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## Discrimination?

One of the first things a freshman, transfer student, or new faculty member learns about Meredith is that it is a "community." This term means, according to Webster, "a group of people living together and having common interests." In other words, they share things. This "community" is not only among students but between faculty and students.

In recent years, Meredith has made this idea of "sharing" a reality by appointing students to almost all standing college committees. We applaud this trend and hope for its continuance.

It has been brought to our attention in recent days that there is an opposing trend at Meredith. A chief example of this trend toward separation of students and faculty can be seen in the recent action of the Physical Facilities Committee.

On April 17, this committee took the following action:

1. That the kitchen and lounge in Joyner be designated as a faculty and staff kitchen and lounge and that committee meetings scheduled for this room be kept at a minimum.

2. That the kitchen and lounge in the library be designated a faculty and staff kitchen and lounge.

3. That the kitchen in Vann dormitory be designated for student use only.

The committee should be commended for recognizing the problem of places for the faculty to relax and the students to entertain. We feel, however, that their solution tends to divide the faculty from the students.

We will deal with each of the three statements separately.

We are in full agreement with the second section. The faculty needs a place to relax. We do think, however, that the doors to the lounge in the library should be adjusted, if possible, to close more rapidly. With this done, the faculty members who are relaxing in the lounge will not disturb the students who are studying in the carrels outside.

The third section is the answer to complaint by girls on First Vann about the male faculty members who come onto the hall to eat lunch in the kitchen there. While all other dormitories have at least one kitchen for student use only, Vann does not. Besides, it seems to us that the lounge in Joyner is more convenient and more comfortable than the kitchen in Vann.

It was suggested at the committee that another place be found for faculty functions which are now held in the Vann faculty parlor. If this were done, the present faculty parlor could become a dating parlor; then the present dating parlor could be used as an informal dating room for all students on campus (instead of Poteat basement, as was recently suggested). Until a suitable alternative place is found for faculty meetings, we are sure the girls on First Vann will graciously continue to share the parlor and kitchen when they are needed for faculty functions.

Finally, we come to the first section. We are not quite sure what is meant by "designated as faculty and staff kitchen and lounge." Does this exclude student use of the kitchen and lounge? If it does, we object strenuously. The Joyner lounge is used by students for activities which range from study to preparing refreshments for a club meeting to just relaxing a few minutes before the color television. The faculty also uses this facility—for the same activities. The lounge is located in a place accessible to both faculty and students in Joyner and provides setting for them to get together and get better acquainted.

We sincerely hope that the Physical Facilities Committee did not intend to make a lounge (located in a building used equally by faculty and students) "off limits" to one group or the other. Such an action would remove a fine opportunity to build the community feeling which is a great part of life at Meredith.

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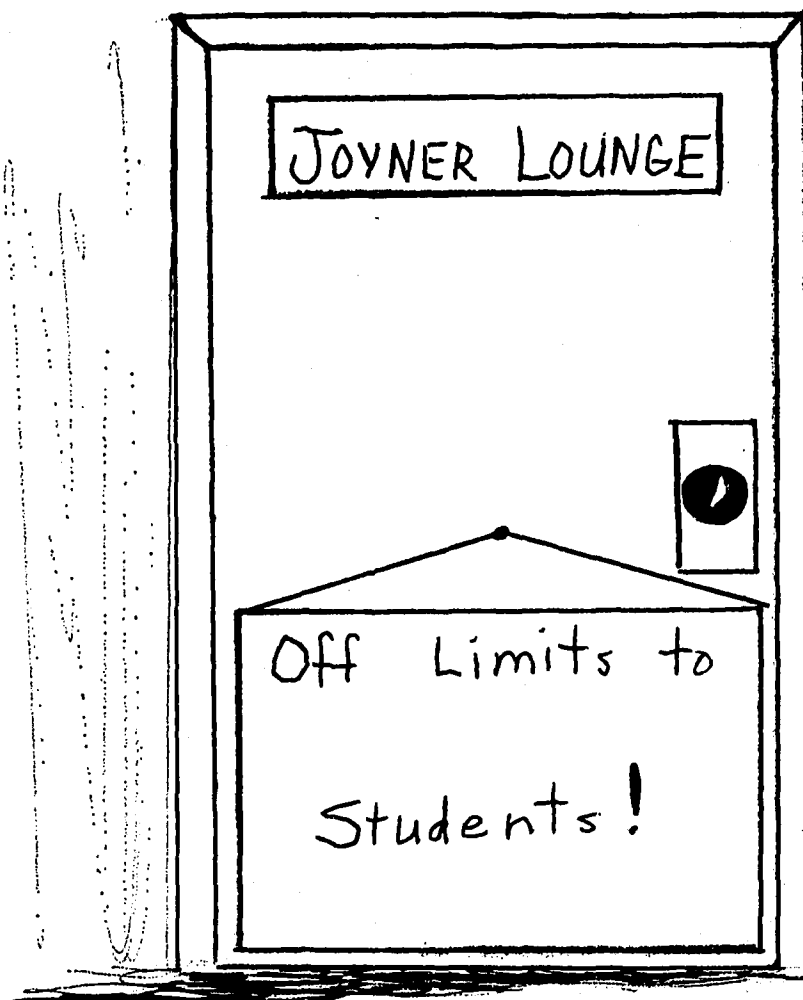
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## Editorial Comments

### Lights

Complaining about a gift is generally uncommendable in anyone, however, the recently acquired lights around the streets of this campus have caused numerous problems to the students—more, we suspect, than they have helped. Once students could return with their dates knowing that here they were safe from prowlers and that there was no danger of them being charged with trespassing. There was privacy to talk and express affection without embarrassing anyone a block away.

