

EDITORIALS

Changes for the best

There are many 'delightful' things to be recognized at Meredith College. The student-teacher ratio, the beautiful campus and the special dinners and picnics are three aspects of Meredith that set it apart from other schools.

But, every halo is tarnished.

While there are many peachy things at Meredith, there are also many minor and major problems that should be brought to surface. The "major problems" will be brought out in depth later.

After talking with many students, I have noted several minor problems around campus. You know the kind that make you shiver just because they irk you so much. Maybe we should call them 'pestering problems'. All I know is that if I could, I would change these problems and more.

There are three things about the food in Belk dining hall that I would change. First, I would tell the staff to layoff the whip cream. Have you noticed that almost every dessert has whip cream on it? What if you don't like it? I do, but there are some who don't.

I would also change two names of the food. I would change chili con carne to kidney beans con pequeno carne and tuna (or chicken) salad to celery salad with a hint of tuna (or chicken).

The vacuum cleaners also irk me. I will recognize the fact that new ones were purchased last year; however, this was not campus wide. If I had the power, I would donate the grey vacuums to the needy and would buy new ones for the students and housekeepers.

The washers and dryers irk me. Why is it that some washers cost \$.35 to use while others cost \$.50? Why is it that some dryers cost \$.25 and others cost \$.50? The Meredith Handbook states that "There is a \$.35 charge for each washer and a \$.25 charge for each dryer."

If the students must follow what is written in the Handbook, I say the administrators follow it to. They are a part of the "Meredith community." Choke it up, guys. We deserve a refund. Now.

Also, while we're on the subject of washers and dryers...Why, out of all the dryers in the world, does a women's college have the kind of dryers that mean death to bras? The "holes" in the dryers catch the bra hooks and break them. I've had two break.

The washers and dryers are typical of what is seen often at Meredith College. As long as the college is getting the students' money, who cares if we students are satisfied.

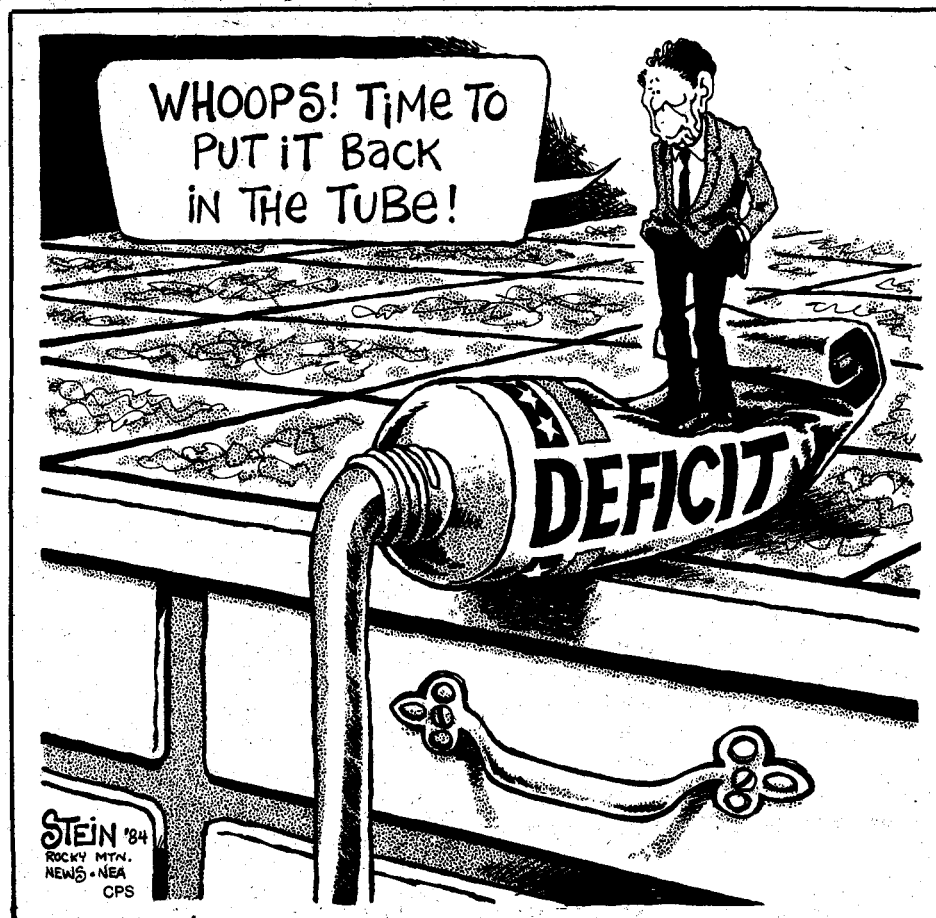
The laundry service also irks me. I say do away with it. Why not open a Central Campus Laundry Service? The school could add more washers and dryers to that room, toss in a couch, a t.v., and a few desks and chairs and let the students do their own clothes. I would go so far as to say "and let this service be free to the students" -but, I guess that is asking too much. We can only expect so much for \$5,200 a year.

