

The powerful elite: who are they working for?

The Student Life Committee. That group of students, faculty and administrators playing for high stakes. Giving a nod here and a shake of the head there. The ruling elite. I had always heard about them, but had never encountered them. And when I did, I found my suspicions were confirmed.

At the time I was co-editor of the constitutionless *Twig* and my goal was to have a constitution passed for a new campus paper, *The Meredith Herald*. The debates over the new name and portions of the constitution didn't bother me. My anger and confusion was not sparked by what was being said, but by what was going on.

The Student Life Committee (SLC) states that as "a representative body," it shall approve organizational constitutions. I have no qualms with that; however, I do when it comes to their approving constitutions of "bodies" that are not

represented. None of the publications are represented on the SLC, nor are over 20 more organizations.

The problem we have with unequal representation on the SLC is undoubtedly serious. Organizations are being dictated over. Suddenly, the hierarchy prevails.

I questioned Renee Godwin, SLC president, about my concern and she tried to explain that if every organization and club was on the SLC, it would be too big. She went on to say that "size" was the reason the publication's editors were removed two years ago. When she asked if I could understand, I said "no," then asked her where she thought America would be if suddenly the representation of people in government was limited. What if North Carolina had no voice, no representation in politics?

I believe Meredith should reorganize the power structures, and have a system

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I wish to respond to your last editorial entitled "When the growing gets tough, the tough get growing."

First of all, I'd like to commend the co-editors and staff of *The Twig* on your accomplishments. The paper has indeed been greatly improved this year, and you do deserve our accolades. I must add, though, that it seemed in very poor taste to solicit praise in the editorial of a "professional" newspaper. If you are so confident, know that you work speaks for itself — without all the drama!

As for the argument to change the name of *The Twig*, your reasoning is

weak. Why do you assume Meredith students are "women who usually can't wait to change their traditional names?" All the married women I know have kept their "traditional" names even though it is "tradition"-al to add a new one as well. I believe *The Twig* should do the same and hang on to its maiden name.

What's wrong with the old name anyway? You seem to think it symbolizes something "weak." You also say it "reflects nothing about the school." I see a twig as representing the newest growth of a tree. In relation, I see Meredith as the tree and *The Twig* as the tangible

Blankenship: I bid farewell

It is with deep regret that I must resign my position as co-editor of the *Meredith Herald*. I am offering my resignation because other obligations, both personal and academic, prevent me from giving the 100% effort that is required for a position such as this. My only wish, now as well as last semester, is that the paper continue to grow and improve, and if I, as one of the editors, cannot help to further this growth process then I become a hindrance to the

process.

I will continue to support Cynthia and the paper and intend to remain a contributing factor as far as writing is concerned. I ask you to do the same, lend your support to the *Meredith Herald*.

I have enjoyed working with and for you this past semester. The experience and friends I have gained can only help me with my future endeavors.

Beth Blankenship

more like that seen in "the real world," in "the free world." Presently, there is no system of checks and balances, the ultimate power lies in one committee. Shouldn't we have several branches of government that preside over their organizations; however, are under the Student Government Association's constitution — which would be comparable to that of the United States?

The clubs would have a committee set-up including their presidents, two faculty members, two members at large and an advisor. They would approve each other's constitutions, discuss matters involving them and would have the goal to work in the students' best interests. And should problems arise beyond their control and jurisdiction, they would go to the Senate

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record of our latest growth. Is that so bad?

In conclusion, I'd like to say that the improvements in the paper do not substantiate changing the name as well. After all, look how far this college has come, and consider all the changes and improvements that have been made over the many years. Still we call her Meredith! You wouldn't change that now, would you?

G. Michelle Baker

Editor's Note: This editorial was received last semester prior to the name change.

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