



Move-in day tires the best of us. Photo by Steve Wilson

Home away from home

by Sharon Moriarity, Pres. of RHA

The transition from home to college has several ups and downs. Many students have to learn to cope with various things unfamiliar to them. Perhaps the most difficult adjustment is within the residence halls.

There, many freshman are faced with sharing a room for the first time with a stranger. This new situation could lead to potential problems, but RHA tries to make dorm life a happier experience.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) welcomes you to your "home away from home." Our organization is composed of various representatives from every residence hall. We are responsible for providing structure within your residence halls by planning several activities. We not only sponsor programs (social, educational and recreational), but also have weekly hall meetings and those eye-awakening surprise fire drills.

To add structure to residence hall

living, a student resident advisor is placed on each floor in the residence halls. She is there to resolve roommate conflicts, inform her residents of campus events and serve as a friend. Each dorm also has a president who is in charge of expressing the needs of her residence hall at RHA meetings. There is also a resident director in each dormitory who acts as an advisor to the resident assistant. These contact people are ready resources for students to turn to for advice or help.

RHA tries to focus on the unity of your floor as well as your residence hall. Unity is the key factor that makes Meredith so unique and special. I challenge you to unite your halls by reaching out and getting to know everyone living around you. You have about 50 sisters living on your hall. No one will be exactly like you, although they will be special in their own unique way. Make your residence hall life the best part of your Meredith experience. It is within these halls that you will make treasured friendships and everlasting memories.

Welcome to Meredith

by Donna Wilson, SGA President

Welcome "Class of 1990!" What an exciting year you have ahead of you. As the Student Government Association President, I can honestly say Meredith is the best place to be. She has so much to offer you. Take advantage of it all!

Meredith prides herself in being a small liberal arts college. Graduates of the class of 1990 will be required to have 56 hours of general education credits. The requirement exposes students to a variety of subjects which enhance their total education. Meredith is also unique in that she is a small college. With class size being small you get to know your classmates both as fellow scholars and as close friends. To faculty members you are not a number, but an individual. Professors are interested in you as a student and as a person, and they take the time to get to know you. These qualities make Meredith special.

Meredith provides many opportunities for young women to improve their leadership skills. Through holding positions such as class officers, club officers, or representatives on various boards you are improving campus life as well as your life. The experience and leadership skills you can gain at Meredith will be a great

asset in your future careers. The benefits you receive depend on how much you are willing to give your classmates and your school. The four major associations that you have the opportunity to share yourself with are the Student Government Association, the Meredith Christian Association, the Meredith Entertainment Association, and the Meredith Recreation Association. Take the initiative to get involved.

Meredith will become your second home and second family. The close friends that you will make will be yours for a lifetime. They will be your weekend traveling companions, your summer apartmentmates, and your bridesmaids. You will instantaneously become a part of this close knit family.

Meredith is very fortunate to be in a growing capital city like Raleigh. Raleigh has so much to offer the public. There are many opportunities for college students to co-op, do internships, and seek employment after graduation.

No one ever said that leaving home and being independent would be easy, but Meredith tries to make this transition easier. She offers you so much more than just an education in the classroom. She prepares you for your career and the world. Learn and grow from all that she has to offer you.

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Alcohol and Meredith

of supporting the college which could possibly lead to an increase in tuition or other student-related costs.

The 1986-87 Meredith College Handbook states that "students shall not possess or consume intoxicants on the campus or at college-sponsored functions."

Alcohol has never been a part of on-campus life at Meredith to keep the campus free of conflicts that may be caused by drinking. Meredith Graehn, a junior student advisor, feels that "the alcohol policy eliminates conflicts between roommates who drink and those who do not."

One of the most important reasons for why Meredith does not allow alcohol on campus is given by Adrienne Gore, Junior Class President, who says the alcohol policy at Meredith "upholds the Christian morals upon which Meredith College was founded."

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Drinking Age Raised

Another result of the legislation will affect the Division of Motor Vehicles in North Carolina. On September 1, 1986 the DMV will color code licenses and special IDs in two groups, those who are not 21 and those who are.

The use of a fake driver's license or ID in an attempt to obtain alcoholic beverages is also a misdemeanor. A conviction may result in a criminal record, a fine and/or the revocation of the driver's license for one year.

Those under 21 are also subject to the same charges if they allow another person to use their license to help an underage person buy or consume alcohol.

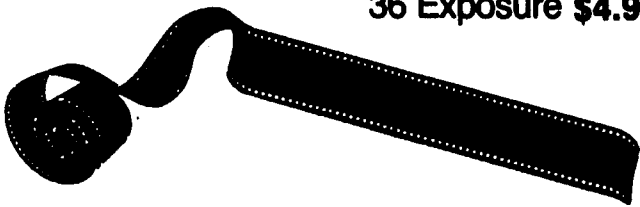
The drinking age change came as a result of the passage of the Surface Transportation Act of 1982 by the U.S. Congress. Any state that does not adopt the legislation by 1987 will lose 5 to 10 percent of its federal highway funds.

Parker said, "The new law may be hard to enforce at first, but in the long run the lives of the state's young people will be saved on the highways."

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