

EDITORIALS / LETTERS

Food problems snatch bite out of appetite

Most Meredith freshmen develop a homesickness for their mother's homecooked meals their first few weeks of school. For most, however, that homesickness for good food stays with them their entire four years at Meredith.

Last year students were informed that changes were taking place in the cafeteria and a three-week rotating menu would be used. In a check of Meredith's menu from February 17 through March 2, 1983, several interesting facts were noted. For example, during the week of February 17, lasagna was listed on the menu for both Friday and Monday dinner. Hamburger on bun was on the luncheon menu for Thursday, Saturday, and Wednesday for the week of February 24. In the two-week time period, french fries were listed on the menu a total of seven times.

North Carolina State University opened a new cafeteria in their dining system this year. Although students on their meal plan may pay more for their food (approximate cost: \$1200), the extra cost is worth it. In looking at the menu for December 1 through 7, 1982, foods included on the luncheon menu included ham divan, tuna melt, cheese ravioli, fried scallops and ham biscuits. On the dinner menu were crab cutlet, roast beef au jus, popcorn shrimp, country fried steak, and chuck sirloin steak. Students are offered two different kinds of soup a day, and hamburgers and hot dogs are available at lunch and dinner.

Also, the State dining halls offer a number of beverage choices. A student may choose from a variety of five soft drinks, several fruit juices, coffee, tea, milk and punch at their meals. At Meredith the choice is milk, coffee, tea or punch (or juice at breakfast).

By the time a Meredith student is a senior, it seems she eats off campus more and more. Some changes need to be made in the menu at Meredith to encourage more students to take advantage of the money they have already paid. It is time to stop the increasing complaints of students and begin to study the food problem more carefully.

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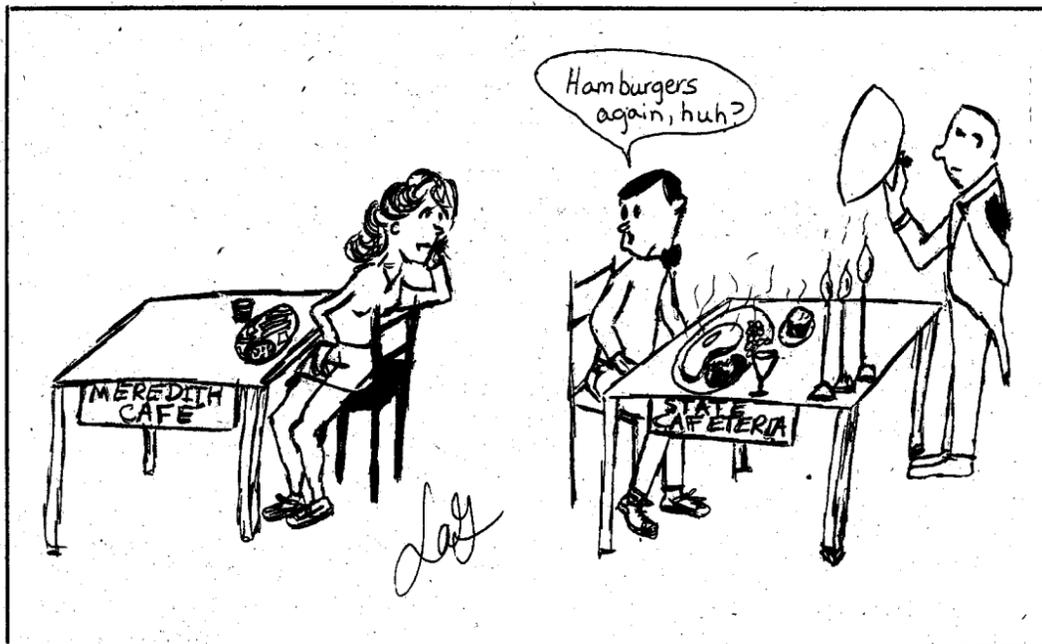
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Cluttered cafeteria irritates

Dear Editor,

Are the Meredith girls physically handicapped or mentally unable to perceive the use of the book and coat racks placed at two of the three entrances of the cafeteria? I am

not a socializer, and when I enter the cafeteria, I like to sit as close as possible to the disposal belt. I am sick and tired of having to remove books, coats, and purses from these tables. If it weren't for the honor code, my anger would permit me

to toss these articles outside. Is it a crime for these girls to eat with their books beside them, or under their chairs? I am sick of eating amidst books, and fighting for a little elbow room. For those girls who apparently have no knowledge of the word respect, are so bold as to place their book down while I am eating. Sometimes even on the edge of my tray. I suggest that these girls make use of those racks which were placed there for their convenience, and cease to clutter the tables with books. This problem is most irritating when half of the cafeteria is being used for lunches. I do not appreciate hunting for someplace to eat, because two or three tables are covered with items that do not belong there. Girls, use your brains and common sense. Book and coat racks are to be used for such items. Try going to another school and placing your books a mile away from you and see if they're there when you return.

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Superlatives are enjoyed

Dear Editors,

Concerning the editorial dated 02-1 -83, we feel that this editorial is a blatant example of unresearched journalism. Unknowing, we hope, to the writer of this editorial, the superlative voting started by the editors of the Senior Scrapbook was meant to exemplify the irrelevance of superlatives in general. If the writer of the editorial had researched the content of the Senior Class's Superlatives, she would have come to the conclusion that these superlatives were meant to parody the system. This superlative voting was meant to express individuality, not to succumb it to the pressures of popularity.

The actual subject of the article, the Senior Superlatives, was an idea created by the editors of the Senior Scrapbook and later discussed during a class meeting. The superlatives were as follows:

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Apathy an annual complaint

Dear Editor:

Your February 14 issue carries the annual "apathy" editorial which, I believe, has run at least once a year since 1962 or earlier. Once again, it berates the student body, as the students have lately berated the faculty, for a want of concern for the vitality of the campus community we comprise. I believe we can be certain that it will have the approximate effect of all preceding variations on the theme.

Has it occurred to other members of the community that the problem is not so much in the students as in the marionette quality of the student government system? Much of the interest in democratic elections centers upon parties and their platforms. But the SGA has no parties, hence no platforms. Individual candidates, on those

rare occasions when they have opposition, offer the electorate a choice between blonde and brunette, neither of whom is expected to pledge anything more concrete than heartfelt loyalty to the institution.

I submit that the apathy you complain of is an illusion that would vanish overnight with the formation of Republican and Democratic (or, for that matter, Chocolate and Vanilla) parties. The resulting rivalry would force two groups to think seriously about specific needs and how to address them. It would bring organization and coherence to the search for solutions to the community problems. It would provide a more realistic political experience for candidates and voters than the sad preference poll currently used.

Barring the adoption of some such system, I suggest

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Thanks to faculty, students

To the editor:

I would like to thank the administration, staff, and students for your thoughtfulness during the time of my father's death. I have received prayers, phone calls, letters, and flowers from many of you. You really never know who your

friends are until tragedy occurs. You have also made it much easier to handle the grief caused by death and dying. Once again, thanks to all of you for just being there.

Sincerely,
Tricia Mixon

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