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**EDITOR'S
CORNER****Lack of Tools
Takes Joy Out
of Cooking**

Recently my suite decided that it would be a nice change to cook dinner in the kitchenette of our dorm. As a first timer at using the kitchenette I was shocked to discover that there were no cooking utensils in any of the cabinets. I fail to see the purpose of having a kitchenette with no pots or pans. It seems impractical to expect the students to provide their own. Most of us just don't do enough cooking to justify investing in cooking equipment, however it is a nice break to bake some cookies or something now and then. I find it hard to understand why the dorm kitchens are not fully equipped. It couldn't be too financially strenuous to put at least a few things in seven kitchens. If the problem is irresponsible students not returning the utensils, it seems to me that some sort of check out system could serve as a reminder that the utensils must be returned and cleaned. It's nice to have an available oven and stove, however, having a kitchen with no utensils is like having shoes with no feet. I think the dorm students would appreciate being able to cook a few things without having to constantly borrow from the resident advisors or from home. If anyone knows why the kitchens aren't already equipped, I'd like to know.

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THE TWIG welcomes letters to the editors and contributions of columns to the editorial pages.

All contributions should be typed, double spaced, and are subject to editing.

Column writers should include their majors and hometowns; each letter should include the writer's name, address, and telephone number. Unsigned letters will not be printed.

Bring letters and columns by THE TWIG office, 107 Barefoot or 223 Faircloth.

Speak out and be heard!

Your Point of View**We're NOT Husband Hunters**

by L. Faith Wells

Apparently, Meredith women are unconcerned that many people view them as diligent husband hunters. Of the seven (yes SEVEN!) responses to a recent TWIG survey, however, the consensus is an overwhelming denial of the stereotype that plagues Meredith women.

Carol Lynn McCann responded with indignation that "the TWIG even seek(s) to verify the laughable and immaterial generalization" and two seniors were insulted to the point of responding with a fiery letter. (See Page 2). These individuals have obviously not been greeted by a prospective employer with the biting words "Meredith. That's where State boys go to find wives, right?" Or, there's also verse two of the same song - meeting a friend's roommate. "So, if ya' want a wife go to Meredith, huh?"

Other comments generally denied the suggestion that Meredith women are constantly on the prowl, but did agree that this stereotype is partially applicable. To Lib Walch "This seems, at times, to be a prevalent attitude

**Livid
Letter**

To the Editor:

We are writing in response to the survey in the October 11 issue of The TWIG asking whether, in our opinions, women came to Meredith to find husbands. First, let us say that to even dignify that question with any serious consideration seems ludicrous. Since the question was considered valid enough, however, to merit space in our college newspaper, we felt a personal obligation to respond.

The answer is emphatically, unequivocally yes. Of course, we have spent nearly four years of our lives and thousands of our parents' dollars to "catch" a husband at a WOMEN'S college. Although we briefly considered attending co-ed institutions of higher learning, we finally chose Meredith because we thought it would provide a large "hunting ground". After all, it is right next to State, a co-ed university with lots of eligible bachelors... Need we go on?

All sarcasm aside, we hope we have made our point. In closing, we would just like to add one comment. Regardless of what certain ignorant outsiders may think, we, as Meredith women and serious students, owe it to ourselves and to our college to uphold a serious image. By including such a survey in our college newspaper, we give credibility to a blatantly obvious stereotype. We consider this image to be a personal insult.

Sincerely,
Laurie Doles
Karen Smith
[Class of '83]

among Meredith women attending outside social events." Allison Honeycutt also admits that "Meredith women have long had an image as husband hunters. Since the college is moving toward being more career-oriented, our image as students should also." Robyn Compton and Allison Foust also realize that "many women go to college to get a husband. However, some of us value money and our futures too much to waste college like that."

Strictly for information, a quick profile of the survey respondents follows. Six seniors and one junior responded in some way. Five individuals stated their majors: 1 - Art, 2 - Business, 1 - Poll. Sci., 1 - Econ-Poll. Sci.

Since an endeavor to prove or disprove this stereotype of Meredith women is seen as such a "frivolous topic", Carol Lynn McCann suggested several other ideas to be considered:

"(1) How the student body feels in regard to the proposed

ERA.

(2) How well we feel President Reagan is doing his job

(3) Should there be a nuclear arms freeze

(4) Should Meredith institute regular Sunday Church service?"

As always, the TWIG welcomes student input regarding these or any other topics.

Although the reader response to this survey was quite sparse, it is reassuring to find that some Meredith women are as disgusted as I am with this stereotype. To those of you who became so extremely indignant at my audacity to instigate such a "ludicrous" survey, I can only offer thanks for your indignance. At the risk of losing my position with the TWIG I'd also like to suggest another thought for you - Put your rage and pride aside, consider all the features in an average TWIG, and see just how much truly newsworthy, meaningful material is available.

NOVEMBER

Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. *The Hotel New Hampshire*, by John Irving. (Pocket, \$3.95.) Latest novel by the author of "Garp."
2. *The World According To Garp*, by John Irving. (Pocket, \$3.95.) Outrageous story of T.S. Garp.
3. *Garfield Takes The Cake*, by Jim Davis. (Ballantine, \$4.95.) Fifth book on the famous cartoon cat.
4. *Real Men Don't Eat Quiche*, by Bruce Feirstein. (Pocket, \$3.95.) A hilarious guide to masculinity.
5. *Thin Thighs in 30 Days*, by Wendy Stehling. (Bantam, \$2.95.) How to tone up and thin down.
6. *Ogre, Ogre*, by Piers Anthony. (Ballantine/Del Rey, \$2.95.) The latest Xanth novel. Science Fiction.
7. *Spring Moon*, by Bette Bao Lord. (Avon, \$3.95.) A novel of China.
8. *What Color Is Your Parachute?*, by Richard Nelson Bolles. (Ten Speed Press, \$7.95.) Career and job guide.
9. *E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial*, by William Kotzwinkle. (Berkley, \$2.95.) Novel of the popular film.
10. *Rabbit Is Rich*, by John Updike. (Fawcett, \$3.95.) The saga of Harry Angstrom continues.

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New & Recommended

- *The Restaurant at the end of the Universe*, by Douglas Adams. (Pocket, \$2.95.) The hilarious successor to "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy."
- *The Read-Aloud Handbook*, by Jim Trelease. (Penguin, \$5.95.) A program to help parents, teachers and librarians make lifetime readers of children.
- *The National Air and Space Museum Volume One AIR The Story of Flight. Volume Two SPACE From Earth to the Stars*, by C.D.B. Bryan. (Peacock Press/Bantam, \$12.95 per volume.)

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The TWIG appreciates any articles of interest to the college community.