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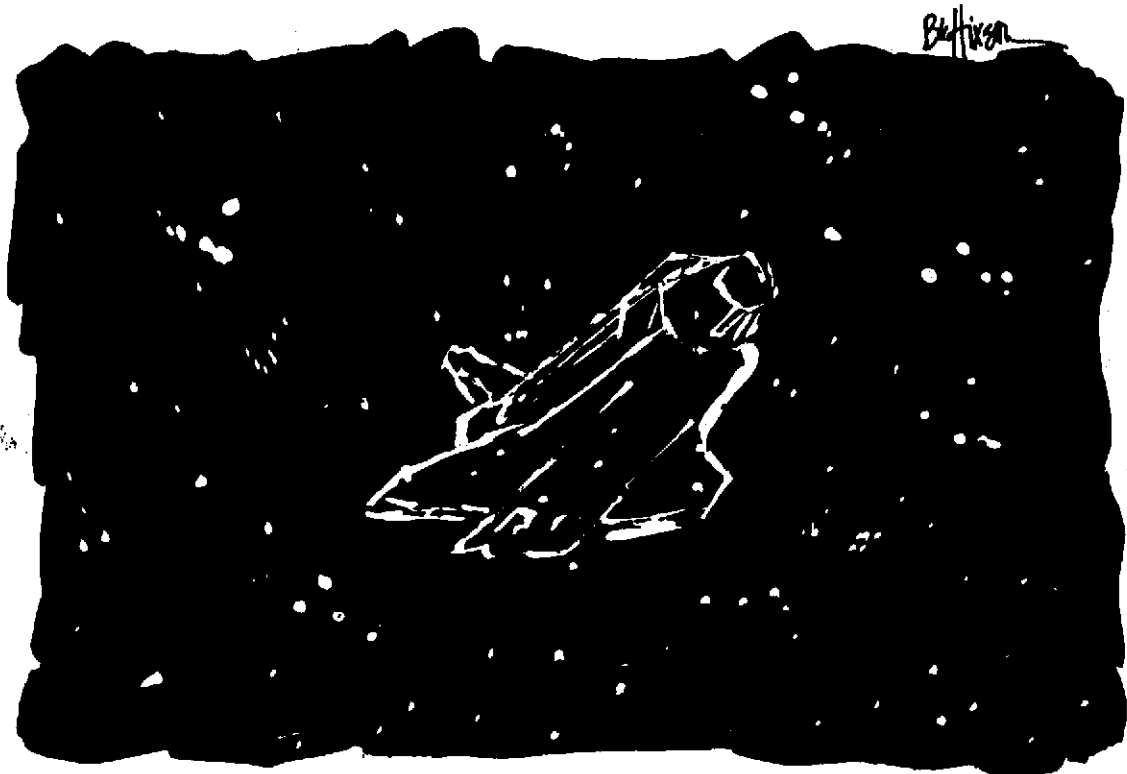
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## The art of being successful while living in a capsule

Women. Some say their place is in the home. Some believe they should be barefoot and pregnant. Some believe they should be simple and silent. I say we belong at the top.

Getting there isn't always easy though. It takes more than a pair of great legs, a cute smile and a 'nice' personality. It takes "umph" and an inner drive that shouts "Don't stop, never give up!" Often it means taking chances and risking it all. But, if it's worth it . . .

In a society where we women are often discriminated against, getting to the top can be a difficult climb. Sometimes we'll have to file our nails so we can do some clawing and backslapping on our way up. But if we can't risk tarnishing our "sweet little girl" reputations, then women don't belong anywhere except in the home, catering to the demands of outdated husbands. We need to learn to take a stand, speak our minds, be aggressive and honestly intelligent, without sounding and acting like babbling idiots. Fortunately, Meredith gives us the opportunity to do both. But, unfortunately, many refuse to do either.

When outsiders look at Meredith they see a college working with women, helping women become better educated and prepared for life. Dean of Students

Dorothy Sizemore said that aside from the education the college extends, "Meredith helps shape the lives of women to take the role of leadership in today's world."

Leadership is a characteristic needed to be on top. It doesn't necessarily mean a person has to hold an office but must be a strong enough character for others to follow. Being a leader means taking pride in what you are doing, in what you represent. If you can't do either, then it's difficult to be effective. A leader, be it in an organization or a company, must take initiatives, must take stands, must speak on behalf of what she represents. I often wonder if Meredith really works to help women — us — shape and build our leadership roles. I know for a fact that the leaders on campus rarely take stands on issues because they don't want to rub anyone the wrong way. Most of them are too busy finding out what everybody wants that they can't function as leaders. They function as followers. And instead of the "advisors" of these "leaders" instructing them on how to behave and handle leadership positions, they either say nothing or merely tell them passively to "use their own discretion" — which ultimately means nothing will be done.

Meredith has inflated a community

that rarely allows the women of tomorrow to learn to accept responsibility — another factor that is crucial to being on top. Students often think showing responsibility is attending meetings, being on time, going to class. But the responsibility begins once a student is in the meeting, in the class. We have the responsibility to make decisions, take stands, commit ourselves, learn — and it's these things that are overlooked.

Being on top also means making sacrifices, making the time to do what needs to be done even when you don't want to. The biggest cop-out I hear from students is the "ol "I don't have time" line. It boils down to not being able or capable of making sacrifices.

Being successful, being on top, is most of our dreams. Some of you have a head start. Some of you think you have a head start. Some of you need to get busy. I'll be the first to admit that it's hard — but possible — to prepare for the real world when you're living inside a capsule. And, remember seniors, the bubble bursts May 11.

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## LETTERS

Due to the nature of this editorial, the writer's name has been withheld with approval by the Editor.

Dear Editor:

I think the (Meredith) judicial system has a lot to be desired. Everyone must know by now how bad Linda Morin has been treated thus far. She was accused of plagiarism by Dr. Gilbert and was found guilty. I know that the judicial board is

nothing but a kangaroo court because two of the judicial members stated that they "knew Linda was innocent yet feared Dr. Gilbert's pull." What kind of system is this? A dedicated student falsely accused! Any one with common sense would realize how innocent she is. Plus, Dr. Gilbert has basically ruined her reputation as a student. Linda is unable to graduate, will have this on her record, and will have to postpone her employment in Los Angeles, California.

All this has made Meredith College look very poorly. Although I am a student here and will graduate in May, I feel this board should be thoroughly investigated — especially the chairperson of Honor Council. I hope Linda and her family are sufficiently rewarded when the legal process is underway!

Name Withheld