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Professor Hanner dies of cancer

□ **Business professor's love of students recalled**

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Yesterday, Meredith students, faculty and staff mourned the death of former business professor Dr. Sandra Hanner Conder. Hanner, who had breast cancer for about five years, died as a result of that cancer.

Hanner was a teacher and colleague whom students and teachers alike respected. She is survived by her husband, Ferrell Conder, and two adult daughters, Brooke and Parker, from a previous marriage.

Tami Necrasen, junior business major, said, "She was an amazing woman."

Before Hanner's cancer forced her to stop teaching, she

was Necrasen's adviser. Even after Hanner got sick, Necrasen said, "She continued to always have a positive attitude even though she was ill."

Campus Minister Sam Carothers also noted the ties between Conder and her students. He said, "She was truly a great person who loved her students."

Accounting professor Dr. Becky Oatsvall agreed with Carothers. "One of her real strengths is that she was student-oriented."

Senior business major Marley Finch was another advisee of Hanner. Last summer, Finch organized a group of Meredith community members to run or walk in Race for the Cure in honor of Hanner.

"She's respected in the

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Dr. Sandra Hanner, professor of business, died Tuesday after a battle with cancer.

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Smoking banned in residence halls

□ **Open House ruling not yet in**

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After Heilman Residence Hall's Jan. 22 fire, likely started by cigarettes or matches in a trash can, Meredith's Senate, Student Government Association, Residence Hall Board and Student Life Committee decided to reexamine the on-campus smoking policy.

Smoking in freshman and sophomore residence halls had already been phased out when the most recent fire occurred, but juniors and seniors were still permitted to smoke on the third floor of Heilman and the fourth floor of Barefoot, respectively.

As students had been voicing their concerns about additional fire hazards, a vote was

held in the two dorms on Feb. 12 to determine whether to ban smoking privileges for the rest of the semester.

Meredith SGA president Leslie Gilliland said that Heilman residents voted 54 to 50 in favor of the ban and that Barefoot residents voted in favor of it as well, 70 to five.

The ban took effect last Monday, after Dr. Jean Jackson, vice president for Student Development, approved the vote and notified students in both dorms that a majority of residents favored a revocation of smoking privileges.

This vote would have given current juniors the only smoking privileges in dorms for the 2001-02 academic year. But a referendum held on Feb. 19 and 20 altered circumstances again; juniors in Barefoot voted 76 to 10 to ban smoking in the dorm next year.

Though residence halls are now smoke-free, Meredith stu-

dents may still smoke outdoors at any location on campus.

Junior Sarah Pritchard, who couldn't understand why residents could smoke in their rooms but not have wickless candles, approved of the smoking ban and said, "I'm glad they're taking away that fire hazard."

A senior who transferred to Meredith this semester from N.C. State shared Pritchard's sentiments about the new smoking policies. Having heard about Meredith's other dorm fires, she feared the start of another. But she was also pleased that the ban would keep her away from cigarettes and their smoke, which she said she hated.

Also changing is Meredith's Open House policy. At present, the policy states that "after Labor Day weekend, Open Houses are planned for 10 hours on Saturdays (1-11 p.m.) and seven hours on Sundays (12-7 p.m.). No Open Houses

are held during exams."

According to Gilliland, numerous requests for extending these hours were made through Free Your Mind Forums and Student Concerns boxes on Campus.

Thus another referendum was held on Feb. 19 and 20, this time to gauge students' response to the following statements:

1. I am happy with the current Open House policy and wish for no change.
2. I think the current Open House hours should be reduced.
3. I think the Open House hours should begin at noon.
4. I think the Open House hours should include Friday nights from 7-11 p.m. and begin on Saturday at noon.

Over 80 percent of students

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