

EDITORIALS

'JUST RAMBLIN'

'CATCH IT ON KODAK'

We knew it would come sometime. Yet, we had no idea it would be here so soon. Now it's starring us in the face everytime we look at our calendars. I know, because I'm counting down the days to *SPRING BREAK*.

For the past two years I've spent my break at home with my family. I thoroughly enjoyed my time away from school and had a hard time getting into my car to come back to Raleigh.

This year I'm migrating south with my roommate and suitemates. This will be the first time my "family" at school and I have done anything together as a suite. We're Florida bound and proud of it. We get tans just thinking about all that sun.

So what? You don't care about what we're doing? Well, THE TWIG is interested in what you are doing. In an issue after Spring Break, we want to show everyone what fun Meredith women are. We want you to submit a picture of you and your family, your friends, your pets and your shadow with a sentence or two explaining what you did. Hey, if you're gonna have fun, let everyone know.

Just get those pictures to 113 Heilman as soon as they are developed. Please make sure they are clear and also include the names of those with you.

SET THE PACE -- RUN

I've always felt that if you want something done you should do it. I've always felt that if you think you can do a

better job than someone else then prove it.

Too often I hear students complain about things but they won't do anything to change them. I also hear students compliment many aspects of Meredith but they won't get involved.

Well, the time has come. Elections are here (and have been). Yes, you can run for an office. You can get involved and become something more than just a student.

Being an elected official can be a rewarding experience. But if you don't fill those positions, then the entire student body is going to regret it next year. Please consider filling for an office and if you've already considered it, think some more.

Don't be a deadbeat. Put some

rhythm in this school. Run for an office. You can make a difference.

BUSTIN' IN BELK

I don't know where you go on Thursday nights, but I know where you should be. Belk Dining Hall is really cookin' on Thursday's.

The cafeteria management has designated this day for special meals. They've had Italian night, prepare your own waffle night, Birthday cake and also steak night.

If you haven't visited Belk Dining Hall, it is located directly behind Johnson Hall.

Our many thanks to our cafeteria staff. We appreciate all you are doing.

Cynthia L. Church
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The site of Jones Auditorium overflowing with interested students and faculty at the recent convocation with Alex Haley was indeed a refreshing one. People were there because they wanted to be, not because they HAD to be.

Freshmen, more than anyone, can relate to this fact. They are required to attend convocations which bear no interest to them and they end up either sleeping, talking, or doing homework. Is having convocation every Monday during the fall semester beneficial to students, particularly freshmen? I tend to disagree. The issue of quality instead of quantity needs to be addressed. An option that I feel would appeal to most everyone would be to invite a worthwhile speaker once a month for the entire year. This way more time could be concentrated on one speaker per month instead of three or four.

Convocation is an informative and entertaining time set aside for students and faculty. Why not use this time to bring in guests that people look forward to with anticipation, not dread. Wouldn't it be a welcome change to have Jones Auditorium filled to capacity with excited and interested students each time Convocation was held? I certainly think so.

Sincerely,
Marla Blackmon

Dear Editor,

As a freshman at Meredith my respect for the housekeepers has definitely

increased since I first arrived in August. The housekeepers are always friendly, helpful and everyone knows or should realize how hard they work for the school and the students. Mr. Bynum, who made some peculiar comments to the 'can prohibition act', said, "That the can storage has been a fire hazard." Mr. Bynum obviously does not realize that putting a box in the hallway can be just as hazardous.

Mr. Bynum also made the housekeepers' benefits sound like the school is doing them a favor by giving them paid vacations and "petty leave." If the housekeepers take an extra 10 minutes to collect the cans - so what! I think that this school can afford to let the housekeepers make a little extra money to support their families and themselves. I really hope that the students at Meredith will help the housekeepers because the school certainly is not.

Wendy L. Jordan
215 Vann

Dear Editor:

Commenting on the "Editorials" in the January 21, 1985 section of *The Twig*, we would like to let you know that a Resident Assistant's position is not an "elected" position, it is a job. It involves more than a leadership position does. An R.A. has scheduled meetings every Monday from 5:30 to 7:15, then she leads the hall meeting. In addition, she must then be available to those girls who have classes or jobs during the hall meeting in order to fill them in on the information they missed. This could be from one to six or more girls receiving individual at-

tention for about five minutes each.

The R.A. is to schedule social, educational, and service events for her hall whether or not her hall members show up at the events. She must keep her bulletin board up to date concerning events on campus and she is to keep her hall free of unauthorized off-campus event flyers. R.A.'s, also, must remain after everyone leaves for holidays and must be back before the majority of the other girls. These are just a few of the obvious duties. There are numerous other duties that those other than R.A.'s, R.D.'s, Dean Sizemore and Janice McClendon are not aware of.

When reading the paragraph we felt it portrayed the typical attitude in the minds of many students, but an R.A.'s position is more demanding. The position is very rewarding in many areas, but there is nothing more discouraging to an R.A. than to care enough to put out for the girls on her hall then the girls care so little that they can't bear a 15 to 30 minute interruption in their evening one night a week. It would probably take less energy to sit and listen than to talk while the R.A. is trying to let them know what has been planned for them.

R.A.'s must apply and interview for their job; therefore, they must be qualified in the eyes of the administration that selects them. Student offices do not apply and interview for their positions. There is much more involved in the position of Resident Assistant than previously revealed. We feel the above description is of a job that deserves the pay it receives.

The Brewer Resident Assistants

Dear Editor,

I wish to address last week's editorial in THE TWIG, "It's Better to Give Than to Receive." While Mr. Bynum does have a point in saying that it does require time for our maids to collect aluminum cans from the trash, I have always been very pleased with the service our maid has given us. Our hall is always clean; the laundry room is the best it could be, considering that the washing machine floods the floor; and our maid is always very nice and friendly. We have taken up money on occasions such as Thanksgiving and Christmas to give her a gift certificate to help with her shopping list. While there is no doubt that this was a supplement to her income, it also served to express our appreciation to her.

Our hall has always been clean and neat and it has never appeared to me - or any of the people on our halls with which I have spoken - that this "extracurricular" activity has detracted from the job our maids do.

There is no question that Mr. Bynum has the authority to restrict the maids from collecting cans; however, if students wish to save these same cans and themselves contribute them to the maids, then the same purpose is achieved with no violation on the part of anyone. While we may think nothing of tossing our empty drink can into the trash, it's money to our maids. Why not help them out? We should do our best to respect authority, but we should also respect an honest effort on our maids' part to make their lives a little easier.

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