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## EDITORIAL

### Bits and pieces

A few items of interest around campus...

A family nurse practitioner now has hours at the infirmary every Wednesday afternoon. She is there from 2:45 to 4:15 and counsels for gynecological problems as well as birth control. Call the infirmary for an appointment.

The *Twig* will be offering coupons for free food at Le Greenhouse every week. A student and faculty or staff member is chosen each week. Watch the *Twig* for your name!

The *Twig* has also started giving a list every week of recitals in the music department. These recitals are open to the public free of charge. Many of the music students would appreciate the support you would give them by attending.

Two interesting events are coming up this week at Cate Center. Hot Shandy, a two-man comedy - singing act from Charlotte, will perform at Le Greenhouse on March 15 at 8 p.m. for "Club Night." Also this weekend, "Tootsie," starring Dustin Hoffman, Jessica Lange and Teri Garr, will be shown eight times. Admission is only 99 cents and the public is invited.

Don't forget to sign up for the Air Guitar contest this week. The contest will be held Wednesday, March 21, at 8 p.m. in Belk Dining Hall. A special attraction of the night will be the showing of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video. The contest is sponsored by the Class of '85.



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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This is in response to the February 20 Editorial entitled "New Parking Lot Needed."

In my opinion, the problem with the parking situation at Meredith is not the need for another lot. It's the confusion of policies, lack of respect and outright dishonesty that is causing problems.

First of all, it is extremely important, when talking about the Student Parking Review Board, to quote procedures and circumstances exactly as they are. Secondly, this is the very first year a screening board of this nature has been given a try, so there have not been any "past few years," existence. Also, special circumstances *do not* include having a sick parent and regular visits to the doctor. (Occasionally my mom and dad get sick, and I have had regular medical appointments with the dentist, doctor, orthodontist, etc.) That kind of statement printed in the campus newspaper is incorrect and will swamp the bewildered Board members with even more ridiculous letters.

The Board is already overburdened with letters and excuses that reek of untruth. And I must say that I do not believe that any prospective students are not willing to come to school here because of the parking situation or policies. They usually 1) are not aware, 2)

bring their car anyway, or have "daddy" write a letter. This is where the root of the Student Review Board's problems lie. Yet, the members of the Board must be unbiased and decide each situation fairly - a pretty trying and time consuming task, let me assure you.

Here are the straight facts about the Student Parking Review Board. It has a chair, a secretary, and one student representative from each of the four classes. They meet weekly to help control the over crowdedness of cars parked on campus. Students (freshmen and sophomores) must have parents send a letter explaining the situation, plus have their doctor or employer send a letter outlining office visits - times of work. The Board often asks students to come talk to them about their special circumstances for which they feel they need a vehicle. This is also the manner used to appeal Board decisions, (approval or denial of a request).

Another source of the parking problem is the lack of respect. One cannot trace it back to a person or persons; however, I feel it is not taking such things as ticketing and signs seriously. We need to respect control measures. One warning ticket for parking in the wrong place at no cost, three more at \$5 each, and your car will be towed off to the field until you pay your debts. (\$15 each time

your car is towed.) We also must respect proximity. Our parking lots are a heck of a lot closer to dorms and buildings compared to Carolina, State and Duke. We are very lucky: In the past three years we have been blessed with a newly paved and marked lot, more space, a map to tell us who can park where, even lighting around parking areas was provided. Also the Office of Business & Finance informed me that Meredith has planned financially to pave and mark the lower lot behind Barefoot and Heilman dorms.

I personally believe everyone who owns a car should be able to bring it to school with them. But Meredith, at present, can not accommodate vehicles. We must keep in mind our assets. Another one or two lots would invade the beauty of our campus.

So, with ticketing, towing, the Student Parking Review Board, a map, and plans for a paved lot on the way, it seems to me that, for us, all that can be done to control or improve is being done. We just need to straighten up our attitudes around here.

Catherine Cole

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## Women at Meredith, Part III

By Kelli Falk

Since my first article, "Where Are The Women At Meredith College?," I have received numerous comments and letters concerning the article. Every comment has been an agreement to questions raised. Surprisingly, I found that many of Meredith's faculty were concerned about the questions raised in the Feb. 20 issue.

After finding out facts and hearing comments, I have a few conclusions of my own. First, I

feel more qualifications are necessary when selecting a Board of Trustee Member. The only qualifications required now are 1) must be Baptist, and 2) resident of N.C. Another required qualification should be an "interest and a direct involvement" with Meredith. I would prefer a trustee to represent me only if the trustee was actively involved with the College. The trustee as an individual should visit Meredith more than twice a year. How

can they represent us if they cannot relate to us or our campus?

Secondly, I feel more women should be on the Board. However, 12 women out of a total 36 Trustees is a good start.

We as women and as students should recognize this poor representation and try to change it. We should remember that times are continually changing and maybe it is time to update qualifications for our Board of Trustees.