters and media alerts, in times of crisis as well as crisis recovery.

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Meredith wins NC-GA invitational tourney

JILL GREEN
Staff Reporter

Meredith College finished its season with a tournament win. The team won both of its games at the North Carolina-Georgia Women's College Invitational last weekend.

With victories over Spellman College and Bennett College, the team finished its amazing season with a record of 21 - 2.

In action Friday night, the Angels defeated the prestigious Spellman College of Atlanta with a convincing 86-54 win. Coach Carl Hatchell was proud of the fact that five players scored in double figures.

The team was lead by Jamie Claypool with 17 points, followed by Beth Goodale (16), Wendy Cooper (13), Aedrin Murray (12), and Mamie McKinney (10). Also, as a team, the Angels shot 53% from the floor in its rout of Spellman.

To finish its season, Meredith beat Bennett College in the tournament final by the score of 84-29. In what has become the norm for this team, the game was not even close, and there were many high scorers.

Beth Goodale scored 20 points and was joined by Wendy Cooper with 17, Aedrin Murray with 16, and Mamie McKinney with 11. The team shot 59% from the floor, and took the tournament title.

Congratulations to Meredith's Aedrin Murray for making the all-tournament team, and to Beth Goodale for being named the tournament's Most Valuable Player

The Angels finished their season as they have played all season - simply the best! Thank you to the team for their solid effort and for representing Meredith College so well this season... until next year.

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