

Welcome Aboard

I had never been away from home for more than a week before I came to Meredith College. I was petrified to say the least. I only knew two girls on my hall; however, as the days went by, I learned more names and saw more friendly faces. There were girls I enjoyed being around with and there were girls I would not have been caught dead with. I'm sure some of you feel the same way.

Fortunately, I knew my roommate before I came to school. We had been friends in high school. Our suitemates were another story. We didn't like them until halfway through the first semester. I didn't even know their names after the first few weeks of school. Now we are the best of friends and are still suiting together. Please give your roommate and suitemates a chance. Who knows; you may wind up like me in the sense that you will feel blessed to be with the people you were assigned to.

Registering for classes was a traumatic experience for me. I threatened to quit school because my schedule just would not work out. Believe me when I say that trying to get the classes you want is difficult. Some of you will not have any problems. Others of you will be close to going insane. It gets better and easier. Don't worry.

Studying tends to be a problem to many new students. I found it close to impossible to

study at times. When exams arrived, I realized how unprepared I was and I had no choice but to learn from my mistakes. Study. That is the key word. Don't put assignments off. The sooner you get them finished the sooner you'll be happy.

While at Meredith, have fun. That's what school is all about. Having fun does not necessarily mean going to bars, Frat Row or shopping every night. It means finding happiness in what you do. Making good grades is fun opposed to making bad ones. Making friends on your hall and throughout the campus is fun. It sure beats being lonely.

Get involved. There are too many organizations on campus for you to sit around and collect dust. The Twig, for example, is a great way to get involved. There are so many things you can do. You can write or you can find another outlet to suit your interests. There is a place for you and I hope to hear from you soon.

I hope your first week at Meredith is fun and rewarding. I hope that you will take advantage of every aspect of the school. Meredith has so much to offer and it is up to you to use your talents and have a great year at Meredith College. Good Luck!

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Cramped quarters unfair

Dear Editor:

When I arrived on campus in the fall of last year, I was very disappointed to learn that there were people living in the parlors of freshmen dorms. Students arrived to find that they were being housed in almost every available spot.

I understand that the college did not intend to overcrowd the freshman class, but it had been a disadvantage to us several times. We could not get to know people on our hall, because we could not hold normal hall meetings or parties. We met in the hall to learn about Meredith instead of a parlor - where we could have sat around and talked in a comfortable atmosphere. However, this is

not the only purpose that these parlors serve. The parlor is the only place that the residents can go into late at night when our roommates are asleep.

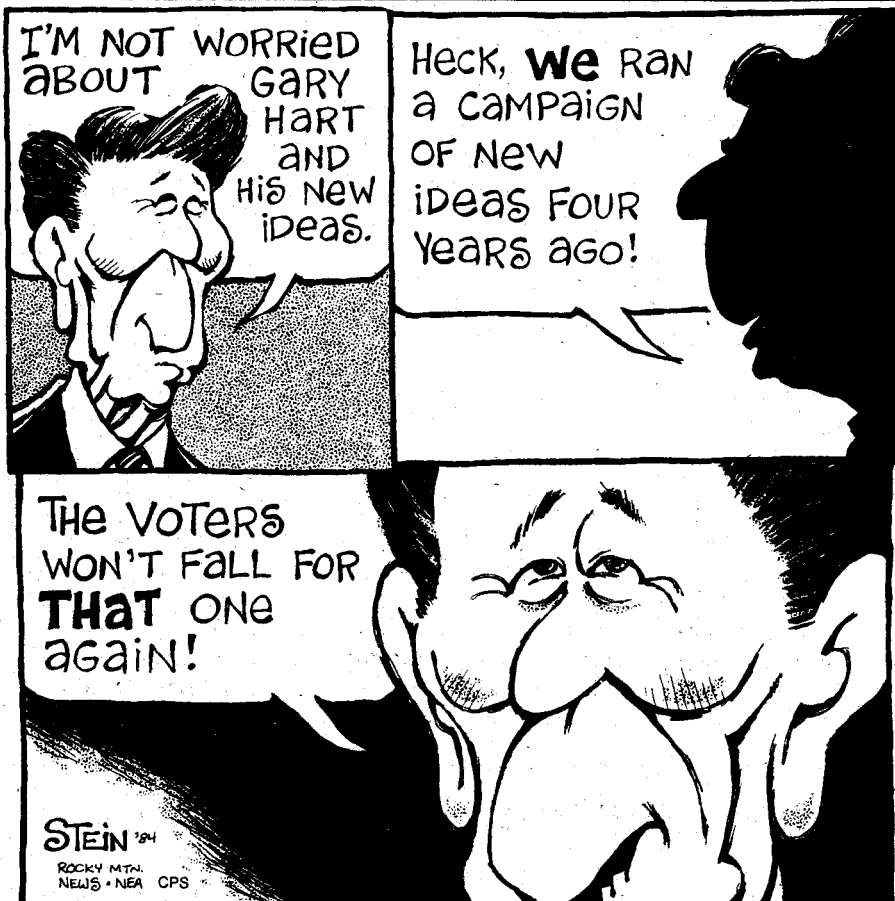
The problem of overcrowding was about to relieve itself by the end of the semester, due to students dropping out or transferring elsewhere. When I really became upset was when I returned after Christmas and learned that the college had accepted more students for the Spring Semester, and once again people were living in the parlors!

