

EDITORIALS / LETTERS

Editorial

Journalism class welcome

Meredith's new schedule for next semester (Fall '83) has several new additions to it. Among these is the addition to the English department of a journalism class.

A journalism class has been demanded and needed at Meredith for some time. Unfortunately, a few were opposed to it because they felt it did not belong in the English curriculum. Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Betty Brewer, English department chairman, and others, the suggestion of a journalism course has finally become a reality.

A course in journalism should add much to our English department curriculum. For once, our writing courses will not be restricted to creative writing, essays, themes, or research papers. A different view of writing can be received by English majors and other students.

Hopefully, all students with an interest in journalism or writing will take advantage of the new journalism course. Finally, Meredith graduates can say that they, too, have training in journalism.

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors:

An opinion survey by the Judicial Subcommittee of the Student Life Committee currently seeks campus opinion concerning open trials. As an advocate of open trials, I welcome the raising of the subject and hope that it will lead to public dialogue on the pros and cons of this issue. The "Open Trial Survey," however, seems calculated to elicit a negative response. The questionnaire is issued without any public discussion of the whys and wherefores of open trials vs. closed trials which might enable respondents to answer intelligently. Moreover, the survey manages to imply that open trials might inhibit the reporting of infractions, the testimony of witnesses, and, somehow, that of defendants as well. Presented in this way, I imagine that a negative response is a foregone conclusion.

The open-trial issue deserves a fairer consideration. *Black's Law Dictionary* states that public trial is necessary to demonstrate that the accused is fairly dealt with and that "the presence of interested spectators may keep his triers keenly alive to a sense of their responsibility..." In other words, it's as important to the public as to the accused that trials be open. The principle is stated in another way in North Carolina's "Sunshine Law," which mandates that "commissions, committees, boards and other governing bodies ... exist solely to conduct the public's business" and thus "it is the public policy of this state that the hearings, deliberations and actions of said bodies be conducted openly." Open trials would lift the curtain of mystery and suspicion that presently surrounds judicial hearings, spread a knowledge of the

functions and instrumentalities of judicial bodies more widely among students, and, probably, serve as a more effective deterrent to infractions. As a two-year veteran of the Judicial Board, I can testify that closed sessions tend to relieve judges from the responsibility to answer to the public for their actions and thus promote judicial irresponsibility.

Sincerely,

Tom Parramore,
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"Self Defense in P.E."

Recently several girls in the vicinity of the North Carolina State University Campus have either been raped or have almost been raped. One reason pursuers have been successful when attempting to rape girls is because the girls do not know any self defense techniques. The only course Meredith offers that is close to a self defense course is conditioning. This class builds up your running stamina and therefore helps you out distance the pursuer.

I feel Meredith should offer a self defense course as a P.E. credit. That would include judo and karate techniques. This class would not only build your muscles but would also help benefit you should you be attacked.

"And Then There Was Light?"

If you park your car behind the library and plan on going to it after dark, take a flashlight so you can find it because there isn't efficient lighting. This has created a problem for students

Points to ponder

By Cynthia L. Church

going home after night classes, required lectures, after dinner speeches and those going out for the evening because there is always the fear that someone is on the other side of the car waiting.

If more lighting was available, this area would not cause such fears to be aroused. I suggest that Meredith put additional street lights behind the library unless a self defense course is offered to help the students fight off anyone lurking in the shadows behind the cars.

this to be a "shocking" experience. Yet, how are we suppose to know how much an outlet will hold? Can it handle a hairdryer, curlers, make-up mirror and a television? I feel that the maintenance personnel should provide a guide for each student to inform us about how many watts the outlets will hold. I also feel that freshman room should be checked days after orientation to make sure that the outlets are not overloaded so much that an explosion could occur as it did at William and Mary earlier this school year.

