

# EDITORIALS

## Once upon a time, I was a freshman

When I arrived at Meredith two years ago I was given a title that was difficult to handle at times. I was Cynthia L. Church, first class *freshman*.

I didn't know much about Meredith when I arrived. I guess I gave up reading the "fan mail" after I received duplicate copies of the same letter on several occasions. To them, I was just a computer label to be placed on a stack of envelopes bearing the same return address.

I received a Handbook but it wasn't written by one of my favorite authors, so I put it on a shelf labeled "Rainy Day Reading." What can I say, it never rained.

Had I waded through the Handbook I would have gained indepth knowledge concerning the life exhibited in the elite Meredith community. But I didn't and I had to be put on a respirator following our first hall meeting.

There are many aspects of Meredith I strongly disagree with and one of them is freshman curfew. I hated it when I was a freshman and I still hate it now.

I have made many adult decisions in my life, and one of them was to go to college. Yet, when I came to Meredith I was treated more like a child than when I spent more time at home.

I had self-determining hours at home and always came in shortly before or after 12 because I didn't want to keep my mom up late waiting. But I also didn't go bars, frats or midnight movies.

Now I do.

The way the system is set up now, it gives students three alternatives. One: always, always, always be on time. Two: come in late and risk getting grounded. Three: stay out all night and not get campused.

I don't know of any parent that

grounds their child for being 16 minutes late. My mother wouldn't even do that, and if she wouldn't... why should this school?

Meredith is jeopardizing the safety of the students by enforcing such strict rules. Freshmen are going to go out and party, go midnight bowling, go to midnight movies, frat parties, friends and bars and it is not the school's responsibility that these freshmen come in on time. *And* it is not the school's responsibility to accept the parental duties of the freshman class. If the school is going to do this, then I sure wish they would help pay my tuition bills, also.

I attended the SGA forum on Friday and agreed with the majority of the students. I listened to their testimonies on coming in late for noble reasons and then being greeted at the gates with a ball and chain.

I heard the same frustration in their voices that I recalled in mine my freshman year. I'm just glad they were able to voice their opinions knowing that they may make a difference.

If nothing is done to prevent freshmen from having a curfew, I won't be surprised. If self determining hours are bestowed upon this freshman class, I think that the school is heading in the right direction.

I was always told that going away to college helps you grow-up. It helps you become more responsible and tests you in different areas. I think it's time that Meredith puts away the cradles and lets the students learn to crawl so that when we graduate we'll be walking with our heads held high.

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## Getting to the point

### A salute to Career Services

by Tracey Cox  
Columnist

Graduation! A job! Help!! The thought of not knowing what I'm going to do or where I'm going to be is terrifying! I've always known every May that I'd be back in the Meredith dorms the next August.

But where will I be next August -- or this June for that matter! The only solution I could think of was to GET A JOB!! But how to actually go about it has been something that is a confusing dilemma in my mind. But help was near!

The Career Services Office has been a definite lifesaver. They have practically taken me by the hand and led me through

the steps towards jobhood! Resumes, references, interviews -- I would have had no idea of what to do without their help.

The ladies in the Career Services Office have gone out of their way to help us Seniors find a job. Not just any job, but a job that fits out qualifications and desires. I would probably never have had a shot at Procter & Gamble if Career Services hadn't offered interviews with them here at Meredith. Interviews for me start soon and believe it or not I feel prepared.

Career Services can't hand me the perfect job on a gold platter, but they've definitely shown me the first step towards a career of my own!

### Walt Disney World offers fun summer jobs

by Rene Folds  
Staff Reporter

"Excitement, fun, good experience" .... they are all words that students involved in the Walt Disney World College Program have used to describe their summer of work at the Magic Kingdom. The Walt Disney World Program is a unique educational, work, and interpersonal program which is specially designed for college students to increase their practical knowledge of the leisure industry.

Students who choose to work at Walt Disney World live at Snow White Campground, approximately 15 miles from the park, and they live with 7 other students in a duplex style trailer. The Campground is complete with two swimming pools, three laundry rooms, and security on call from 11:00 p.m. to

7:00 a.m.

Each employee is guaranteed a minimum of thirty work hours a week and are paid \$4.00 an hour. Each student is reviewed at the conclusion of their program recapping the student's performance over the summer. Each student is required to attend ten seminars -- one a week.

Students will gain valuable work experience as well as have fun and make new friendships that could last a lifetime. If interested in employment at Walt Disney World, representatives will be on the campus of N.C. State at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 8th. Any interested student must attend this presentation and will have an interview at that time. Students must have completed their sophomore year to be eligible and will be interviewed for Summer, 1985 or Fall, 1985.

## Editor's Note

Editor's Note:

I am writing this in response to last week's 'letter to the editor' concerning two ads run in *The Twig*.

COA submitted the ad for the Christmas Dance, and if they felt this ad was the best possible way to advertise, then it was the Twig's responsibility to run the ad as is. At least they cared enough about their function to want others to know about it.

As far as the ad for Barbells goes, first of all the ad was not for "free beer." The coupon was for one cent beer.

The Twig has been experiencing financial difficulties and has been pressured to run more ads. The sum of money we received from this ad justified running the ad.

I will say that I am sorry if these ads offended anyone. I still feel *The Twig* was justified in running them. The Twig IS the student's newspaper and it will continue to cater to the student's needs.

Thanks for your letters, and for expressing your opinions on this and other issues.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia L. Church, editor

## Career Service notes

Physician's Assistant Program at George Washington Medical Center

Curriculum consists of a 24 month intensive program divided into two phases. The first year presents a series of courses in the basic medical and clinical sciences. The second year consists of clinical rotations through the standard medical disciplines, i.e., medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, etc. A representative of the program will come to Meredith to talk to students if there is enough interest. Drop this form by the Office of Career Services if you are interested and we will bring him to Meredith in the spring semester.

I would like to talk with a representative from the George Washington University's Physician's Assistant Program.

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