

EDITORIALS

The Beauty and Hope Found in Death

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After reading this headline, you may think I have a warped mind. You may think that anyway, but on with the show. One thing I've learned thus far in life is that everything depends on how you look at it. I guess it's like the saying 'You can

regret that roses have thorns. Or, be thankful thorns have roses.'

My annual drive in the mountains over Fall Pause gave me the chance to relax, to somewhat unwind, but most of all to see the beauty in the changing of the leaves. I paid my respects to summer, said good-bye to all the life it presents

prepared myself for the death of a season, the death of the leaves and soon, the death of a year.

I've always loved Autumn, but not as much as Spring because Autumn brings death. Everything starts dying — the grass, the flowers, the leaves. I could easily get depressed. Maybe you could too. But there is so much beauty in the dying of everything. Just look around the campus and you can see the beauty that nature provides us. What's so nice is the hope that accompanies it. There's that hope that Spring will come and suddenly life will start all over again.

As Christians, we can find that beauty and hope in the death of anything. Death isn't always pleasant, but neither is life. When Christ died for us, there was both beauty and hope. He loved us enough to die and loved us enough to live again — just like the Autumn and the Spring. There's great beauty in that. There's great hope in that. It's in His dying and being "born again" that we base our religion. We keep the faith in Him, just like we keep the faith that Spring will come again.

In the death of a day, we also see beauty and find hope. I've never seen an ugly sunset. The brilliant colors command the sky. Many times I stop and watch the colors fade. Become darker. Until a deep purple finally takes over and turns to black. The death of a day. But there's always that hope that tomorrow will come bringing with it new challenges, new adventures, new problems, new solutions.

We've all made it, somehow through half a semester. Many have seen beauty in it, others have hope of a better second half.

Right now we're experiencing Winter. That step between two seasons. That

midway point. Like Winter, many of us have become cold, drab and right close to death. You have little enthusiasm, no get-up-and-go and are dead weight. Many organizations are feeling the effects of student winterization. Lack of interest and cooperation from you have left many student leaders wondering how to untaw things, wondering what anti-freeze to use to put some life back into their organization.

Unfortunately, many of you never come out of hibernation. You continue to remain in the Winter stage. You never come out to help plant new ideas, rake over old ones, nurture ones that are in the planning stage. All the twigs that have sprouted are left to die. They continue to be walked over. They are never given the opportunity to grow.

There's much beauty in hibernating. It gives one time to get things together, organized. But, without hope Winter is miserable. I'm asking each of you to see the beauty around you and the beauty within yourself. I also ask you to search for hope and to find it. I ask you to get involved, now more than ever. This is when your participation, energy and support are needed most. Without it, Spring will never come; the tomorrows we hope for will never come. You can make a difference but you have to be willing to make that difference.

We all depend on God to let the Spring come, to let the sun rise. We put great faith in Him to do that for us. Fortunately, student leaders don't put that much faith in Meredith College student body to support the organizations. I think we know what the results would be if they did.

As you continue to move through this semester see the beauty, find the hope.

Freshmen / Sophomores Must Move Cars

by 'Lia Braganza

Meredith College resident freshmen and sophomores will be required to move their automobiles from the pasture between the Cliff Benson Beltline and Cate Center on October 15, 1985.

This action was prompted by complaints from students concerned about the safety and unsightliness of the pasture from the highway.

"Students have come to us with so many complaints about it being unsightly and dangerous because there aren't any lights out there," said Angie Stroud, Secretary of the Student Life Committee. (The SLC has a Parking Committee set up to study and review parking issues.)

"I went out to my car one night and nearly broke two legs trying to get out there," reports sophomore Cindi Houston. "It's not safe."

Vice President of Business and Finance, Chuck Taylor recommended the

students be relocated to the gravel pit behind Heilman dormitory and along the front drive of the college. This was adopted by the committee to go into effect when the students return from fall break.

However, this has further complicated the problem of overcrowding for the Security Office.

At present, the pasture accomodates the 130 students who live on campus and have permanent parking permits. The total spaces available between the two newly approved areas is 110. Chief Dan Shattuck, Meredith College, feels this will encourage students to park in restricted areas.

"Students can't just park anywhere; only where they have decals to park," Shattuck explained.

Chief Shattuck suggests that any woman who cannot find a parking place report to the Security Office, where she will be advised where to park.

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