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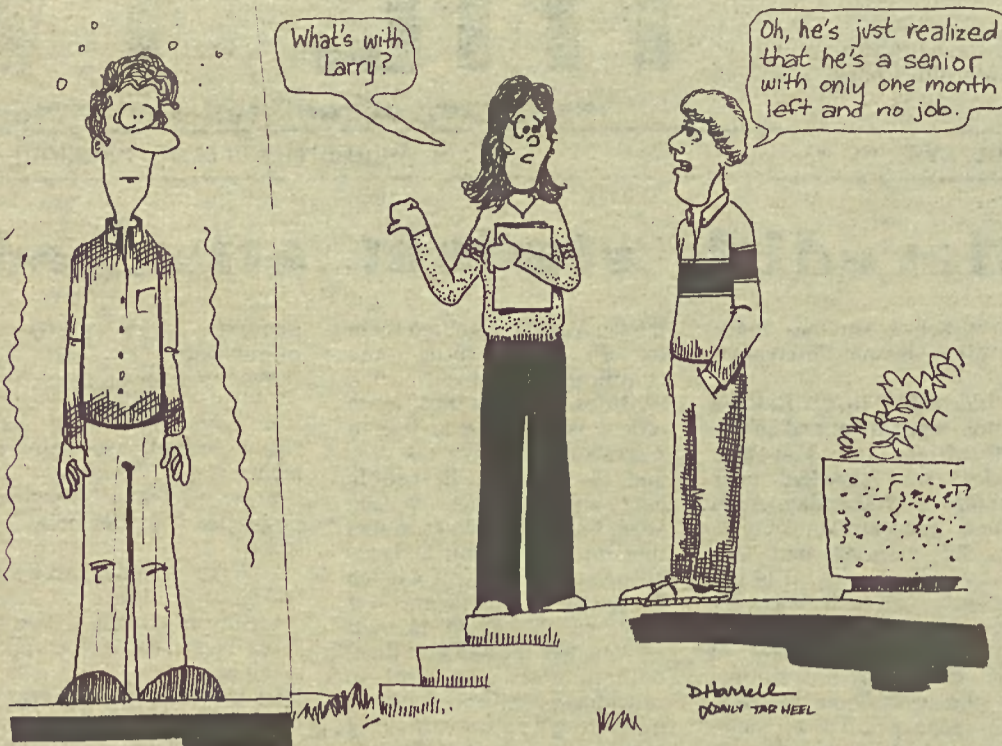
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Remind you of anyone you know?



"Thanks!"

To The Meredith Community:

As many of you are probably aware, we have been without a Registrar at Meredith this school year. I would like to express my appreciation to the people on campus who have made it possible for the Registrar's Office to make it through this period without major mishaps.

Many thanks to:

- the students for their patience and good humor when our service to them was less than efficient.

- President Weems and Dean Burriss for answering innumerable questions and never once saying, "You did what!?"

- the faculty for their total support and cooperation plus their tactful reminders of things we forgot.

- the administration and staff for the help and understanding we could always count on.

Most of all many thanks to the staff in the Registrar's Office. Because of them responsibilities were assumed and tasks completed with no apparent extra effort. The Meredith community owes Alberta Hawes and Laura McCance its gratitude for the superior job they have done this year.

Sue R. Todd
Acting Registrar

Faculty Editorials

The aborted Iranian rescue

What is happening today in Iran may have grave consequences for the future, as the stability of Islamic Asia is being threatened by external force. Since the occupation of the northern provinces of Gilan and Azerbaijan in the years immediately following World War I, the Bolsheviks (and later the Soviet occupation troops in World War II) have lost no time in organizing Communist party cells. This group, known officially as the Tudeh party, has been forced underground during the reign of the Pahlavis, but has been operating under orders from party headquarters in Paris, only to emerge boldly after the Shah's departure.

