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Hartford speaks to students, faculty

☐ Year's first convocation marks Meredith's 100th year.

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The convocation on Monday, Aug. 30, opening Meredith College's 100th academic year, featured our first female president, Dr. Maureen Hartford, and her plan to lead us into the 21st century.

In honor of the 100th anniversary, Dr. Jean Jackson, Vice President for Student Development, gave an account of what Sept. 27, 1899 must have felt like to the 180 young women that registered on that first day. A slide show of Meredith's early days accompanied the brief history.

"We gather to look ahead," said Jackson, and "we gather to look back."

An introduction by Jeff Hockaday, chairman of the board of trustees, came next.

Hockaday said of Hartford, "She is determined to get things done that will move this college forward with confidence."

After a standing ovation from all in attendance, Hartford began relating her plan, which was entitled "Moving to We."

She defined community as "a group of people brought together in the same place who share status, place, and regulation." They are expected to support and encourage one another. Hartford stated her belief that doing this would help move Meredith from an "I" society to a "we" community.

Hartford's plan consists of seven items for the Meredith community to work toward, the first being purpose. She challenged faculty and students to create intellectual excitement, encourage creativity and inspire the desire to learn not

only here at Meredith, but throughout life.

Everyone in Jones Auditorium heard Hartford's pledge to

work for an open atmosphere in which it is acceptable to receive an idea with disagree-

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Dr. Maureen Hartford spoke at convocation Monday.

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Dining Hall renovations complete

☐ The renovations were begun during the summer.

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As Meredith resident students settle into their school routines, there is one question that links them to each other: "What is the deal with the dining hall?"

In April, the *Herald* reported that there would be renovations made this summer, preparing students to come back to a new dining hall. However, according to Thad O'Briant, director of Campus Dining Services, no one knew how long the changes would take.

Donna Owens-Beeson, assistant manager for the Dining Hall, said that the renovations will be complete this morning. A ribbon-cutting with various college officials will be held at 11 a.m. in Belk.

O'Briant said that the most recent delay is due to fire

alarms that have been added to the renovations. These had to meet fire codes before the final inspection could be made of the entire building. Engineers, architects and the project manager met last week and devised a list of final corrections that were to be made.

Sophomore Julia Rasmussen is not bothered much by the delay in completing the renovations. She said, "The inconvenience now will pay off in the long run."

The final product will be "unlike any college dining hall in the area," according to O'Briant. He said it will have a market feel, and with new foods added to the menu, it will offer greater variety.

Exhibition cooking and food cooked-to-order are just two of the services the new dining hall will provide, according to O'Briant. One of the major attractions will be Pan Geos, a station that will serve "flavors of the world," said O'Briant. It will be geared toward vegetari-

ans, and the foods will be cooked to order.

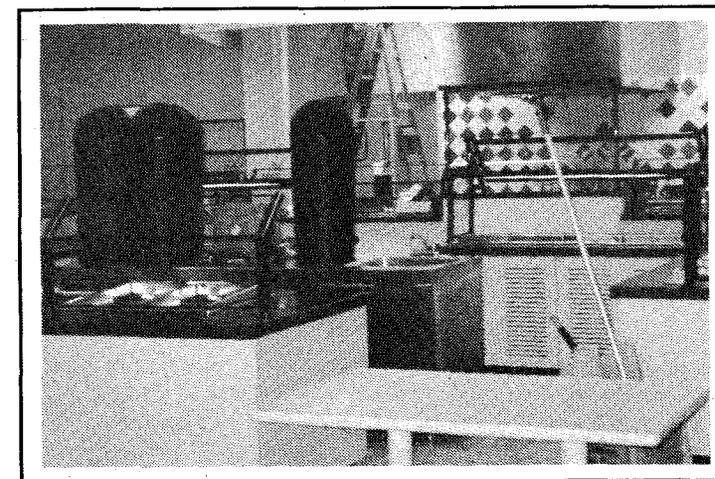
Freshman Kristen Tripp said that she is "excited about what it will bring," but that she is still "waiting" for the new dining hall to be finished.

There has been some concern among students about the length of the Cam Card lines and the tight spacing of the tables. O'Briant assured the students that neither will be a

major problem. He said that the front doors that are currently blocked off may become exit only doors.

He also advised students that the CamCard lines will not take as long if they have their CamCards ready to scan. After the card is scanned, they will disperse in different directions to

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Ladders stand in the now-complete Belk Dining Hall.

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