

# EDITORIALS

## AN ISSUE OF SECURITY

by Beth Blankenship  
Co-Editor

A young college girl is asleep in her room. She awakes because she feels a cold breeze in her room. She hears the noise of rattling blinds. She sits up quickly and turns toward her window. There in the dark she sees the silhouette of a man crouching on her window sill. She tries to scream but fright has taken her ability to speak. She finally manages to yell out her roommate's name. The intruder leaps from the window and runs into the night.

This sounds like something out of a horror movie, but this event is true. That frightened young college girl was me.

About two weeks ago a man broke into my window.

This editorial is not to get your sympathy or to scold those of you who do not lock your windows at night. I want to talk to you about Meredith Security and my situation.

Because my thoughts were muddled that night, it was my suitemate who acted quickly in calling Campus Security. They came immediately in response to the call and managed to find the intruder; however, he managed to escape.

I commend Security for acting quickly. I actually did feel more secure and was able to eventually fall asleep again that

night. However, I do have a few suggestions that I feel will benefit us as students at an all-girls school and make the job of security easier.

Self-defense. It's one of the categories under self-preservation. Meredith needs to have a course in self-defense either offered through the P.E. department or through a special six- or eight-week program. I believe that there would be enough interest to make this a successful idea. What better way to feel secure than to be able to protect yourself.

Secondly, I would like to be driven to my dorm from THE PIT. Any conceivable character could hide in the adjacent wooded area or behind a car while se-

curity patiently waits at the top of the hill. I think the one incident which now prevents this procedure was an isolated case.

Last, I've noticed security guards are getting younger; therefore, they are more physically able to protect the students. I would, however, think it in the best interest of the guards and students if they attended self-defense classes as well as take agility tests at least twice a year. The end result being failure to pass the test - failure to maintain a security position due to inadequate skills.

I have seen a great improvement in security this year and only hope the improvement continues.

HAPPY 22ND BIRTHDAY

Beth (Co-Editor)  
Blankenship

This is your last birthday as a  
single woman.

LIVE IT UP!

THANKS TO SUSAN DUCK AND THE BEEHIVE COMMITTEE FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK WHITEWASHING THE BEEHIVE LAST SUNDAY!

### Campus Capsules

THE HATE SHOW, aired annually on the U. of North Carolina's student radio station, broadcasts music requested by students and dedicated to people they hate. Topping the "most hated" list are boyfriends, girlfriends, roommates and Ronald Reagan.

### Phone [Continued from page 1]

mate must pay the entire \$18.00.

If students are dissatisfied with the services Meredith is rendering, there is an alternative. Students can turn the phone in. However, if services are restored, a \$10.00 fee will be charged. A \$10.00 fee will also be enforced if students fail to pay their phone bill after receiving a second notice.

Should students have questions concerning the charges billed to them, they may call CAM-TEL at 8190 between 3-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### USA—Africa

[Continued from page 1]

anti-hunger action manual - offering guidance on how to organize projects, provide detailed descriptions of possible projects and available resources - will be distributed to volunteers and organizations.

This fall, the campaign will begin in earnest. Part one will focus on raising funds for the USA for Africa famine relief efforts, but 10 percent will be used to fight hunger in the United States.

We apologize for the typographical error on Page 8 of the September 30 edition of **The Twig**. The word in Steve's column is "corny" not "horny." Thank you.

We apologize for the typographical error in the September 30 edition of **The Twig Note** "Cheryl Pernell" of the Public Relations Staff. Sorry, Cheryl.

### The TWIG

Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C. 27607

#### Co-editors

Beth Blankenship Cynthia Church

#### Managing Editors

Caroline Powell  
Vanessa Goodman  
Michele Cherry  
Sally Woolard  
Haven Cooper  
Cheryl Pernell  
Jennifer Jackson  
Cindy Patterson  
Stephanie Bennett

Business Manager  
Advertising Manager  
Public Relations Manager  
Public Relations Staff  
Proofreader

Photographer  
Circulation Managers

Mary Ann Lisenba  
Edy Speight  
Susan Wiggs  
Sarah Winslow  
Wendy Langston  
Carmel Swanson  
Joy Terry

Kim McQuaig  
Laurie Hastings  
Jennifer Bruffey  
Suzanne Griffin  
Margaret Beall  
Laura Schaffer  
TracyMarie Dunn

Circulation Staff

Layout Managers

Freshman Seminar Reporter  
Advisor

Casey Bass  
Dr. Tom Parramore

### — Editorial Policy —

The TWIG is published weekly by the students of Meredith College during the academic year. The paper is funded by the College and through advertising. The TWIG will not print material containing personal attacks, insults, ridicule or libelous statements. All letters to the editor must be signed unless discussed with the editor.

The opinions expressed on the editorial page do not necessarily reflect those of the college administration, faculty or student body.

The TWIG welcomes criticism and will respond promptly to any submitted in writing and signed by the writer.

The office is located on the second floor in Cate Center. The address for correspondence or advertising rates is The TWIG, Box X133, Meredith College, Raleigh, NC 27607-5298.