Student unrest at the University of Tehran triggered off explosive events when Marxist sympathisers confronted Khomeini's supporters in early November of 1978. This same polarization will probably result in catastrophic internal strife in

months to come as leftists gain wider influence. Each day that passes increases the economic crisis in Iran, which they skillfully exploit. The separatist movements in Kurdistan have gained momentum, and these will be followed by similar demands from other tribal or ethnic minorities, such as the Burkomen, and Azeri in the north and the Baluchis on the Pakistan-Afghan border. In 1979, over 45 percent of the oil field workers were reportedly Communists.

Revolts taking place this week in Rasht, close to the Caspian Sea and Ahwaz in the Persian Gulf region suggest crisis of a greater magnitude for the government of Bani-Sadr than that of the hostages.

What is past is prologue is not frequently an axiom of history.

C. W. Kurtz

I have been asked by The TWIG editors to give my

OPEN LETTER

Dear 3rd Brewer,

I always knew that Meredith girls were special but I didn't realize how special until I needed you. Your kindness and love during this painful time has given me strength. Words cannot express the sorrow felt at the death of a loved one nor can they express the gratitude towards friends who offered their help.

Thank you for the beautiful azalea you sent me. It will be planted in a garden dedicated to the memory of my brother, Donnie. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Meredith girls are the best!

Love,
Kim Ball

views on the Government's attempts to free our hostages in Tehran by military action. My opinion is as follows:

The opportunity to free the hostages militarily had long since been lost when the President authorized the recent action. As the West German Government advised some time back, "If you had wanted to use military action the time was immediately after the seizure of the hostages."

The affect of this American blunder will be profound upon our allies. Just this morning (April 24) the Japanese Government is reported to have been thoroughly shocked by our attempt and failure to gain release of the hostages at this point. Again, we failed to heed the advise of our allies in this matter. The Israeli Government told us several months ago, "If you are planning military action to free the hostages, it had better not fail." There can be no doubt at all that our attempt has hurt American credibility in the eyes of all our allies. We should note that our allies were not advised of our action in advance.

The Soviet Union will benefit from our blunder. We must appear to the Russians a "helpless giant" led by an inept President, a thoroughly disorganized intelligence service, and unprepared military. As one Soviet diplomat told us last month, "If it had been the Soviet Embassy, we would have had tanks in Iran by now." The Soviets can be expected to use this incident against us in every way possible.

The action by us will, of course, drive American morale even lower. We still suffer greatly from the Vietnam Syndrome. We lost our confidence in Vietnam and incidents like the Iranian blunder do not help us to regain that confidence.

F. Grubbs, History

Won't You Join Us?



The TWIG needs new staff members for next year. Most positions are open, including reporters, proofreaders, layout, advertising and circulation staffs, photographers, and cartoonists. In other words, if you have it, we need it, and if you don't we'll find something for you anyway. Participation gives good experience and helps the school. If interested, contact Sonya Ammons, 821-1288, or Deborah Bartlett, 821-1265. Both full-time and part-time positions are available. Need not apply unless willing to sign your life away



StringSpeak

How Lovely to be a Senior - dedicated to the senior class, with apologies to "How Lovely to be a Woman" by Lee Adams and Charles Strouse.

When you're a skinny freshman of 18

With thoughts naive and unclear

You doubt that you will ever be educated

Then hallelujah, you are 21
And your thoughts are sophisticated and clear

And you have that happy college-educated feeling.
How lovely to be a senior -

The wait was well worthwhile
How lovely to have mastered Freshman Comp.

And smile that Meredith smile.

How lovely to have an intellect
That's well-rounded instead of flat

Whenever you hear William Buckley whistle
You're what he's whistling at.
It's wonderful to feel
The way a senior feels

It gives you such a glow
Just to know
No more dining hall meals.

How lovely to be a senior
And have one job to do

To go out in the world and change it
And then when you are through

You've made it the world you want it to be
How lovely to be idealistic, you see -

It's lovely to be educated and free
Life's lovely when you're a senior -

Be what you want to be.
Ann Stringfield
Class of '82