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Discussion Of Academics Is A Welcome

I was glad to hear some discussion and feedback this week about academics at Meredith. President Weems addressed some of his remarks Monday to the subject. I would like to add a few thoughts. In case last week's editorial was misinterpreted, I want to clarify several points. Meredith, as does most colleges, has enrollment problems. The number of applicants decreases each year with only 95 applicants being turned down this past academic year.

It may be true, as it was pointed to me this week, that applicants to Meredith may be quality students with better academic records than the average applicants to other colleges. This would mean, of course, that Meredith students still have higher academic standards regardless of admissions problems I think this argument has some validity, but less competitive admissions will eventually downgrade academics here even if we are currently holding our own.

Having heard much comment on grading this week, I want to clarify that point. Obviously, or so I thought, I was not berating students for making the Dean's List! My point was, and is, that President Weems needs to publish a study similar to the one done in 1968, which would show a breakdown of the grading distribution of the various departments. Students and faculty need an overall picture as well as the administration.

The last point which may need clarification is that it is time to review the overall academic program at Meredith. President Weems

noted Monday that we need to add some majors and drop some unproductive ones. That was a welcome observation.

Meredith's academic program stands mainly on two things, I believe. The first is so important that it hardly seems to need expression. Meredith must have an overall admissions academic philosophy and the administration must make constant efforts by review and revision to the academic standards. The second academic foundation is more intangible but nevertheless important. As well as Meredith students seeing academics here as a high quality program the ad-

missions department will have a good assist in revision because Meredith's reputation will remain strong.

My concern is that I believe Meredith students are not totally satisfied with the situation here. I hear often of current students telling younger sisters and friends that Meredith is not the place to come for a good liberal arts program. If the administration does its part then the students' opinion will improve. President Weems has indicated a number of encouraging plans. If these and others can be implemented, we are headed in the right direction.

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Amendment will allow Kissinger for president

(CPS)--Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D-NY) has introduced a resolution providing for an amendment to the Constitution which would allow foreign born citizens to run for the Presidency.

Bingham pointed out on the House floor that naturalized citizens are permitted to hold every other position in the government and that it is unfair to insist that a naturalized citizen should not be President if the American people see fit to elect him.

He then cited examples of persons in that category who have distinguished themselves, such as Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and economist John Kenneth Galbraith.

"My proposed constitutional amendment does not amount to an endorsement of Henry Kissinger as President," Bingham claimed. The question he put to the members of the House was, "Why should the American people be denied the right to elect a Kissinger to any office?"

Prompt action on his proposal is not foreseen.

Give a hoot!
Don't pollute.



Letters to the editor

Dear Editor

As the time approaches for our spring elections, several thoughts have repeatedly crossed my mind. These thoughts involve those students who are planning to run for an office as well as those who are not planning to do so. Being directly involved with most every elected officer on the campus - I must admit to some selfish motivation for this letter. Although I am most concerned with posing some questions for our potential candidates, I am also aware that an honest appraisal on their part and honest actions as a result will make my job as Director of Student Activities much easier next year.

To those students who are planning to run -- my question is WHY? If there were no annual, no Student Handbook and no place to enumerate your activities on a resume, would you still run? Are you seeking a position or a job? I would suggest there is a great difference between the two.

To those students who are not planning to run -- my question is WHY NOT? Meredith, as a women's college, is offering you an opportunity to grow and develop through involvement in leadership capacities that might not be as readily available at a co-ed institution. Every available office can serve as a "testing ground" for you as you learn more about yourself. I would suggest that this opportunity is one you should seriously consider.

Fran Vandiver

Dear Editor:

There are several new additions on campus this semester we would like to call to the attention of the Meredith community. Those recommended as well worth your time to see are written in bold face type.