"Overloading: A Shocking Experience"

The majority of us at Meredith are guilty of overloading our electrical outlets. Some of us have found

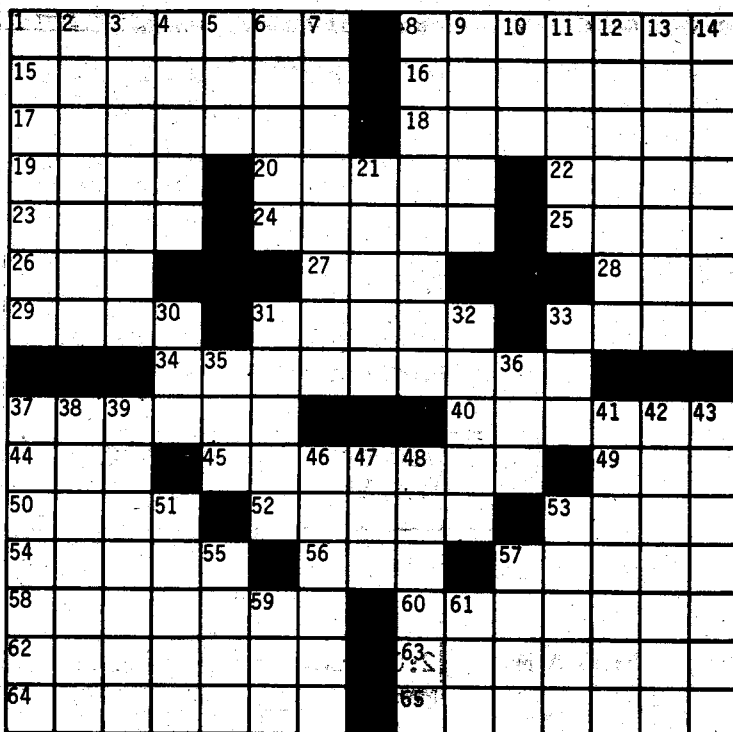
It would be worth the additional time taken to check the rooms to insure the safety for all. If every freshman class was introduced to these rules and regulations they could continue to exhibit them throughout their years at Meredith.

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

collegiate crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Metal support in a fireplace
- 8 Social outcasts
- 15 Bloody slaughter
- 16 Feeble-mindedness
- 17 Produces
- 18 Beginning to develop
- 19 Ephraim's grandson
- 20 Group characteristics
- 22 Actor — Ray
- 23 Subject of "South Pacific" song
- 24 Sheet music notations
- 25 Head part: Sp.
- 26 French summer
- 27 " — Ding Dong Daddy..."
- 28 Gad's son
- 29 Feudal slave
- 31 Dwarf of folklore
- 33 Formerly, formerly
- 34 Inscriptions
- 37 Literary miser
- 40 Gastronomical activity
- 44 Chemical suffix
- 45 So-called
- 49 Damage
- 50 Creole fried cake
- 52 Prophets
- 53 — pieces
- 54 W.C. Fields film, "It's —"
- 56 Bullfight cry
- 57 The science of reasoning
- 58 Watergate —
- 60 — and — (early dwellers)
- 62 Italian dish
- 63 Calmer
- 64 Above water
- 65 "The — Summer"

DOWN

- 1 Agrees to
- 2 Tell a story
- 3 Visionary
- 4 Foolish
- 5 Stool pigeon
- 6 Pointed arches
- 7 Young bird
- 8 View in all directions
- 9 Gather together
- 10 Musical notes
- 11 Victims of the Spanish Conquest
- 12 Artist's studio
- 13 Holds back
- 14 Delayed action on something (3 wds.)
- 21 Comicality
- 30 Swamp
- 31 Movie musical, "The Harvey —"
- 32 Fencing swords
- 33 Superlative suffix
- 35 — soup
- 36 Possessed
- 37 Grim and horrible
- 38 Word formed from another
- 39 Take over as pitcher
- 41 Miss Coca
- 42 Indigenous inhabitants
- 43 Food vendors
- 46 Brezhnev
- 47 Snake-like fish
- 48 Long-running Broadway show
- 51 One's entitled to — trial
- 53 Russian city
- 55 Boxing term (pl.)
- 57 Fat
- 59 — de France
- 61 Lair

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games, movie, and special
chapel service planned