

ANTHRAX

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Cipro to doxycycline because the body withstands the doxycycline better.

Yet it seems that Vanderkam's "anthrax envy" is spreading.

According to a Nov. 5 *Business Week* article on the newest drug to carry headlines, Cipro is becoming more of a celebrity than a cure for paranoid Americans.

Its name continues to grace the front page of newspapers every day, soundbites of news promos plug it, and as *Business Week* noted, news anchors like Tom Brokaw endorse it, as he did one night by holding up the bottle and saying, "In Cipro we trust."

As for Vanderkam, she will continue her editorial duties, fact-checking opinion pieces and reading the occasional hard-copy letter. Her life goes on as normal.

"I think we were in far more danger on Sept. 11 being in the flight path toward the Pentagon, and even then, we weren't in too much danger," she said.

Byrum has had a few weeks to adjust to being in the center of the anthrax hub-bub, and her fear has gently subsided.

"My parents have actually been more afraid than I," she said. "Before anthrax was found in the building where I work, I had the choice to open the mail with plastic gloves. The staff member who opens the mail when I wasn't working started using them, but I never did."

Now she prepares to return to the Longworth building next week, her first appearance since the anthrax citing nearly a month ago.

Her fear of contracting the disease is not as severe as before. Plastic gloves, on the other hand, are a different story.

Byrum opens mail beginning Monday.

PLAGIARISM

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ing the Honor Code."

Honor Council support counsellor Amanda Griffin agreed that some students do claim ignorance or accidental plagiarism. However, Griffin, who works with students who come before Honor Council by answering their questions and providing moral support, added, "Most cases that I've worked with have been blatant forms of plagiarism."

Dr. Louise Taylor, professor of English at Meredith, advises students who are uncertain of plagiarism guidelines to ask their professor. She also suggests that students should find out the preferred form of documentation for the particular course, such as APA, MLA or Chicago style, and visit the Meredith Learning Center for additional assistance.

"There is also a handout available from the English department that discusses proper use of someone else's words as opposed to poor scholarship and plagiarism," she said.

When in doubt, "over citing is better than under citing," she said.

Rawl explained that plagiarism cases have involved upperclassmen as well as fresh-

men and transfer students in all disciplines.

However, she does cite material from the Internet as the most common form of plagiarism.

"The Internet is making plagiarism a greater temptation--especially in lifting papers," said Rawl. However, she warned, "Internet plagiarism is so easy to detect."

Many students believe that academic dishonesty is a widespread and often undetected problem, according to a 1999 *US News & World Report* poll, which explained that "90% of students believe that cheaters are either never caught or have never been appropriately disciplined."

Rawl is aware of this problem also.

"The Honor Council views academic dishonesty as the most serious violation because it affects not only the student but the rest of the community," said Rawl.

She also added that academic dishonesty diminishes the perpetrator's education and is unfair to students who complete their work honestly.

Heidi LeCount, director of Residence Life, is currently serving as adviser to the Honor Council while Ann Gleason, dean of students, is on maternity leave.

LeCount said, "Students who plagiarize may compromise the value of being a

Meredith graduate. Meredith College is highly regarded in many majors and disciplines, and the Honor Council serves to keep that reputation in tact."

Rawl emphasized that plagiarism is a serious offense, one for which employees can be fired and graduate students expelled from graduate school.

"I don't want a single Meredith graduate to get caught at academic dishonesty," said Rawl.

Griffin explained that Honor Council sanctions against plagiarism are intended as "more of an educational experience to show the student that it is plagiarism and it is wrong."

Rawl agreed and explained that sanctions are intended to "get to the root of the problem."

For instance, depending on the circumstances of the academic dishonesty, the Honor Council might assign reflection or research papers, apology letters, counselling center sessions, sessions with the director of academic advising or sessions with a Learning Center tutor.

In more serious cases, students can be suspended for a semester or more.

She added that while the

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Sga Corner

Student Government Association

~Meredith Students will be receiving "Student Advantage" cards sometime in the near future. These cards will allow students to receive discounts at local and national merchants.

Student Life

~There will be a second Forum held Tuesday, November 27th from 6-7:30 in Belk Dining Hall.

Senate

~Senate approved a new Meredith organization called "Artist Alliance."

~ Anyone interested in starting a new organization should contact Senate.

Going to Grad School?

Attend the workshop,
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Presented by:

Dr. Jean Jackson

**Friday, November 9th
10:00 a.m.**

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