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New parking lot needed

Parking for juniors and seniors at Meredith is sometimes a problem. Usually a place can be found, but it may be a little farther than one would like to walk. Most freshmen and sophomores do not have this problem because they do not have cars.

Freshmen and sophomores are not allowed to have cars on campus except in special circumstances. To have a car on campus, a freshman or sophomore must go before the Parking Review Board with her request. Special circumstances that may warrant having a car on campus include having a sick parent, a job, or regular visits to the doctor.

In the past few years, the Parking Review Board has cut down on the number of freshmen and sophomores with cars on campus. This seems unfortunate, because some really do need their cars and cannot find others to ride with.

As a solution to this problem, it seems that it is appropriate to consider another parking lot on campus. Meredith has a large campus, and there is much space along the back of the campus that could be used. This parking lot should be built anticipating future needs so more concrete will not have to be poured in the near future.

With a new parking lot, more freshmen and sophomores could have cars and the Parking Review Board would not have to be so discriminating in their decisions. And prospective students who need to have their cars on campus might be more willing to come to Meredith.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to your editorial "Is Sportsmanship Dead?" in the February 6, 1984 issue.

On Tuesday night, January 31, the Meredith College basketball team hosted St. Mary's in a very exciting and hard-fought contest. Never in our memories has the gym been

so filled with enthusiastic spectators. Meredith students turned out in record numbers to encourage us with their cheers. Sure, a contest had been staged to entice students to come to the game - Meredith women were asked to dress as St. Mary's students. The contest was intended to be a caricature. There is no reason to interpret this as unsportsmanlike behavior. Neither is there any warrant for comparing the action of

these students with that of those who aim derogatory comments at individual players (i.e. as your comments about the behavior of Duke students):

To be derisive and abusive of individuals is unsportsmanlike. The Meredith spectators were spirited and vocal, but they were in no way derisive or abusive. They came to support our team, not to degrade the opponents. We were proud of our fans and very much appreciated the opportunity to play before a "packed house." We beg to differ with the statement, "This mocking attitude on behalf of the students, is not very constructive for the team." The support and enthusiasm of the students, their attitudes of encouragement, were most inspiring. If a "contest" planned in fun and without any intention of offending any individual or group was responsible for the attendance, then so be it. Sportsmanships not dead at Meredith College. Our fans proved that with their behavior on January 31st. To all of those

who were present that night, we say a sincere "Thank You."

Sincerely,

Marie Chamblée and Ginger Barfield, Coaches

Members of the 1983-1984 Meredith College Basketball team:

Tish Bondurant, Clare Lynn Brock, Dalinda Dunn, Rose Hopkins, Jill Humberger, Karen Mann, Ginger Ratcliff, Fannie Rowland, and Becky Smith

Dear Editor:

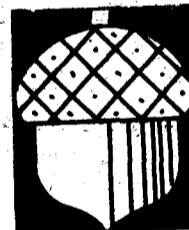
I wish to congratulate the TWIG staff on the February 6 edition. I was glad to read about Alice and Who's Who and I appreciated your editorial on sportsmanship. But the two things that prompted this letter are Kathy Seeger's article on cooperation and Anne White's

Calendar of Events.

We have heard a great deal recently about the difficulty our non-resident students have in campus communication. I hope the Calendar of Events will be a regular column, not one just for special weeks. If the entire campus can join with Anne in getting all important items in a calendar, we can indeed be proud of our cooperation and our communication. I think the TWIG would be instrumental in making this Spring as Kathy said, "a time of growth and flowering for all of us at Meredith."

Sincerely,

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Where are the women at Meredith?

By Kelli Falk

This week marks Founder's Day week. Founder's Day is a time for alumnae, students, and faculty to look back at Meredith's past. It is also a time for our Board of Trustees to meet. I want everyone to get out their Meredith Student Handbook 1983-84 and turn to page 2. On this page, it states Meredith's purpose. "Dedicated to the education of women for leadership, citizenship, and service through the ideals of intellectual integrity, personal development, and spiritual growth. Dedicated to the value of women's education and participation on all levels in society and in government..." Having such a strong stated purpose, Meredith College should strive to practice it. But Meredith, which is dedicated to making us better women is run by men!

Do not get me wrong, all of the men are fine men; however,

I find it strange that men are running our school that dedicates itself to making us better. Frankly, how does a man know how to better a woman?

Look at your Meredith Catalogue 1983-84 starting on page 119. Notice that all of the corporation officers (except Dr. Sandra C. Thomas), are men. The list of the Board of Trustees are full of men. On the Executive Committee there are five women. However, one woman's term expired in 1983 and another woman's term expires this year. Three women are left on the Executive Committee.

We should start asking questions. First, are the expired term women going to be replaced by women? Second, how are the Board of Trustees selected? Thirdly, why are the women poorly represented?

Excluding the Alumnae Association, no woman holds any high office in any associa-

tion. The only exception is Dr. Sandra C. Thomas. Thank goodness Meredith was smart enough to get her. Do you still think "Meredith's Purpose" has backing?

These questions came to my mind last year when I attended the Parents' Weekend dinner. After the meal, we heard speeches concerning Meredith. I listened to three speakers. I realized that the speakers were having difficulty relating to our parents what was going on at Meredith. I am sure it was because these men did not spend time with us women. I was almost embarrassed when I realized that there was probably no woman to speak who related to us, except Dr. Sandra Thomas and Dean Dorothy Sizemore. I think as students we should be concerned about our representation. We should also ask questions, which I plan on doing and will report in the next issue of the TWIG.