Today, or rather tonight, all this has changed. Cars in the brilliantly lighted parking spaces have the privacy of a fish bowl, and attract about as much attention. No one can feel comfortable even sitting there with a group of people, much less a date.

And where are the Meredith girls and their fellows? The parlors can hold only so many people and the number is small. Besides, the parlors are public and with several couples and visitors coming in and out, they are not conducive to serious talk or anything but group activities. We are asked not to date outside on campus for reasons of protection. So the girls have left campus, and what do they find? If they try to go somewhere where they believe there is a relative amount of safety, they are promptly asked to leave, generally by the police. Then they seek another place and the same happens. They may find a lonely road where they may be alone, but they can never feel comfortable or safe there because lonely roads offer no protection from the outside!

The dilemma is real. Girls are beginning to dread seeing their dates because of the frustration they must face each time, while the boys certainly feel no better.

No one can voice an open opinion on the matter because she is afraid of being considered a "bad girl" or she cannot think of any way to change the situation here.

We do not know what can be done to ease the problem, perhaps lower wattage for the lights, or lighting alternate ones. The fact is, help is needed. The case of "nerves" grows worse each week for many girls. What can be done?

R A W

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### Litterbugging

The rolling, grass-hugged hills of Meredith, dotted by candy-colored azaleas, dogwood and cherry blossoms, and shaded by proud oaks and elms, are evidences of man's attempt at beauty and of nature's reward for this effort. This beautifully successful working of man with nature should foster within us a joyous appreciation of our campus and the beauty that flanks it on all sides. Yet, there are those of us who fail nature and persist in giving the litterbug a helping hand. Candy wrappers, patches of old newspapers, and hamburger bags caress the surface of the lake; drink cans and scraps of paper grace our lawns with an air of defiance carelessness. The latest trend is to leave plates of food for days at a time in choice spots, such as on walks, outside dormitory doors and under seats in parlors. The eye is not the only sense that is offended by this form of litterbugging. We may not care what those outside our campus think of us, but we should be concerned about our impressions of ourselves. If a mere trashcan is beyond our reach, our aspirations are indeed low. A few extra steps are all that is needed to bring that trash can within reach. Those few extra steps could mean the difference between Meredith the College and Meredith the Wasteland.

N B A

## The Perils of Percy

By Percy Beane

Last issue I told you how Ramseur became the film capital of North Carolina. This time I will attempt to provide you with some insights into the glamorous world of actresses, marquees and Hedda Hopper.

Actually, my role as Sue Mae Grunch, a moon-shiner's innocent darling, was not one of the leading female roles. But Raquel Welch started out as a cavewoman who could only point and yell in "1000 Years B.C." There were only two main differences between us! ! !

Quite a novice at this new life, I expected that being in a movie would be a lark. I mean getting paid \$50 per day to have your picture made couldn't be much work. Was I misguided! Instead of making an appearance at noon and sitting around sipping Dr. Peppers (Dick Clark's No. 1 Brand) all afternoon, I was

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Along with most of the other students I enjoy and appreciate the new dorm, the new library, the new gym and the beautiful dining hall. But maybe we have lost sight of something basic and important to this college. I was ashamed to read in the *Raleigh News and Observer* of April 24 that Meredith's Faculty Pay Scale has not kept pace with the 5.1 per cent cost of living increase. Even at the state level, faculty pay raises rate from 7 to 10 per cent. Meredith ranks far below that with less than 5 per cent in pay increases. Folks, we have already lost ground! Right now we are very fortunate in having a highly qualified faculty with 24 full time faculty members holding a doctorate. But our faculty includes those who graduated from here and are teaching here for sentimental reasons, those whose husbands or wives are working here in Raleigh and find Meredith convenient, and there are those, God Bless 'em who are here merely because they love students and teaching. But to keep our faculty and to attract new professors, we need improvements in our pay scale, at least enough to keep up with the cost of living!

Sincerely yours

Carolyn Lewis

To the Students:

It has been the pleasure of the Concerts and Lectures Committee to serve the student body of Meredith College this past year with entertainers and speakers from various fields of study. We express our appreciation for the students' participation and attendance, the manner in which they received the presentations, and their personal greetings to our visitors.

The program for next year is equally as varied and should prove to be one of the best we have ever had. It is our wish that the student body will make next year's program as big a success as this year has been. We extend an invitation to all students to lend some assistance as part of the committee for next year. Even though the performances on stage are enjoyable and entertaining, the behind-the-scenes acquaintances make a deeper impression.

Once again we thank the students and faculty for their support.

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told that I *would* be on location at 7:00 a.m., I would eat lunch whenever we finished shooting a scene if it was 11:30 or 3:00, and finally I would leave when the shooting for the day was over! Not only were the working hours spasmodic, but the work load was too. Extras were expected to do everything except film the motion picture! We soon found out how unwise it was to ask if you could help because whether you did anything or not, the pay was the same. Nevertheless, we always found something to do. Sometimes I did as little as light a cigarette for Dick Clark, or did as much as help to

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