

## BeeHive an asset to campus

### From the Editor

I don't want to seem like I'm beating a dead horse here, but I have to say again how much I love the BeeHive. I think it's the best thing that could have happened to the Meredith College community.

Granted, I get obsessive about certain things at first. I'm the type that sees a movie in the theater three times, listens to a new song over and over until she hates it (anything by the Counting Crows being case in point), and spends all her BeeBucks two days after she gets them.

But, I don't think my love for the BeeHive is merely admiration of something new. And, although I love Chick-Fil-A as much as the next lemonade-addicted person, it's not the food selection that makes it great, either.

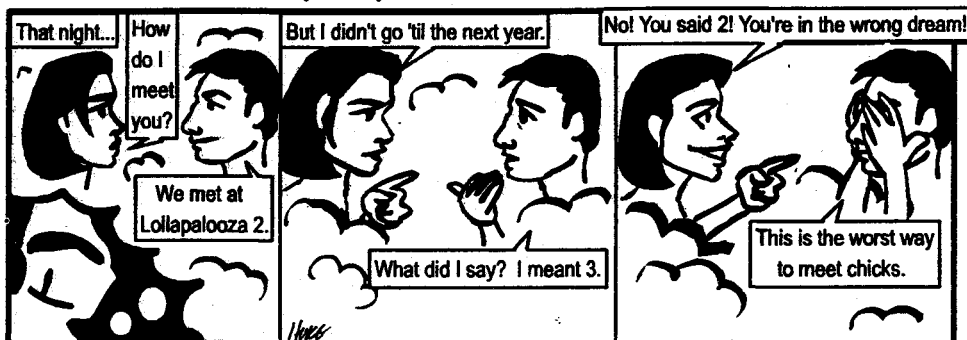
The BeeHive has the exceptional ability to bring students together. Both commuters and residents flock to the snack bar, grab something to eat, and settle like locusts on the tables and couches in Cate Center. Where there used to be only the sounds of hushed conversations, there's now almost an unbearable din. I love it.

That kind of community is something I always felt Meredith was lacking. No one hangs out in the courtyard, or in the dorm parlors, or even in the dining hall longer than it takes to finish a meal.

Students hang in the dorms, but that is very exclusive. Roommates stick with roommates, and suites and halls stick together. Aside from classes, there's no real opportunity to branch out, to meet new and different people.

The BeeHive has given us that opportunity. Sure, the big-screen television helps, as does the computer lab, but nothing brings people together like food. It's great to sit with classmates or acquaintances and converse over a bagel or waffle fries. I think it gives us a place where anyone can go to meet friends, study, and relax. And that, my friends, is what a student center should be.

### Meredith By Tory Hoke



## Letter to the Editor: Senior parking solutions

Dear Editor,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my roommate, Dawn Rogers, in response to your letter from the editor that appeared in the February 12 issue of the *Meredith Herald*. We would like to say "ditto" and let you know that you are not alone in your thoughts. We agree — it has been harder to find a senior parking space this semester. Our entire suite of seniors has been "banned to the Pit" many nights a week lately. Correct your were, that occasionally this is fine — we could all use the exercise — but the all the time? Something must be done.

Also, Dawn and I were among the juniors last year who had "senior hours," but, come on, we were juniors in all respects. It was our third year in college, we were the class of 1997, we had junior sweatshirts from Cornhuskin'. We were juniors; who cares what the registrar's office said we were? Needless to say, as tempted as we were, we did not feel it was right to get senior parking stickers. We knew the following year we would have the privilege, and if we were in their shoes, we would not appreciate juniors taking senior privileges away from us. So we did not take it away from them. Although there were those that did, two people tried to make a difference and not give in to temptation. We made our stand as best we knew how.

We have tried and tried to come up with solutions to the problem and, as best we can figure, the security office should go by number of years/ semesters spent in college — not number of hours received. So, that way, those of us coming into a Calculus II or III level math class, higher level foreign language classes, and perhaps some AP credit do not get privileges we do not deserve simply because our high school offered some courses others did not. Parking should go by what year you plan to graduate in! It has also been suggested that, as this method could get sticky and more time-consuming for the security office, they simply make the first row in the Pit senior parking. That way there would be plenty for the seniors and those juniors with senior hours, and it would be a privileged place to park — something all seniors have earned and deserve.

Sincerely,

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