

EDITORIALS / LETTERS

Cornhuskin:

All fun and games?

Cornhuskin' has been a tradition at Meredith for several decades. Each fall classes prepare for the annual event by encouraging class spirit and unique and creative ideas. The excitement culminates on the first Thursday in November, when the class competition is held to determine the winner.

On the surface, this is what Cornhuskin' appears to be. But in reality, what really is Cornhuskin'? The past week and the past couple of years have shown that Cornhuskin' had become something quite different from what it was originally created to be.

Cornhuskin' has become a week that is often marred by malicious verbal (and sometimes physical) attacks between members of rival classes. Instead of fun and games, Cornhuskin' is an event where people calculate how to best abuse and humiliate the rival class. At the end of the week students are exhausted from trying to counter the barbs of others that have been heard throughout the week instead of being relaxed and refreshed.

Cornhuskin' should be a break from the mid-semester blahs. It still has maintained its fun, but as the years go by it is less evident whether students are looking forward to Cornhuskin' or dreading it.

Perhaps stricter rules of conduct with greater penalties would discourage people from turning Cornhuskin' into a dreaded occasion. More emphasis should be made on the fun of Cornhuskin' and less on the competition.

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Pray for peace

Many of us in the Meredith community have been sheltered all of our lives. The only time we have suffered is when our boyfriends break-up with us. The only time we have experienced pain and have bled is when the doctor takes blood from our finger. The only time we have starved is when we fast so that we can fit into a new pair of jeans. The only time we have witnessed a person dying is when we see a horror movie. Not all of us have been sheltered to these extremes but we have been very fortunate and because of this we often forget to pray for those who are not as lucky as we are.

In Lebanon, El Salvador and the island of Grenada, war is a threat to many citizens. People are afraid to leave their homes due to the fighting in the streets and the possibility of a bomb being dropped. Injured citizens and military personnel are seen after outbreaks of fighting with missing limbs and bandaged heads. Cries are heard from beneath the remains of buildings from people who are trapped. Pain is seen from those watching broken bodies being covered with blood-stained sheets. People who are without food are seen in lines waiting for a piece of bread, fish or watered down soup. Yes, we in America are very fortunate not to be facing such problems as these.

As a child, I was taught that nothing is greater than the power of prayer. I believe this because it has worked for me, and for others I know. The United States has sent troops to "help" these countries in need; however, I do not believe that killing is the answer. I believe that if we pray to God to let peace become a reality, then He will work with us to let peace become more than a dream. I ask not only for the students to pray for peace, I urge everyone to do their part. This way, when the soldiers come home to seek their awards, we, too, can receive ours. We can say that we helped and controlled the greatest weapon ever touched. We can say that we contributed to the war and took action as we saw fit. We can say that we prayed for peace and through our prayers, once again God claimed another victory. If peace is not gained soon, we may be experiencing what the people in Lebanon, El Salvador and Grenada are experiencing now. Please, do your part and pray for peace.

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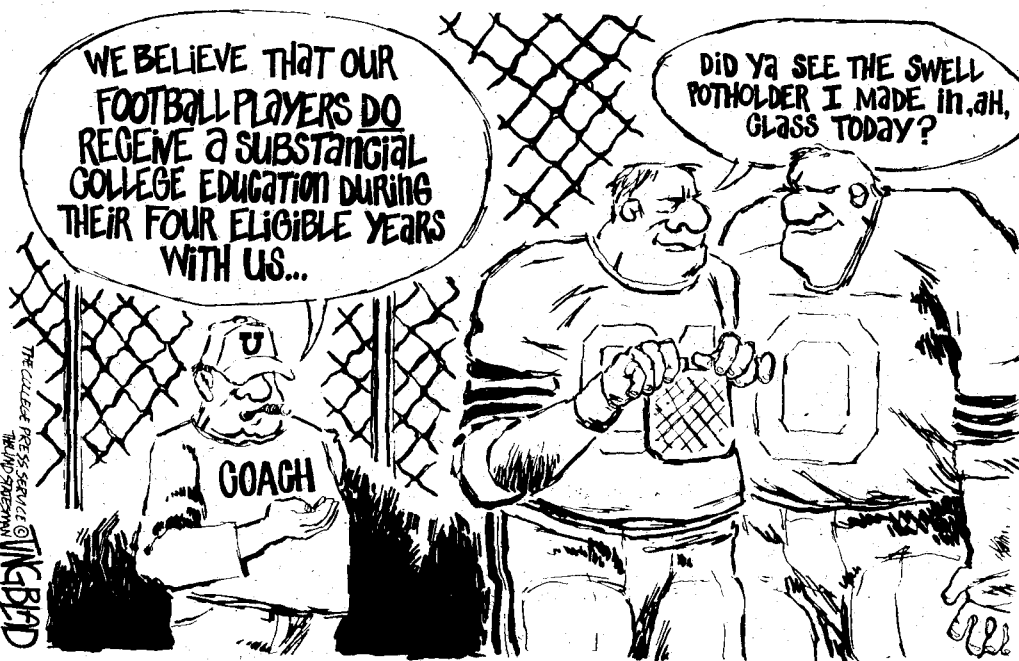
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Letter to the editor

What is Cornhuskin'... a week of fun? After four years at Meredith, one can remember this tradition as somewhat civil waterfights, chants on breezeways and in the cafeteria, parades down dorm halls, songs of the sister classes to each other, the picnic, the costumes, and the program, and all its planning and preparation. However, some Meredith students seem to have lost this focus of what Cornhuskin' is or is supposed to be. What was once fun, happy, and sentimental is turning into a competition, not of wit and talent, but of who can be the most vicious, rude, and hateful ... who can out do the other people better and hurt them the most. Beginning a week early, continually disrupting meetings, and most of all, physically harming somebody only to get a piece of paper are among the various actions which evidence this undesirable change. Sure, class spirit and unity are great, but not when they serve to try to break down another class - especially one which looks to its

last Cornhuskin' to be a happy and memorable event.

Students who have lost sight of what Cornhuskin' is to mean to those who participate, I hope, will seriously think about it and re-evaluate it. If this tradition is to remain part of Meredith, something must

change. After all, there are some people here at Meredith who would like to see it discontinued. Thus, we must do all we can to safeguard our Cornhuskin', our privilege.

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