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Hartford was also on campus each day, working in her office and eating in Belk Dining Hall. Taylor, Page and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Murphy Osborne were also regulars in the dining hall last week.

Late Tuesday evening, a plow came through Meredith, scraping some of the top snow off the roads, according to head of Grounds Services Harry Cadman.

The plows and two campus tractors plowed roads and lots early into Wednesday morning, then resumed Wednesday evening and finishing on Thursday.

However, the parking lots and main drive stayed covered with a thick sheet of ice and snow. Cadman said that because cars were in the aisles, the plows could not scrape the lanes.

"There were a lot of cars that were left places that were a hinderance to the snow removal," Cadman said. "We couldn't even get through the

parking lot."

Ultimately, he and Director of Residence Life Charlene Gaines contacted the owners of the cars blocking the parking lots and asked them to move their cars.

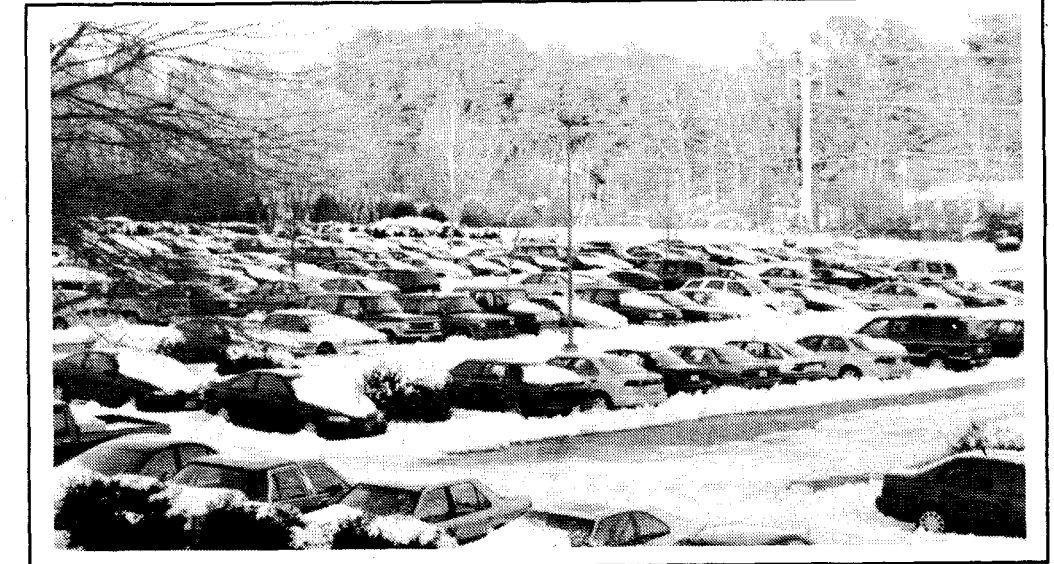
Tuesday, Feb. 1, he said, was the first day that the plows could really get through B & G parking lot and down the front drive. He added that clearing these places earlier in the morning was easier.

In addition to plowing, Grounds Services stayed busy spreading ice melt and shoveling pathways.

The ice did not bother most students, however. Instead, they stayed in their rooms, watched movies with friends and played in the snow.

Many played cards and board games. Walking excursions to Ridgewood Shopping Center were commonplace.

Dr. Jean Jackson, vice president for student development, said that last week "hearkened back to an earlier, less mobile time on campus" when stu-



The cars in the B&G parking lot, even late last week, were still covered in snow. Only a few patches of pavement peek out from under the ice and snow.

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dents did not have cars.

The hill next to Jones Auditorium was a prime place to go sledding, or "trash-bagging," a name that fit for the lack of actual sleds and toboggans on campus.

"I thought our students were especially creative in using garbage bags," said Hartford.

Snow people and snow animals popped up all over campus, and snowball fights were not uncommon.

Later in the week, however, the television grew old, the ice too slick and the games tedious: many students developed cabin fever.

Dr. Jackson asked the Residence Directors of each residence hall to hold a dorm-wide meeting on Thursday evening.

Jackson requested the meetings "because we knew that people had been cooped up and had explored many of the things to do in a residence hall without classes."

Jackson knew that many students would want to leave for the weekend, and she asked the RDs to advise them on safety procedures, including having a full tank of gas and taking extra blankets and water.

Staying in close contact with the RDs throughout the week, Jackson made sure that she knew the situation of on-campus students.

Jackson pushed for the meetings "so that people could make informed decisions," she said.

