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Cornhuskin'

Who Needs It?

by L. Faith Wells

Who ever came up with this nonsense anyway? If you really stop and think about it Cornhuskin' is just another excuse to be foolish and obnoxious! Imagine the scene: a hundred or so adult women yelling at the top of their lungs and slinging water and paper on any object that moves. Meanwhile, those few women who continue to exist with some sort of superior conduct try to overcome the overwhelming chaos and preserve some remnant of modern civilization. But how are they treated? Respectfully? Don't try to fool yourself. The chaos is moved from the surrounding courtyards and relocated in the halls of dorms. But does this confusion stop here?

No, just try to consume your starchy edibles provided in Belk Dining Hall. You may

begin your meal with pleasant thoughts of possibly completing that fattening habit common to humans with a minimal amount of indigestion but your aspirations will be shattered. Just as the din seems to abate an inhuman roar will issue from the mouths of your friends, colleagues and living companions. Your cheese-and-egg-stuff-with-a-few-peas-mixed-in will come to a dead halt in mid-throat and your life will flash before you eyes. The next few minutes will be filled with yet another battle of the lungs. Finally all these people with no apparent sense of self-respect congregate to continue their madness. Costumed weirdos parade around the room, pretend they are pigs, try to sing other people's songs (except with the wrong words), and of course they

yell. These crazies actually spend hours participating in this insanity. Exactly what is gained from this absurdity? Several cases of pneumonia resulting from numerous water fights, the renewed study of lip reading resulting from an abundance of larangitis, and massive amounts of soggy toilet paper piled in the nearest trash bin. Not to mention the mildewy clothes strewn in many a dorm room after water was as well as the dented pots and pans rejected as useless after serving as noise-makers for inconsiderate females. (I'll bet every single pot beater and pan batterer has a prized set of Revere Ware one day that she "refuses to allow anyone to touch"!) So why continue these pointless escapades? To add to the number of patients treated in the infirmary or could it be to have the courtyard watered free of charge? No! Cornhuskin' continues because it is one of the few remaining breaks from the insanity of upper academia. Of course there will remain those in-human beings who contend that life without Plutarch's Parallel Lives in one hand and the American Heritage Dictionary in the other is no life at all. Nonsense I say. Such a life is more along the lines of simple existence. Yes, I too advocate life with a water balloon in one hand a copy of Groseman's Calculus in the other. Whoever you are, you extraordinary person who invented Cornhuskin' and thus provided all Meredith women with an incredible alternative to constantly striving for a higher level of intellect, thank you. We will be forever indebted to you.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Phones a Financial Burden

Telephones. Meredith students cannot seem to live without them. Unfortunately, at the current cost of operation, students can hardly afford to live with them.

Students were allowed to obtain phones from Southern Bell representatives on campus at the beginning of the semester. Most students were told by these representatives that the only phones available at the time were white, touch-tone, Trimline. Because of this, students are now paying up to \$4.75 a month for these special phones.

Many Meredith students have complained that the Southern Bell representatives were "pushy" and the telephone features were repeated several times in an effort to encourage students to purchase them. Usually the telephone sign-up time is chaotic and many students end up choosing the wrong telephone features because of the confusion.

Are there any solutions? North Carolina State University has been using a Centrex telephone system for years. Under this system, students are charged only for long distance calls each month and not for service. Phones are already installed in rooms and are cut on automatically at the beginning of the year. All of the telephones at State are connected by this system.

Perhaps Meredith should look into a Centrex system. Although the cost would be high at first, the savings in the long run (especially to students) would be significant.

Meanwhile, concerned students should write to Southern Bell about their complaints. It could pay off.

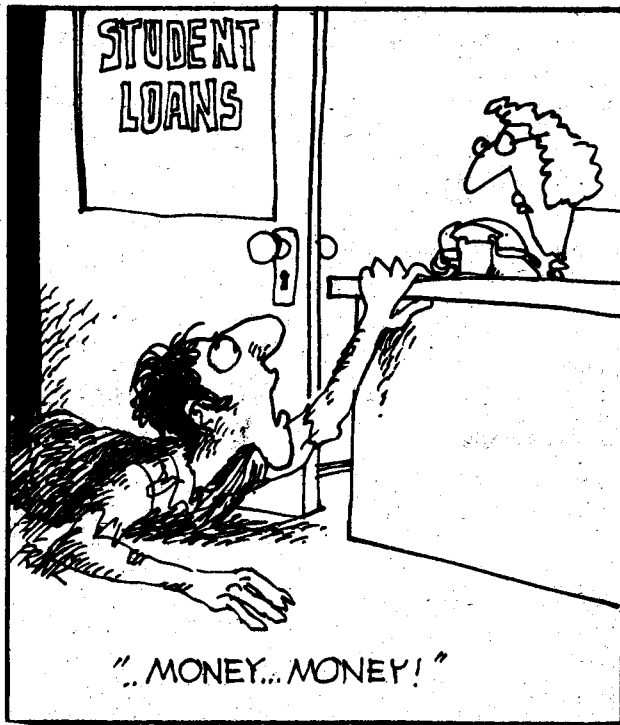
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FRANKLY SPEAKING... by phil frank



Letters to the Editors

To the Editor:

I am distressed. Today I stood in line, patiently waiting for a taste of the delicious lasagna my roommate told me about. As I stood there, practically drowning in

anticipation, I watched at least 25 people go back for seconds. As a result of this, by the time I got up there, the lasagna was gone, and there were hamburgers in its place. I survived (this time). My point

is that people who want seconds should wait until everyone has had firsts. I make this suggestion earnestly, for my sake as well as for all the other lasagna lovers'.
Rene Folds

To the Editor:

We were very pleased to read the editorial concerning the fire drill policy on Meredith's campus. We were discouraged by the response in the following edition. This whole matter leaves us wondering what the majority of students' position is on the

number of fire safety practices we should conduct. For this reason we would like to see a survey conducted on campus to help solve this conflict. Our opinion is that the majority of students here deem fire drills as unnecessary on a monthly basis. There is a general consensus that as college

students we are mature enough to conduct ourselves responsibly during an emergency despite the number of fire drills we have a year.

Thank you,
Paige Bowman and Ashley Stone

To the Editor:

In response to your editorial on "Drills Douse Enthusiasm", I feel that as a Meredith student that having fire drills once a month is not excessive, but helpful. They help to prepare us for a real-life fire, such as the ones that we experienced last year. Once a month for five minutes certainly cannot hurt, if one day it saves the life of someone.

acted responsibly, but there were also others that panicked. Some of these people may have been the very ones that you say ignore the fire drills.

You stated in your editorial that everyone has been told since kindergarten what to do in case of a fire. Well, I have just one question - Why don't they do it? From the previous two fire drills this year, it has been my experience that students leave windows open, doors open, and lights on.

Incidents such as these only cause a fire to spread.

I agree that not all fires occur at 7:00 in the morning, but most people are asleep then and not expecting a fire drill. This is the very reason that students are not informed when fire drills are because it surprises them and sees just how they will react.

Conclusively, I feel that fire drills are beneficial to the students at Meredith. They help to keep us aware of what to do in case real fires occur.
Maria Blackmon

During the fires last year, there were some people who