Have you ever tried to watch television in a parlor on the Meredith campus? The reception isn't too good, is it? I think the school should buy every parlor a new television. Cable would be nice, too. Why is it that the "Johnson Hallers" can have nice t.v.'s in their homes and the students, who help pay for their salaries, don't. I think it has been forgotten that Meredith College is suppose to be "home" for 2000 students.

And what is attacking the side of Wainwright Music Building? When I first saw it I thought it was put up for somebody's Birthday. I think it should be destroyed - quick! It is as tacky as the abstraction at Wake Forest University.

I urge all students to write and express their views on these topics. I also ask that students write on any other subjects they feel strongly about. I will be writing articles on the new alcohol regulations, alcohol on campus, men in the dorms, the post office, the Honor System and the class attendance policy. If you have any comments on these issues, please speak up.

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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

As a student of Meredith College, a constituent of Senator Jesse Helms, and a member of the College Republicans, I am personally offended by the naive, biased remarks of the October 1 editorial "concerning Bonnie Franklin".

The editor's remarks implied explicitly that the Helms' supporters did not act in a respectable manner while Bonnie Franklin was on the Meredith campus. As a United States citizen, it was mere exercising my constitutional right to express my views and ask Ms. Franklin questions I do not feel that I was rude to her as the editorial implied. I can only speak for myself.

When I say that Ms. Franklin and the Hunt representative, who recommended Meredith College for this wonderful, hollywood show of persuasive, Hunt propaganda, did not respect the intelligence of Meredith students. Rather than respect us; the Democratic headquarters tried to deceive students by titling Ms. Franklin's lecture "Voter registration and women's issues" when in fact her speech was nothing more than a pro Hunt rally.

Whether or not the students of Meredith College were aware of the biased intentions of Ms. Bonnie Franklin and the democratic headquarters is relevant when considering that some students were misguided and persuaded by Ms. Franklin's imparatality toward Sen. Jesse Helms, whom she said she had never met.

After Ms. Franklin's speech, I saw a Meredith student rush to Ms. Franklin for an autograph while receiving this autograph, the student replied, "I was going to vote for Helms, but you have changed my

mind."

I ask you, how can anyone justify Ms. Franklin's visit to Meredith College as just a speech on Voter Registration and women's rights when at least one of the students here was misguided. Perhaps, if this student had been given the right to equally hear both sides of each campaign, she might have been able to be more decisive.

In the Meredith community a mutual trust is upheld between the students, faculty, and administration. I trust that the administrators of Meredith College will not be star-struck and allow this to happen again.

Cathy Manning

To the editor:

I am offended and somewhat puzzled by several statements in the recent issue of *The Twig*.

Bonnie Franklin was not verbally "attacked" by Helms supporters. She was asked questions regarding her stands and opinions and was not "attacked" or insulted in any way. When someone gives a political speech as loaded as Ms. Franklin's was, they have to expect some questions and feedback.

As one of the Helms supporters, I take offense to being labeled "exhibiting little class" and being an "uninformed radical." I believe the Helms supporters showed nothing but class, which is amazing considering the circumstances. Why hasn't anyone bothered to comment on the abuse showered upon us that morning and since

then? As to being uninformed, I have to disagree. I believe I am very informed regarding the campaign and the issues, as are the other Helms supporters that I know on our campus. It appears that Ms. Franklin and *The Twig* are the uninformed, and I note the fifth paragraph of the article on the first page. "Franklin explained that this election affects the entire country because should Helms win the senate election, he will head the Foreign Relations Committee again." Senator Helms is not head of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, so how can he be head again? He is chair of the Subcommittee on Western Hemispheres Affairs, and has said that if the position of chair of the Foreign Relations Committee becomes available to him, he will not accept so that he could retain his chair of the Agriculture Committee.

I also have to say that the subject of Ms. Franklin's speech was mispublicized, no matter what excuses are given now.

Sincerely,
Robin Rogers

To the editor,

We have all been taught in Psychology 100 how important positive reinforcement is in our growing process. It is especially important in our learning process - good grades are a reward for hard work and a goal we often strive to achieve. It is important in each class we take to know how well or how poorly we are doing. Each test grade or paper grade often serves as an ego booster, an energizer, or

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