

# editorial

## In Search of Freedom

Last week the television news told the story of thousands of East Germans leaving their family, friends, and possessions (except for what they could carry) to search for freedom. In America we can only try to imagine the conditions that would drive people to leave everything they have ever known to start their lives over. We can only imagine living in a country where there is no freedom.

One couple was shown walking across a field to reach their "Promised Land" carrying only small suitcases. When they had succeeded in getting into Hungary, they stood hugging each other and crying.

A reporter asked an older couple in a holding camp in Hungary what made them stay there for days not knowing if they could enter Hungary, a step closer to the freedom in West Germany. The couple looked at each other; then the husband said, "We can't go back. Our children would turn us in."

I can't comprehend conditions that would drive families apart. I guess sometimes we have to see the conditions others have to endure daily to realize how lucky we are to live in America.

Jeannine Manning  
Editor-in-Chief

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In last week's "Herald" (September 12, 1989), Monique Tambellini reported on the "Pops in the Park" Festival which took place on our campus. In the article, she reported that 35,000 people attended the festival, and that the college received a lot of exposure because of the concert.

I attended the concert and was shocked at what I saw. A large portion of those around me were actively engaged in the consumption of alcohol on our campus. Granted, those of whom I speak were NOT students of the college, but were guests on Meredith grounds.

I feel that the allowance of alcoholic consumption on our campus sends out a mixed signal to the Raleigh community, as well as to the Meredith community. Permitting this to take place on our campus is not in keeping with the traditional values and creeds the school supposedly emulates and upholds. If the students are not allowed to consume alcohol on campus, in keeping with Meredith beliefs, neither should guests on the Meredith grounds.

Melinda Henderson

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