I think that the college should consider accepting fewer students. This freshman class deserves the opportunity to go through their next three years without the disadvantage

of housing problems. Meredith College has had a tradition of high standards, but if the college does not limit its enrollment, I think new buildings will have to be built to uphold these standards.

Lynn Jenkins

The Twig urges all students living in 'cramped quarters' to respond to this article. Adequate housing is a problem on campus and something must be done to improve the housing facilities. The administration does not plan to provide new housing to accommodate the expected enrollment increase. Take this chance to express your views on this subject.



How to clean up your closet clutter

by Marva Watkins

If you were to open the door to your closet right now, would everything come tumbling down?

When a friend asked me this question a couple of weeks ago, I would have honestly had to say yes. After some time, I decided that I would be more apt to keep my closet uncluttered if I had some kind of incentive. This, for me, was a shoe bag hung on the inside of the closet door and an extra

shelf at the top of the closet. If you want to keep your closet neat, I suggest this as a good beginning.

The first step is to take every item out of the closet and separate each one into basic categories: spring-summer and fall-winter. Once this is done, old clothes and accessories which are too small or which have not been worn in four or more years should be given to the Salvation Army or a local charity. You don't need to save that sequined honey-bear costume you wore in your third grade ballet recital or your first prom dress with the green punch spill. When everything is out of the closet would be an ideal time to paint and put shelf-liner or wallpaper on the top shelf. When all the things are categorized by seasons, the hangers should be hung in the closet so each hook is facing the same direction. Now you should divide the closet into two sections from top to bottom. The left should be reserved for fall-winter and the right for spring-summer items.

On the top shelf, shoes can be stacked in see-through shoe boxes. Hats may also be stacked on top of each other. Purses and tote bags should be placed on this shelf for easy view. A top shelf is also a good place to keep pullover sweaters. If there is any space left on the shelf, this is a good place to put

breakable whatnots which are not presently being used.

Next, make sure that the hanging clothes bar is secure and has no cracks. At both ends of the bar, it is nice to have a hanging sachet to keep your clothes smelling fresh. On the left side, begin by hanging up all the dresses and skirts worn during the fall and winter seasons. Follow with all the long sleeved blouses and slacks. Remember that skirts and pants may be hung on skirt racks to keep them from getting too many wrinkles. Hang up a raincoat and jacket as well as a winter coat next. Then, beginning from the far right side, hang dresses and skirts for spring and summer wear followed by short sleeved shirts. After these, place cotton slacks and shorts hung on skirt racks, if desired. Blue jeans should be hung in the middle of the closet to separate the two categories of seasons, because they are worn frequently all year long. Accessories such as scarves can be draped over a rack and belt buckles hung over the hook. These can go beside the jeans.

Moving down to the floor, on the right side, accessories used in the spring and summer such as radios and small travel bags may be stored in the corner. A shoe rack in the middle of the floor is convenient for keeping shoes worn often such

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