Because of below-freezing temperatures for the rest of the

week, Meredith officials canceled classes on Tuesday, Jan. 25, Wednesday, Jan. 26, Thursday, Jan. 27 and Friday, Jan. 28.

At the same time, planned activities had to be postponed or canceled.

A retelling of the story of Beowulf was scheduled for Wednesday evening. It has been rescheduled for April.

The Study Abroad Information Fair had been planned for Wednesday and Thursday, but as of the morning of Feb. 1, it had not been rescheduled.

Eating Disorder Screening Day, sponsored by the Counseling Center and planned for last Thursday, Jan. 27, has been rescheduled for next Thursday, Feb. 10.

Each day, students made repeated calls to the school's Inclement Weather Hotline, 760-2384, to find out if classes would be held the next day.

Hartford noted that Page made the drive each day before submitting his recommendation to the president.

She added that she and her husband Jay also made several trips out to check on the road conditions.

Taylor said, "My concern was for the students who were here," adding that he wanted them to be warm, have food and be safe.

As if Raleigh had not had enough winter weather, after a weekend storm that brought freezing rain to Atlanta and Charlotte before hitting the Triangle area, the nighttime chill

left an ice slick on many area roads. Therefore, classes were delayed until 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 31 and until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

Hartford noted that the decision to delay Tuesday's classes was made at *Alice in Wonderland* practice on Monday night.

Now, in the aftermath of the storm, classes have been missed and everyone on campus seems to be behind.

The next question many students have is how these classes are going to be made up.

Hartford said that administration is considering several options. Page is surveying the faculty members as to their wants and needs.

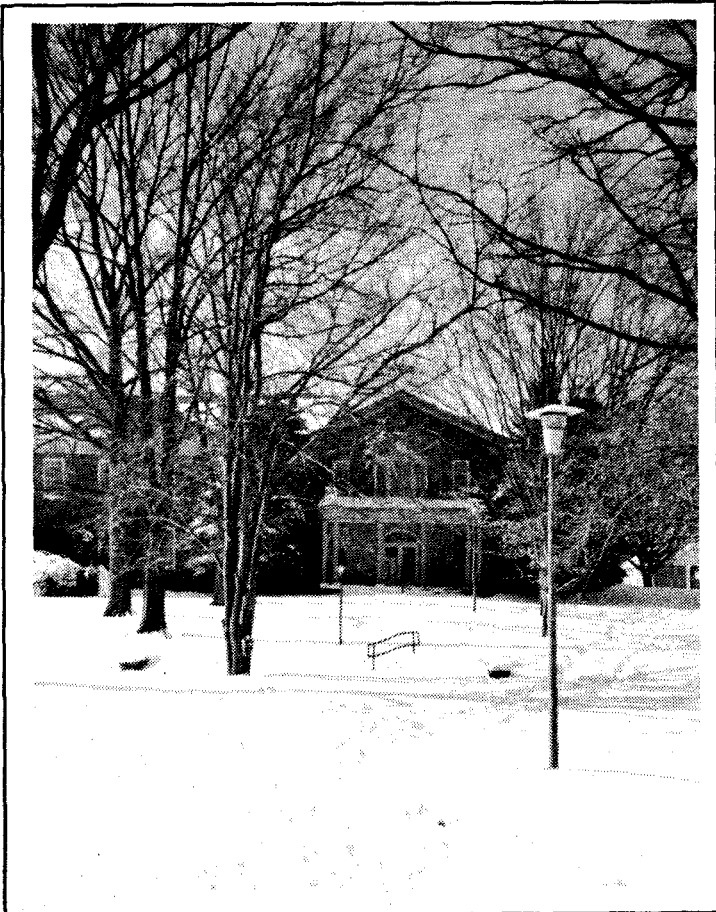
So far, according to Hartford, the most popular option seems to be utilizing the 10 a.m. hours on Mondays and Fridays for making up missed classes. Saturday classes are also a possibility.

But, to the relief of students and faculty, Hartford noted that no days would be taken away from either Spring Break in March or Easter Break in April.

Elizabeth Jackson said of the snow, "I'm tired of looking at it."

As for classes, "It's going to make things more hectic. So far, the professors are being understanding," she added.

To the relief of students, faculty and staff, Cadman noted that the warmer, sunny weather this week should help clear up much of the remaining ice and snow on roads.



The sidewalk that leads to Hunter Hall is buried under snow, with only a few footprints to show where the path lies.

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