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Letters to the editor

Congrats to seniors for Cornhuskin' win!

As a member of the Class of '75 let me extend congratulations to my fellow Seniors for our win in Cornhuskin' this year. The preparations beforehand, participation in the actual event, and the victory celebration at Shakey's are experiences that we will always treasure and look back at with nostalgia.

I am sure I speak for the class as a whole in thanking co-chairpersons Debbie Godwin and Sharon Dukeshire for all the hard work they put in, along with our class President Jo Ann Williford. Yet, no matter how hard their efforts, our leaders' plans couldn't have gotten off the ground without the loyalty and support of almost each and every senior. It was through this extensive participation and caring that members of the class of '75 finally proved that WE ARE INDEED "NO 1".

GR

Energy crisis ignored; disregard is shocking

I was appalled to enter the library last Friday and find that on a perfectly gorgeous day both the heater and the fans were running. A little checking revealed that those in charge at the library had called Johnson Hall to get the heat turned off; but no one there knew exactly under whose jurisdiction such matters fell, so nothing was done.

Meredith College is not so big that it should have the problems particular to a bureaucracy. Considering the state of the world today, there is no excuse for disregard of the energy crisis such as occurred in the library last week. Running the heat (consequently being forced to run the fans), when the outside temperature is completely comfortable reflects an egregious lack of responsibility to the world community and must be corrected.

GR

Begin regular health examinations now!

If good may come from tragedy, then the awareness of the dangers of breast cancer created by Betty Ford and Happy Rockefeller's mastectomies is certainly a case in point.

It is sad that the wives of President Ford and Vice Presidential nominee Rockefeller have both had to face the ordeal of breast cancer (as indeed it is sad when this happens to any woman). But because they are figures in the spotlight, Mrs. Ford's and Mrs. Rockefeller's illnesses have alerted American women that breast cancer is a very real danger that can strike anyone.

Women have been flooding doctor's offices and health departments all over the country in recent weeks, and this is an encouraging sign. The chances for recovery from breast cancer are excellent if it is discovered in time, but discovery is impossible without examination. College-age women are not too young to begin developing good health-care habits; it is to be hoped that Meredith women will take their cue and initiate a lifetime practice of regular examination.

G R

Dear Editor:

The following is addressed to the Class of '77:

As Seniors, we would like to express our appreciation to each of our little sisters for your loyalty and support during Cornhuskin'. Your doughnuts, signs, songs, and love meant a great deal to us and helped our own incentive, enthusiasm and spirits. As we experienced our last Cornhuskin' we realized how fast these four years have gone and especially the two we have shared with you. With our memories of Meredith, we will always remember our love and appreciation for our little sister class.

Love

Barbara Yates
Jackie Cullifer
Kathy Jones
Kathy Carter
Genie Rogers
Debbie Kizer

Dear Editor:

There has been much criticism in recent weeks concerning the use being made of the faculty and course evaluations taken by the student body the fall semester of 1973. The results of these evaluations were given to the individual faculty members, the department heads, and the Academic Dean. However, I, like most of the students, was under the impression that the results were in some way to be disseminated to the student body. Indeed, the Instruction Committee which was responsible for the selection of the evaluation instrument and the administering of it, discussed the publication of the results to the student body, and the Academic Committee passed a motion stating that the results of the evaluation were to be published.

After the results were computed, the problem arose of how to most efficiently compile the results so that they would reflect an accurate evaluation. The computer Meredith has at present is simply not able to so compile the results.

On October 3, the Instruction Committee, chaired by Dr. Bunn, and consisting of Dr. Browde, Dr. Sutherland, Mrs. Simmons, Mr. Hiott, Sherri McGee, Ellen Wester, and Sharon Ellis, reached a compromise which I think will prove satisfactory to both students and faculty.

In December, Meredith will acquire a computer which can be programmed to compile the

evaluation results. At this time the results can be published in a form showing the aggregate strengths and weaknesses of the Meredith faculty. For example, on a particular question on the evaluations, the percentage of Meredith faculty who scored high and the percentage who scored low would be given.

I think that this is a step in the right direction, a step which should dispel the idea that the faculty and the administration are trying to keep their "deep, dark secrets" to themselves.

Sharon Ellis

Dear Editor:

Tradition is noted for its immutability, and immutable tradition is characteristic of Meredith College. Cornhusking is traditional, a time when even hell-raising is sanctioned at staunch 'ole MC. The questions that I am raising are: "How much is too much?" and "When should tradition be changed?"

This year's Cornhusking was characterized by trashcans full of refuse ranging from banana peels to used articles of feminine protection being dumped throughout sophomore halls by certain freshmen; parlor furniture being overturned and piled in one corner of the room; a watermelon being dashed to pieces on the lower breezeway; freshmen girls smasing into one another (what with all the excitement of seeing how quickly and furiously they could destroy the appearance of Brewer Dormitory), leaving at least one freshman passed out on a junior's bed, her mouth bleeding from the collision.

What is the purpose of such destruction? Can we tolerate this imbecility that pushes the maids to the point of threatening to walk out rather than clean up an atrocious mess, that prompts sophomore students to tape onto their doors signs which read, "This is a junior suite"; signs which, I might add, prompted freshmen to retaliate by attaching all doors bearing such signs, even legitimate junior suites (including mine).

Cornhusking is meant to encourage healthy competition among the classes; instead, this tradition is rapidly becoming a breeding ground for sadism and destruction and is causing student body division and ill feelings between classes. Competition can be maintained in water fights and the activities of Cornhusking night—singing, skits, races, and tall-tale telling. Dormitory raids

involving gross mess and destruction ARE NOT competitive activities since only one group is involved. Please, let's keep Cornhusking, but let's keep it in its place.

Sincerely,
Meredith McGill

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation to all of those who participated in our annual Phi Auction. Many people were instrumental in making it a success. A special thanks goes to our president, Beth Queen, who labored hard and worried long in getting those State basketball and football players to be a part of the auction. Then there was Dean Burris, Dr. Allen Page, Dr. Rebecca Murray, Lynn McArthur, Mr. Hoyt Taylor, and John Packard who so good-naturedly sold their bodies for a worthy cause. The Bear Facts were on hand and at their best as they started the evening with a medley of songs.

Last, but not least, there was the student body. Thanks for your generosity expressed in the amount of money we raised for the Cerebral Palsy Center - over \$600! I can promise you that money will be used to a great advantage at the center. If you've never been there, I would encourage you to take some time and see what it's like. The kids are a special bunch who work hard, rarely complaining about their limited capabilities. The teachers are dedicated to helping the children reach their fullest potentials. They need us to help provide the necessities for them to meet that goal.

Thanks again to everyone for helping in a cause that is so worthy and appreciative of our support!

Jackie Cullifer
Phi Projects Co-Chairman

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