

## Housekeeping honored

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Have you ever gotten your weekly supply of toilet paper exactly when you needed it? Or have you ever walked into the hall kitchen and questioned how it remains spotless day after day?

Last week, Sept. 13-20, was National Housekeeping Week, in which Meredith honored those people who work diligently to keep our campus looking beautiful.

The housekeeping staff at Meredith consists of approximately 25 workers divided into two shifts—morning and night. The morning staff are those friendly folks you see working in the residence halls bright and early each day. They are in charge of sweeping the halls, cleaning the parlors, laundry rooms and kitchens.

The night shift workers often go unnoticed since their shift begins around 10 p.m. and ends at 6:30 a.m. These night owls work on the classrooms, the

library and Jones Auditorium all night so the rooms will be ready for use the following day.

Several of the housekeeping staff have swept, mopped and scrubbed for Meredith for over 10 years. Reatha Jeffries has been on the staff 14 years; Barbara Robinson 15 years; and Annie Smith 17 years.

The celebration of National Housekeeping Week began ten years ago. Each year to show well-deserved appreciation for the staff, Bob Murphy, the head of the Housekeeping staff, presents each member a special pin. "The Clean Team" was the phrase that appeared on this year's honorary pin.

In addition, many residence halls come together each year to buy a special gift to honor the housekeeper assigned to their hall. The first floor of Stringfield for example, presented their housekeeper Edna Gregory with a bouquet of flowers and a card this year.

## Postal service issues breast cancer stamp

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The United States Postal Service is promoting breast cancer awareness with a semi-postal stamp. A semi-postal stamp is a stamp with an added value to the original face value. Never in history has the USPS allowed a semi-postal stamp to be attributed to a cause until now.

Toward the end of July, Hillary Clinton and Postmaster General William Henderson officially issued the stamp where net proceeds will go toward breast cancer research. The "Fund the Cure" stamp will cost eight cents more than the 32 cent first class rate. There were 200 million stamps issued with the hopes of all 200 million being sold sometime in the middle of October which is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"We all know someone affected by breast cancer, and as a women's college, we could be supportive," said Madra Britt of Continuing Education.

"I saw it today in the post office, and it made me curious. I would like to know more about it. I wasn't aware that it was available," said Amanda Litton, president of the psychology club.

The USPS reports that the net proceeds from the "Fund the Cure" stamp will be divided between the National Institutes of Health and the Medical Research Program of the Department of Defense.

The mail room here at Meredith sells approximately 35 books and 260 individual regular stamps in the average week.

"We would still offer the regular 32 cent stamp since there may be some student who would not want to pay the additional eight cents," said Business and Finance Controller Bill Wade if the College purchases the stamp.

Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, Md. designed the stamp and Whitney Sherman of Baltimore illustrated the stamp. The stamp itself is a multi-colored image of a woman with the words "Fund the Fight. Find the Cure."

The "Fund the Cure" stamp would not be the only step Meredith has taken toward promoting the awareness of breast cancer. For two years, Meredith has been the site for "Race for the Cure" which takes place in June.

Sandra Hanner, business professor, participated in the event in 1997. Hanner is a breast can-

cer survivor of two years. Hanner believes that it is important to "instill the awareness of breast cancer so that women of all ages can practice self-examination."

"It's still a rampant thing, but it's not a death sentence anymore. It can be treated and treated successfully," said Hanner.

For the 1998 "Race for the Cure," a new flower bed was placed in front of the Meredith College nameplate that sits between the gym and the Beltline. The flowers form the shape of the three pink ribbons which raise awareness themselves for breast cancer and continual research.

Janet Freeman, Dean of Library Information Services, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997. "Anything we can do to raise students' need for early protection is good. The stamps would help educate everyone," said Freeman.

When asked how she thought students would react to paying the additional eight cents to buy a stamp, Student Life Chair Mandy McCullen said, "It's an awareness issue. I don't think people would have a problem with paying a bit extra," said McCullen.

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## Student success program implemented

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The transition from high school to college presents an obstacle for many freshmen. However, programs like the First Year Experience (FYE) classes and the Study Skills Seminars have helped alleviate much of the stress. This fall, however, students will have another option: the Student Success Program, a six week one-on-one session with a tutor from the Learning Center.

The program is a result of a collaboration between Nan Miller, director of the Learning Center, Alicia Schlitz, assistant director of the Learning Center, and Ann Gleason, director of Academic Advising. They began working on the program about a year ago.

Students were able to sign up at Registration and at the Student Activities Fair. About twenty-five students will participate in the new program

this fall. Those students will meet for half an hour once a week with a Learning Center tutor for six weeks. During each session, the focus will be on adjusting to college through time management, note taking, test taking, textbook reading and study skills. There will also be a strong emphasis on creating and following study schedules.

According to Miller, the free program was begun for the same reasons as the FYE class: that there are many different levels of college preparation among the freshmen. However, Miller notes that, unlike the FYE class, "the Student Success program will be the only opportunity for a student to have someone follow her progress very closely during a critical time in the semester."

Gleason feels that the Student Success Program is especially appealing to students, because they are able to improve their grades and establish rapport with a Learning Center tutor who has already proven herself

to be a good student. "I'm really pleased with the number of students signed up, considering it's the first year that it's been offered," said Gleason.

Sarah McAlister, a sophomore tutor in the Learning Center, said of the program, "I think that it's a great opportunity for anybody who needs extra help in dealing with the problems we all face."

Miller expects that after this semester, the program will be revised based on feedback from participants. However, everyone involved in the program acknowledges the importance of the underlying purpose of the Student Success Program. And according to Miller, this purpose is "that students have the best opportunity to succeed academically while they are here at Meredith." Gleason concurs by saying, "We can offer students one more avenue through which they can enhance their academic success."