# **EDITORIALS / LETTERS**

## Editorial Twig needs your help

You may have noticed that this issue of The Twig contains many articles that are not related to Meredith. Some of the articles are about other college campuses across the country.

It should not have to be this way. Articles about other college campuses are interesting, but it is not the purpose of The Twig to deal primarily with these articles. The purpose of The Twig is to accurately report the news of Meredith.

Unfortunately, in the past few years The Twig has had problems with getting and maintaining a sufficient staff to put out the publication. Working for The Twig is a volunteer job - no credit is given and for the most part workers are unpaid. Therefore no incentive is given to students to contribute to the paper.

But there are many advantages to working for The Twig. There is the satisfaction of seeing something you have written in print, or seeing the hard work you have done with advertising or layout come to life. Working for The Twig is a job full of responsibilities, which is good experience for the working world. As a matter of fact, working for a college newspaper can look very good on your resume.

Clubs and organizations can help out with Twig coverage. The Student Life Committee just-passed a resolution suggesting that clubs and organizations elect someone to regularly report to The Twig, beginning next fall. But it does not have to wait until next fall. The Twig could be much more interesting if that could begin now.

The Twig staff is doing its best to bring you adequate coverage of campus events. But it can only do so much with four part-time reporters. So we are asking for the cooperation and help of all students. We feel The Twig is a good publication, but if we keep decreasing our coverage of events, it might not stay that way.

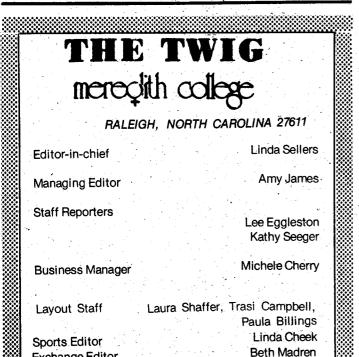
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THE TWIG welcomes letters to the editor and contributions of columns to the editorial pages.

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, or 305 Barefoot.





### Letters to the editor

In re: Room checks ∵ of November 8, 1983 Dear Editor:

SGA constitution and by-laws ransacked and left that way. states "When the circumstances Prescription drugs were empwarrant, a member of the SGA ied and questioned, as were Executive Committee may insti- baby oil and talcum powder tute a residence hall check." containers. Pocketbooks were This priviledge was executed on searched, Tuesday, November 8, 1983, on checked-even Second Heilman. The Honor smelled. However, not everyone Code was violated; alcohol was on the hall was subjected to found. Those who are guilty this thoroughness. We question accept that fact and are willing the inequity of the searching to suffer the consequences. The techniques. Were the members issue we are addressing, how- of the Executive Committee ever, is the manner in which the well informed as to what they search was conducted.

There are no stated guidebelieve not. lines regarding room checks in Not only were our rights the Student Handbook. Having violated, but our studies interno school policies to conform rupted. Students who had tests to, we have no choice but to the next day were not allowed to consult U.S. Constitutional get books and study during the guidelines. We feel that our two hour captivity. Yet they rights were grossly violated. To were still required to take these begin with, every member of the tests, while members of the hall was ordered into the parlor. Executive Committee who con-We were told of the plans for a ducted the search were exroom check and made to stay in cused. We feel that this entire the parlor until the search was search would have been better completed, approximately a two conducted by someone other hour period. Members of the than students - too many per-SGA Executive Committee were sonal aspects were involved. responsible for searching the When the summons were rooms; some of them, we issued to those accused, the believe, took this priviledge to unorganization of the entire the extreme. Certain rooms operation was revealed even were searched much more thomore. There was misinformaroughly than others - the techtion as to who searched each niques used were not uniform. room and as to what was found Some students were allowed to in each room. These mistakes ort through their own personal just went further to show the

belongings, with an Executive Committee member looking on. In some instances, however, the officers did the actual Article 7, Section 1-D of the searching. Some rooms were cosmetics were drains were could and could not do? We

unprofessional and ridiculous manner of the search.

We realize that our hall was the guinea pig used to get alcohol off campus. We are trying to do you and other future Meredith students a favor by saving you the humiliation and anger suffered by Second Heilman. The Executive Committee has asked anyone interested on our hall to express their concerns about the search if there ever be need for one again. We just cannot help feeling persecuted and upset that such guidelines were not established prior to the unorganized search in our hall. If such rules had been, there would not be the hostility that exists now on Second Heilman and parts of the rest of the Meredith Community. We think everyone involved hates that this ordeal had to happen - we just hope that our actions will improve the way in which a search will be handled if it ever has to happen to you.

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The TWIG welcomes comment and will give prompt consideration to any criticisms submitted in writing and signed by the writer.

To the Editor:

I hope everyone watched ABC's "The Day After" on Sunday evening, Nov. 20. It was a scary, but realistic movie on the effects of a nuclear war. We, as Americans, should do everything in our power to prevent such a Holocaust from happening. It could be our generation that has to deal with this situation. Since the danger of a nuclear war is there, we should also do everything in our power to survive. Does anyone know that Meredith College offers the protection of fallout shelters?

Meredith College does have fallout shelters, but they will not do anyone any good. The supplies are rotten and rats have gotten into the food supply. Who is responsible for the upkeep of these shelters? When was the last time the shelters were inspected and updated? World War II? The purpose of the fallout shelters are defeated, because someone has failed in the upkeep of them. It is sad that we have to discuss our survival from a war, but it is even sadder that our means of survival have been abandoned. Kelli Falk