

Meredith: An experience of a lifetime

It seems hard to believe, but we are already into our third week of school. From what I can see, 1986-87 promises to be a great year at Meredith. Excitement and enthusiasm began early and now it is spreading throughout the campus at a rapid pace.

The spark was lit when the student leaders returned to campus for their leadership conference. There they brain stormed and made plans for the upcoming year.

The leaders passed the flame to our newcomers at Meredith, the Class of 1990, making them feel welcomed into the Meredith family and letting them know that each of them has a special place on campus.

Now that the upper classmen, administrators and professors have returned the whole campus is brewing with positive energy.

Keeping the spirit going will not be an easy task. The responsibility will rest with each of us.

It will be up to you to take an interest in all of your classes. To learn and to be stimulated are two of the main reasons for coming to college.

Join a club or an organization and become involved with what is happening

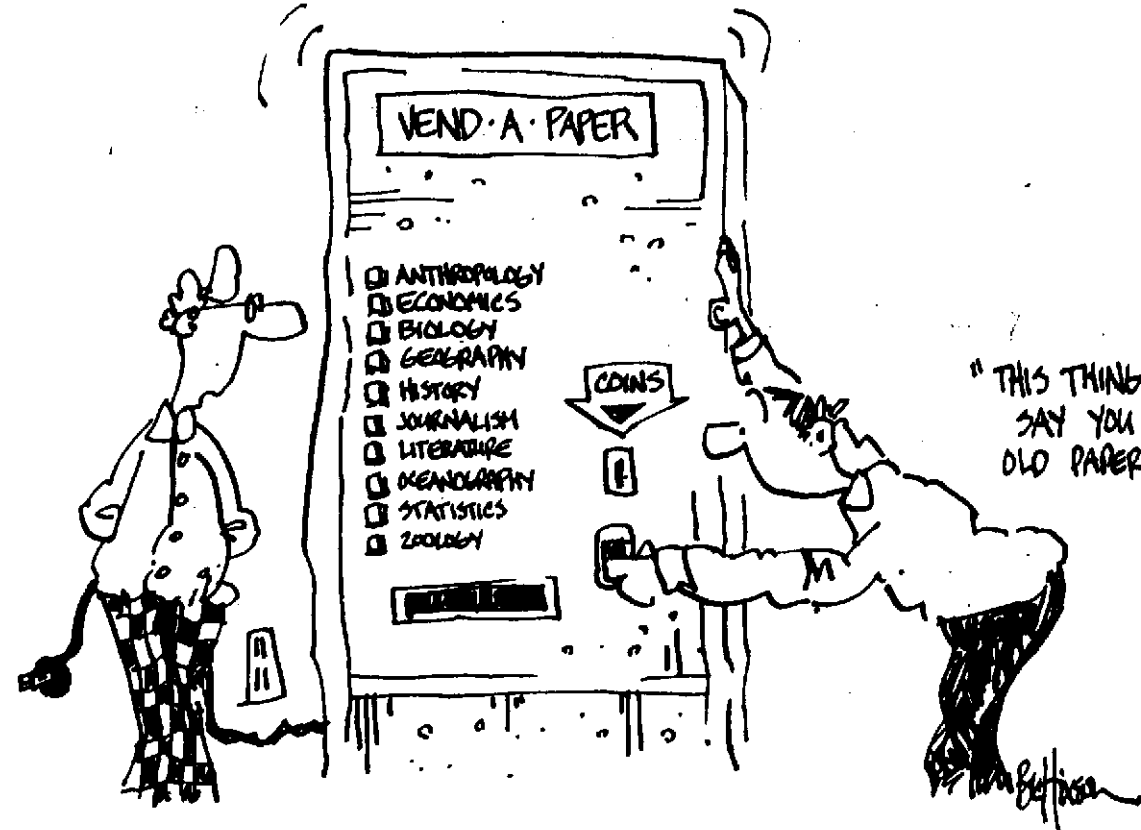
on campus. If you don't wish to be president, then be a representative. Remember, a small voice is better than no voice at all.

Take an interest in college. Go to campus-sponsored lectures and seminars. Meredith is making great advances and setting the pace for other institutions to follow and you need to be aware of its history, in addition to its current progress. Look at what has happened already this year. Former President Jimmy Carter is coming to speak on campus, the new art building is under construction and is due to be completed by the spring semester and that is only the beginning.

