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Student parking situation improved

Students in Poteat dorm returned from the summer to find a welcome addition behind the dorm: a new, paved parking lot. The dirty and dusty lot of last year is now paved and has marked-off parking places.

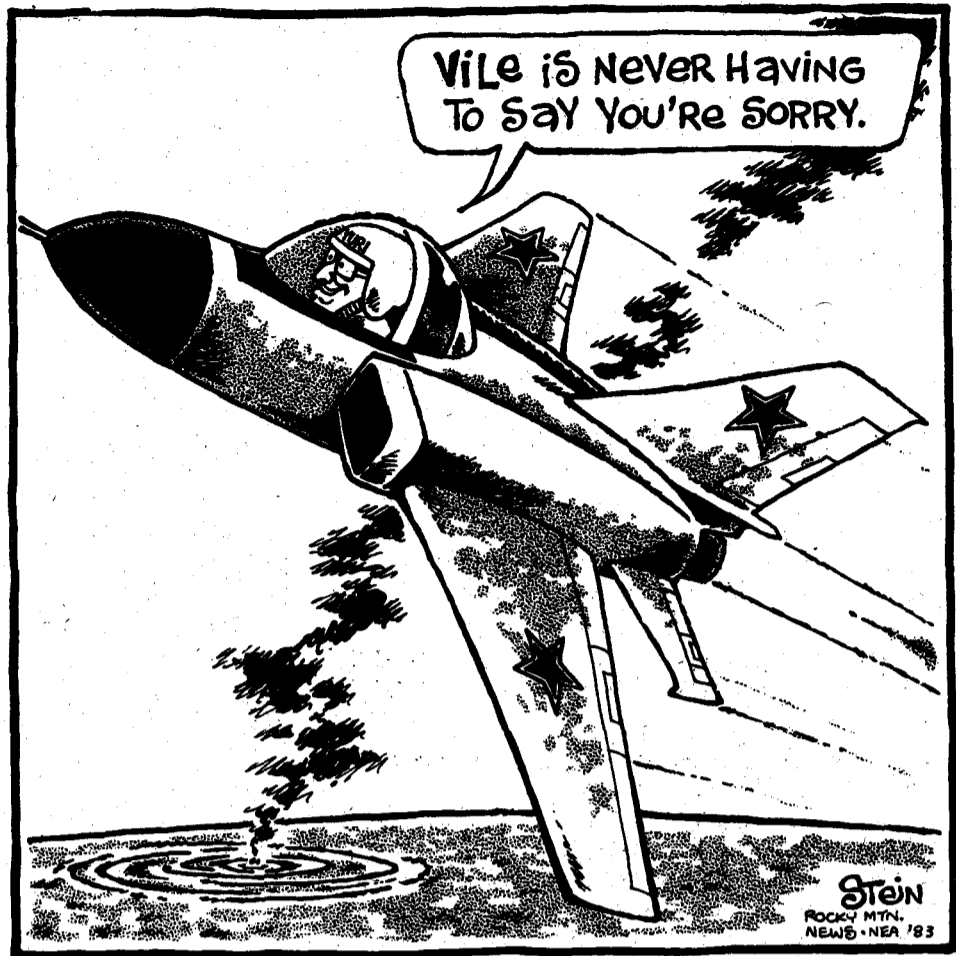
This new lot has helped in improving the often chaotic parking situation at Meredith. Not only does it add more space, it also allows for the easy flow of traffic by the use of new "enter and exit" signs.

Although parking has improved this year, students could play a role in making the situation even more bearable. For example, cars in the dirt parking lot (below Barefoot and Hellman) often seem to be parked erratically. By watching more carefully how they park, students could possibly create room for several more cars in this lot.

Also, it would help if students with large cars would not park in the lot behind Poteat. Because of the narrowness of the lot, it is sometimes hard (and dangerous) to drive through the new parking lot. Finally, it would also be good to add lighting to this lot. Since it is next to the woods, some students are hesitant to park in it at night.

The parking situation has considerably improved at Meredith this year. And if students will add their cooperation, few problems will be encountered in the future.

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Rights and Privacy act reviewed

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 is a Federal law which states (a) that a written institutional policy must be established and (b) that a statement of adopted procedures covering the privacy rights of students be made available. The law provides that the institution will maintain the confidentiality of student education records.

Meredith College accords all the rights under the law to students who are declared independent. No one outside the institution shall have access to nor will the institution disclose any information from students' education records without the written consent of students except to personnel within the

institution, to officials of other institutions in which students seek to enroll, to persons or organizations providing students financial aid, to accrediting agencies carrying out their accreditation function, to persons in compliance with a judicial order, and to persons in an emergency in order to protect the health or safety of students or other persons. All these exceptions are permitted under the Act.

Within the Meredith College community, only those members, individually or collectively, acting in the students' educational interest are allowed access to student education records. These members include personnel in the Offices

of the Registrar, Financial Aid, Admissions, and the Dean of Students, and academic personnel within the limitations of their need to know.

At its discretion the institution may provide Directory Information in accordance with the provisions of the Act to include: student name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, religious affiliation, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and weight and height of members of athletic teams. Students may withhold Directory Information by notifying the Registrar in writing within two weeks after the first day of class for the fall term.

Request for non-disclosure will be honored by the institution for only one academic year; therefore, authorization to withhold Directory Information must be filed annually in the Office of the Registrar.

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