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Orientation '98 reaches its 'destination' smoothly

□ Move-in weekend brings new students to "Destination Meredith."

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Despite the maternity leave of the usual orientation coordinator, campus-wide renovations, and a little homesickness here and there, orientation week went "smoothly" said orientation coordinators, Dena Price and Chrissie Bumgardner.

"We had a great group of RA's, student advisors and orientation crew members working hard to prepare for orientation this year," said Price, an RD who headed the orientation process while Bumgardner, the director of freshman development, was on maternity leave from the middle of May to the middle of August. "Everything flowed smoothly. Even the rain held out for us to get into the chapel for the orientation skit."

Around 480 freshmen and transfer students had to be orient-

ed to their "Destination Meredith" Saturday, Aug. 15—Tuesday, Aug. 18.

"The weather was cooler and that made it easier for move-in day," said Bumgardner. "I heard no real complaints. Dena did a great job."

Price, an East Carolina University graduate, is currently the RD for Stringfield and Caroll dormitories. She is a graduate student at N.C. State who is working on her doctoral degree in student development. Price started working with Bumgardner last spring in order to take over as head of orientation.

Bumgardner felt Price's work on orientation was "good experience" for her graduate work.

Renovations around campus caused only minor problems and confusion. The orientation skit which is routinely held in Jones Auditorium was held in Jones Chapel this year due to the renovation of the auditorium.

"There was some confusion as



This first-year and her mother express typical move-in joy.

PHOTO BY STEVE WILSON

to whether or not we would be able to use the auditorium for the skit," said Price. As it turned out, the auditorium was "usable" by the time the skit was scheduled to be performed, but since the crew had had to rehearse in the chapel, it was decided to hold the skit in the chapel.

Due to library renovations, freshman registered at tables in the gym instead of in the library as in years past.

Other changes in the routine

orientation schedule was the absence of the President's Brunch (President Weems is on sabbatical) and the addition of a family ice cream social.

When asked what the best part of the orientation process is, Bumgardner said it was "the newness and excitement that comes with new students." The worst part? —students being homesick. "We want them to feel at home here."

Campus Police raise price of parking tickets

□ The new price for a general ticket rose to \$25 from the previous \$10.

LESLIE MAXWELL
Police Reporter

The unlucky few students who have already received a parking ticket in the week since arriving back at school have noticed an

additional surprise: the fee for parking tickets has risen to 25 dollars. In the past, the fee has been

only ten dollars per ticket. Complaints from many people on Meredith's campus were instrumental in changing the price.

According to Mike Hoke, chief of Campus Police, these complaints came from faculty and staff who were unable to find

parking places. In addition, students like seniors and Residence Life staff who receive parking privileges could not find parking places reserved for them.

Hoke said "they recommended to me that the ten dollar fee wasn't getting anyone's attention." So the Campus Police Office decided to make the

will not have as many tickets to write. "Those students who didn't think ten dollars was too much to pay to get a convenient spot will now have more to think about," Hoke said.

For students who feel they have been wrongly ticketed, the appeals process is still in effect. However, Hoke

feels that Campus Police's ticketing system is very fair, saying that it will be "a consistent approach" by checking parking lots every day

for illegally parked cars. Hoke also reminds those students who feel tempted to park in a reserved spot that compared to other schools in North Carolina like Wake Forest and Duke, Meredith has plenty of parking at reasonable distances from dorms and

classrooms buildings. In addition, most other schools have higher parking ticket prices than Meredith.

Hoke's first goal in raising ticket prices is to educate returning students so that they do not receive an unexpected shock. His second goal is to enforce the parking regulations so that there will be fewer shocks in the future.

Hoke and the Campus Police are always looking for recommendations from students. The office can be reached through e-mail and telephone at 760-8888. Furthermore, Chief Hoke and his fellow police officers can be seen regularly driving through campus in the golf carts and eating in Belk Dining Hall. They welcome chats with students.

If you have any questions or need assistance from Campus Police, call x8888.

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change. After submitting the proposal to Executive Vice-President Chuck Taylor, the new fee was set.

The change began with the start of the fall semester and Chief Hoke feels that "after thirty days or so" the Campus Police