

## EDITORIALS / LETTERS

## Superlatives seem a trivial matter

Everyone likes to be appreciated or recognized for something outstanding that they have accomplished. However, recognition goes too far on college campuses when it comes to senior superlatives.

When we were in junior high and high school we agonized enough over our looks or our conformity. By the time we reach college we should be mature enough to put aside the popularity contests and concentrate on each other as individuals rather than stereotypes.

It seems we become so concerned with labeling each other that we overlook the individual as a whole.

Furthermore, the word superlative, according to the

*American Heritage Dictionary*, means surpassing or superior to all others. What right do we have to judge which of our peers is the friendliest or most intellectual? And what does it matter? Is one person better than another just because she smiles more often or has a better taste for clothes?

By placing such labels as best looking or best dressed on each other we tend to overlook the most important qualities of humanity. If we must put people into neat little labeled packages why not label them with more important values like most unique, most sincere, or most understanding? Wouldn't these be more appreciated qualities?

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## Housekeeping: Let us give thanks

by Cynthia Church

Can you imagine what the halls and parlors would look like if they were never cleaned? If you can't - how about this. Can you imagine what your room would look and smell like if you never had your trash emptied for you? I hate to even think about it! If it wasn't for the very patient housekeepers we would be in trouble.

Although the rounds of the vacuum wake me at times, I would hate to think what first Stringfield would like if it wasn't vacuumed everyday. If it wasn't for our Pauline, it would never be cleaned. I've never

heard her or any other of the housekeepers complain. I know I would complain if I had to pick-up pizza boxes, trash cans and other items left in the halls and parlors. I would complain if I had to vacuum everyday. However, these wonderful ladies don't, or at least not in my hearing range. If you want to know the truth, I don't know one bad thing they do and I don't know what we would do without them or any of the other faithful custodians we have on campus.

There is one thing that bothers me though. I'm guilty of it and I'm pretty sure the majority of the students and

faculty members are guilty to. What are we guilty of, you ask? We seldom, if ever, say "thank-you!" We don't say thank-you for picking up and emptying the trash, for vacuuming, for cleaning the halls and parlors, for sweeping, mopping and waxing the halls in the class buildings. We never say thank you for doing a great job. These people are here to help Meredith keep up the tradition of being a clean, beautiful school.

If it wasn't for these hard working individuals, this school would not continue to have the reputation of being the immaculate, spotless place it is.

Don't think that the deeds that you do for us go unnoticed because we realize what a hard job you have and we sincerely appreciate each one of you. Though we may not say thanks as often as we should, we think it and forgive us for not openly expressing our gratitude to you.

Thanks again, friends!

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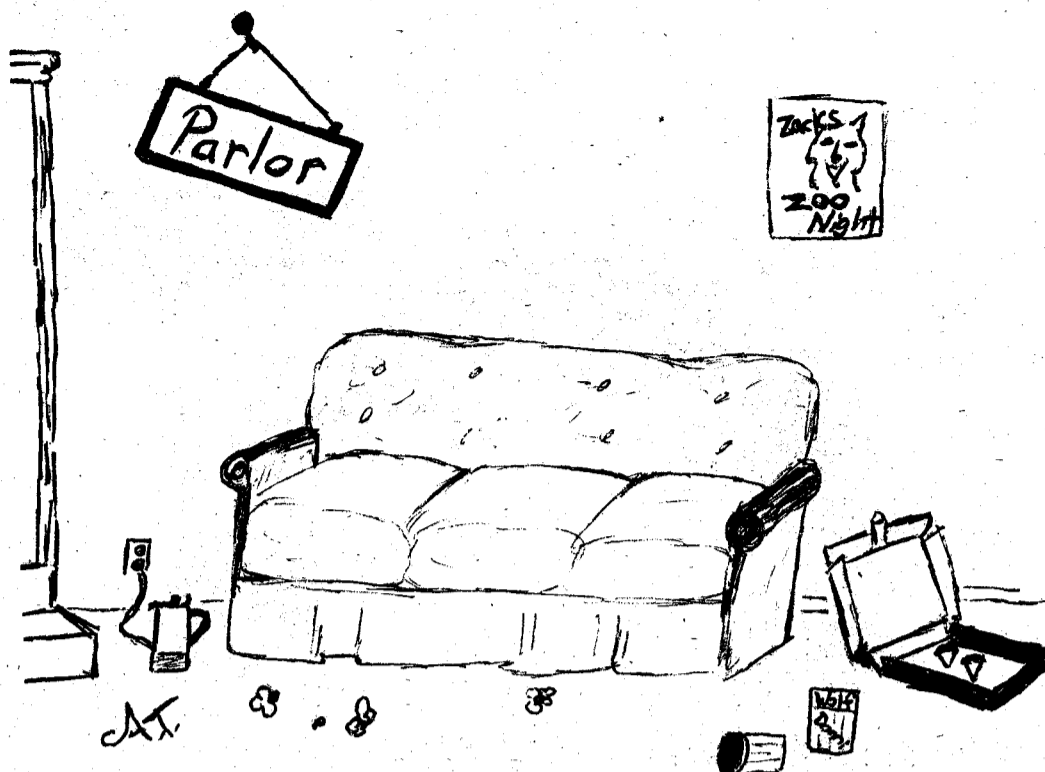
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## Laundry problems part of our lives

Dear Editor,

I am writing to oppose the talks of eliminating the laundry service. I have been using this facility since my freshman year, and I have had absolutely no problems with it. What I've found is that Meredith girls are just too lazy to walk over there and drop their laundry off. As for the so-called restrictions, I've had no problems with that either; I just picked up 3 set of sheets and a comforter that I put in last week. Regarding the problems with machines, I've never experienced any. I find that Meredith girls wait until they have nothing else to wear, or their favorite Izod shirt is dirty, before they even think of washing. And finding the machine in use, they are infuriated. Would it break their necks to try the others upstairs? Also, why wait till weekends to do their laundry? Doing laundry

is not time consuming, the machine does 99.9 percent of the work. The machines stand empty all week until Thursday and Friday nights. These Meredith girls are too sheltered.

Building a laundromat not only puts a black woman out of work, but it would only serve to protect these girls even more. For those who plan to leave home after graduation, they are going to find that they are going to have to wait on machines, whether it be in an apartment complex or a laundry mat. The average washing cost in a laundry mat is \$.75 to wash and \$.25 to dry. Meredith caters too much to the whims of its students. I feel that adding more machines may alleviate some of the so-called problems, but how many problems if I go to the machines with two or three loads of clothes and use all the available machines? Some one is still going to have to wait. Such is life girls, and you better wake up and see it as it is, not how you want it to be.

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