1. **PICTURE GALLERY** - in the SGA and Twig office. Come by for a chuckle or a thought.
2. White rocks under every new tree, bush, and shrub on campus. (We have estimated that if every student and faculty member picks up one rock a day for the next 158 years, we will be rid of the white rock disease now spreading over campus.)
3. The symmetrical concrete walks leading to the new campus fountain with its 20 multicolored lights - our contribution to the energy crisis.
4. **THE NEW OAK GROVE.**
5. **LARRY WILLIAMS-OUR NEW COLLEGE MINISTER.**
6. The seating capacity and functional ability of Jones Auditorium.
7. The unfinished wall-papering and paint jobs of Belk Dining Hall.
8. The announcement of our graduation speaker - nonexistent.
9. **PASSAGE OF MALE VISITATION BY STUDENT LIFE.**
10. **THE VALENTINE BUFFET - YUM, YUM.**
11. **THE INTOXICATED NIGHT WATCHMAN.** (rumor has it he'll give you a nip)
12. **GENIE BAILEY'S ACCEPTANCE AT DUKE MEDICAL SCHOOL - WAY TO GO DR. BAILEY.**

As we continue our search of exciting activities and additions on campus we beg you to join us and share your discoveries with the Meredith community.

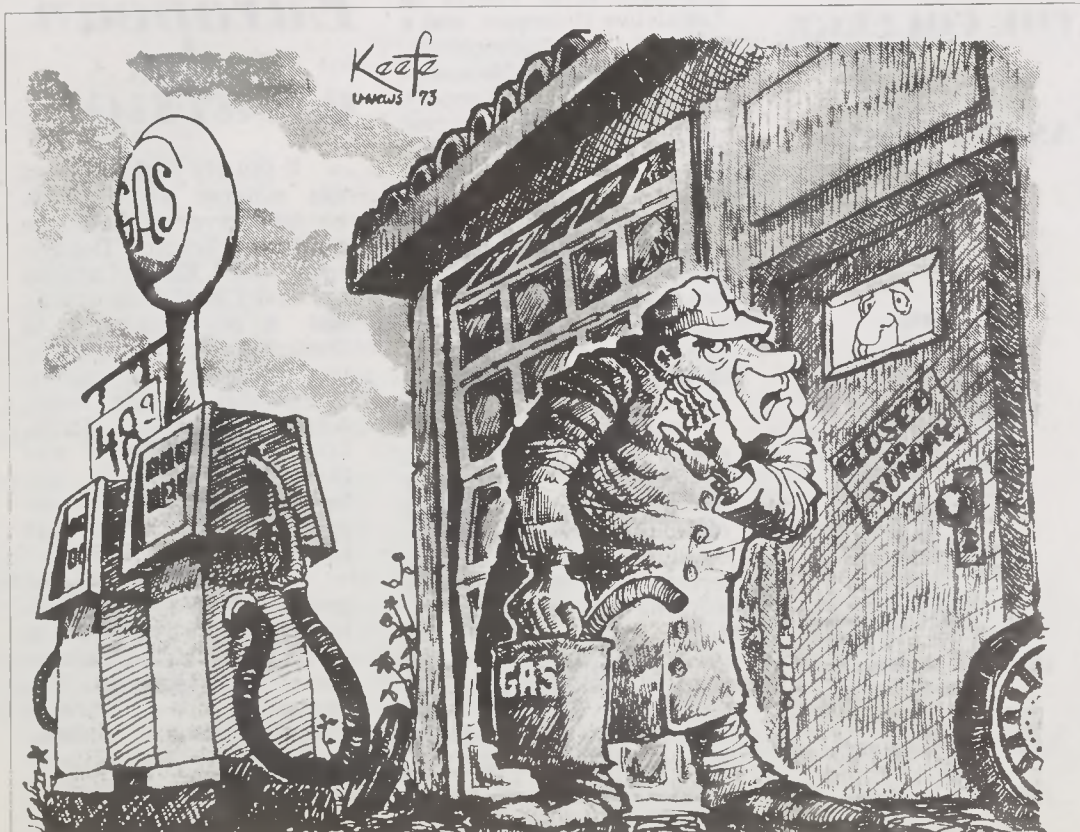
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