

Technology Services explains e-mail problems

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This school year Technology Services will be switching the Meredith College e-mail system from Microsoft accounts to internet accounts, as the *Herald* reported earlier in September.

All freshman and new students were put into the new system when they took the computer orientation classes offered by Technology Services. Ruth Ann Balla, manager of the Office of Technology Services, said that the rest of Meredith's students will have their e-mail accounts converted by Thanksgiving.

Faculty and staff account

conversions will be completed between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Balla said that Technology Services must change approximately 1,800 e-mail accounts to "i-mail" before Christmas. She said that the project would require 180 account changes each week.

Short, 30-minute classes that will explain the new changes and new features of the system will be offered by Technology Services. Balla said the system will include benefits like the ability to send vacation messages and the ability to check the account from "anywhere in the world that has access to the Internet." Students will also be able to forward and send automatic responses to anyone who

sends mail to their accounts.

Right now, many student organization leaders and faculty are having trouble sending e-mail to freshmen and new students who have i-mail accounts. Students on the new system are not in the Global Address List provided by Meredith in Microsoft Mail. Balla stated that there are detailed directions on how to operate the new system on the internet under the Campus E-News on the Intranet.

According to Balla, the new i-mail address consists of a student's "last name, first initial@whiterabbit.meredith.edu" if the message is from an on-campus computer. If it is from a computer off campus, the

address does not need to specify that the server is "whiterabbit." Balla said that if a student or faculty member finds that his or her sent e-mail message is returned, he or she must first check to see that "@whiterabbit" was typed in the address. If that is not the problem, the sender can send the message to Technology Services which will check to see that the name is spelled correctly and that the intended recipient does have an e-mail account.

Many who are concerned about the new changes have wondered what will happen to the personal address lists of people still using Microsoft Mail.

Balla, in response to the question of how the lists would

be transferred to the new i-mail accounts, said "there is no easy way." Balla suggests that the mail user tell the people on their lists to e-mail them on a date after the conversion has taken place. The user can then hit reply, and the new system will contain the new address.

In regard to a Global Address List, Balla said that there would not be one like the one in Microsoft Mail. Technology Services is currently reviewing different options for how to create a global e-mail list. When the method is decided upon, Balla said the list would be made available in the Spring semester.

MRA promotes Meredith spirit

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It was a week of fun and festivities as the Meredith Recreation Association sponsored activities from Sept. 27 to Oct. 1.

MRA week started out last Monday with pajama day, followed by Tuesday as twin day, Wednesday as Meredith College spirit day, Thursday as 80s day and Friday as hat day.

According to Dena Price, adviser for MRA and assistant director of Student Activities and Leadership Development, the purpose of MRA week was to alert students about MRA.

"The week was designed to make people aware of what MRA is and to let them know that all students are members of MRA," said Price. Price also said that MRA week is used to "promote upcoming events and to give students a chance to have fun."

Julie Norris, president of MRA, explained what it is and what it does.

"MRA stands for Meredith Recreation Association," said Norris. "MRA handles all traditional events. All students are technically members, so anyone can be involved, but we do have an executive board and co-chairs."

MRA organizes such events

as Cornhuskin', Stunt, Little Friends Weekend and intramural sports and fitness activities like Meredith Miler for running and Explorers for camping.

During the MRA picnic, held in Belk Dining Hall last Wednesday on account of the rain, the organization announced their plans for intramural sports.

MRA also sold Meredith earwarmers and toboggans during lunch and dinner in Belk Dining Hall. They hope to have the headwear in time for Cornhuskin'.

"We announced during the picnic about intramural plans. We have gotten a lot of interest with intramural sports. MRA did a survey about Intramural sports to access student interest in different sports. We received a lot of interest," says Price.

Like MRA, many organizations pick a week in which students can learn more about that organization through questions and other activities.

For the immediate future, MRA's main focus will be on Cornhuskin'.

"We are organizing meetings with all the class co-chairs," said Price. "We will meet with them and work on turning in theme ideas, skits."

FYE raises charity funds

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From noon on Thursday, Sept. 30 till noon on Friday, Oct. 1, First Year Experience students walked, ran or rollerbladed to raise money for Interact in the first "Walk Around the Clock."

Interact is a non-profit agency that supports victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Students signed up for a time in their FYE class, sometimes walking more than the recommended 1 hour, and they were asked to raise at least \$10 for the cause.

The goal for this event was to raise \$3,000, and Wednesday, Oct. 6 is the last day they will collect money.

The grass area beside Jones Chapel was the starting point where volunteers provided refreshments for walkers.

Students walked inside the campus and some parts of the Meredith Mile. The path was marked with stakes so that participants would know where to go. Areas of the walk near dorms were marked as quiet zones.

Sam Carothers, campus minister, and Kelly Conkling, RD of Heilman and Barefoot, were the coordinators of the FYE Walk Around the Clock. Carothers said that he hoped this event would be fun for students while at the same time it would build school spirit and

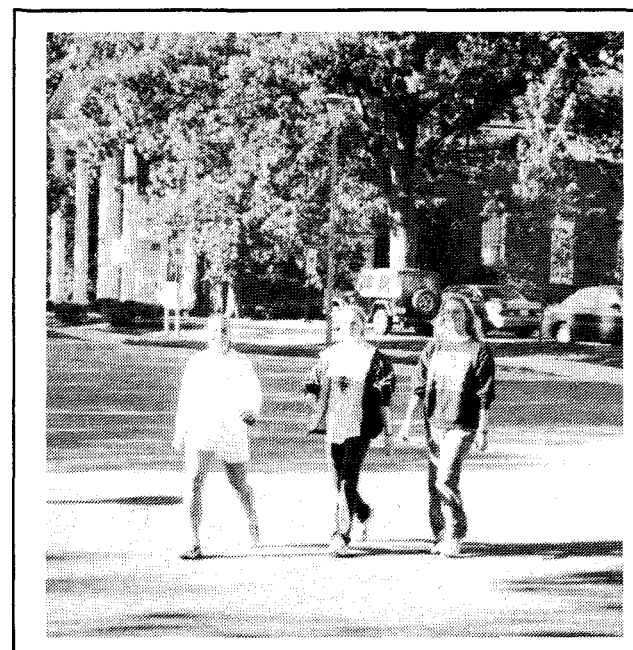
do something to help the community. Some students sang while they walked with their friends.

Even though the coordinators didn't have a lot of time due to Floyd, the event was a success. Campus Police and others volunteered in many ways during the walk.

Interact volunteers said that their organization's mission is to provide safety and support for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and to promote violence-free relationships and

communities through collaboration, public information, education, and advocacy.

Interact provides free services to victims and survivors, such as support groups, shelter, and 24-hour crisis counseling. Meredith students can help Interact achieve its mission by volunteering, providing financial support, telling a friend about Interact or teaching children about healthy relationships. A tax-deductible contribution can be sent to: Interact; 612 Wade Avenue; Raleigh, NC 27605.



Freshmen from FYE classes walk to raise money for Interact.

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