All of that progress just shows what Meredith is comprised of — a group of doers. We don't sit by and wait for things to happen—we make them happen. Many people who have graduated from Meredith have gone to blaze trails in every aspect of American life.

Meredith is a foundation upon which many dreams are created and fulfilled. Take advantage of every opportunity she offers you. Being a student at Meredith is an experience of a lifetime — don't let it pass you by.

Vanessa Goodman
Editor



Dear Editor:

The new school year at Meredith has brought many changes. One of the changes that has upset me and many other juniors and seniors is the sixty dollar increase in parking.

Many students believed we needed to increase the parking expense from twenty dollars, but we were surprised to learn that parking would be costing eighty dollars this year.

The question that most students want to know is where will all the funds be going? I talked with Dan Shattuck, chief of security, and got some information. He said Meredith College did provide a new parking lot which will supply approximately 125 new parking spaces. In the process of building the new spaces, they redid over 100 old spaces. The cost of this project was \$60,000 which included grading, drainage pipes, lights and reseeding land that was damaged in the process.

The expected income from the raise in parking is an additional \$50,000 to the previous \$20,000 for a total of \$70,000. As of now they have only expected \$50,000 of the \$70,000.

One of the main problems facing

security right now is the number of unregistered cars. They plan to respond by giving more tickets.

I believe that Meredith has an organized parking system. N.C. State students are given parking permits, but usually have to hunt for spaces. At least Meredith is trying to provide adequate parking spaces.

The only thing I do not agree with is the drastic increase in parking costs.

I think the student body could have accepted it better if it would have been a gradual increase.

Another alternative could be having different parking scales according to what particular classification a student is in.

The thing I wonder about now is if this year's students pay for the new parking lots, what will be done with the extra revenue next year?

Sincerely
Leigh Ann Capps

Dear Editor:

An abandoned mother cat found a quiet, secluded place on campus last summer to bear her six kittens. She

FRESHMAN ELECTION DATES TO REMEMBER

Kick-off
Sept. 8 10:00am Jones Auditorium

Candidate's Workshop
Sept. 10 7:00 pm 206 Harris

Filing Begins
Sept. 11 Pick up forms in cafe and Cate

Filing Ends
Sept. 16 12:00 noon

Speeches
Sept. 22 10:00am Jones Auditorium

Voting
Sept. 23 Lunch and Dinner in cafe and Cate

Run-Offs
Sept. 25 Lunch and Dinner in cafe and Cate

SGA office hours
Donna Wilson, President
9-10 M-W-F
2-3 TH
Bettie Shipp, Vice-President
23 M-W
11-12 TH
The office is located on the second floor of Cate Center

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nursed them as well as she could on her diet of crickets and other insects. Because she was starving, two of her kittens died.

Another abandoned campus cat lived in constant fear of people because no one had ever loved her and cared for her. Someone had even tried to abuse her. Suspicious of people, she would not take food from any one. She slowly died of starvation.

Sad but true. There are several abandoned campus cats right now that need homes. There are kittens as well as adult cats that need to be spayed or neutered.

Pet overpopulation consumes 25 million to animals each year. Even more offensive is the fact that the problem needn't exist at all. Any pet is a responsibility — it has special needs.

Bringing a cat on campus and leaving it to fend for itself or allowing it to reproduce is cruelty. One litter of kittens can subsequently result in 25, 30, even 50 more cats being born into a world there are not enough homes to go around.

Some people believe the answer is to call a humane officer to come and take the animal to an animal shelter. But euthanasia rates are very high —

in the spring and summer the euthanasia rate is in the thousands. Euthanasia means animals are killed by being injected with a drug that suppresses their respiratory system. Or they will be locked into a box called a gas chamber and forced to breathe carbon monoxide until they die. And in the case of abandonment, most will starve to death, contract diseases, or will be victims of other torturous deaths.

Surely students don't mean to be so cruel. Don't bring pets on campus and leave them or allow them to reproduce. If you can't afford to have an animal for its lifetime and if you can't afford to have it spayed or neutered, then you shouldn't be a pet owner.

If you are seriously concerned about helping with the current campus problem by providing a caring, loving home, please leave your name and number in the envelope on the bulletin board outside Marge Shelton's office on the 2nd floor, Cate Center. Or if you can contribute cat food, please leave your name and number also. Your concern will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,
Tracy Knight