

# editorial

## Advice on Keeping Safe during Fun Times

This weekend as you are having fun at the Meredith dance and probably partaking in "non-Meredith" beverages, please don't take a chance with your life by drinking and driving. You not only put yourself in danger but also everyone else on the road with you.

I lived at Nags Head this past summer and had a friend from work killed by a drunk driver. Steve while walking home from a party was hit from behind and killed instantly according to the police. The guy that hit Steve said he thought he had hit a dog and that's why he didn't stop.

We had a hard time accepting Steve's death at work, but the day his father and sister came into the restaurant will always stay in my mind. His father looked as if he had not slept in days and his sister was also trance-like. I had to wait on them along with the policeman, who was explaining about court dates and legal procedures. Needless to say that was one of the hardest things I have ever had to do. It was also hard to try to tell them how sorry we were for such a useless waste of life.

Have fun at the dance, but think of the consequences of driving and driving.

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## Reflections of a First-time Cornhusker

"Cornhuskin"? What on earth is that? We don't actually have to husk corn, do we?"

Well, that was my reaction when first hearing about Cornhuskin', and boy, did I have a lot to learn. In the dictionary, cornhusking is defined as "a social gathering, especially of farm families to husk corn." The social gathering part is right, but husking corn has nothing to do with the tradition at Meredith. I suppose the part about farm families comes in with the hogs. You know - the hog-calling skits. And, of course, when families get together, some pretty tall tales can be heard.

Yet, that is not the whole gist of Cornhuskin'. One must not forget the immense competition between classes and the tremendous amount of cooperation between Big Sis - Little Sis classes. And yes, there are hall raids (an all-time favorite in Cornhuskin'). The sophomores battle against the freshmen, and vice versa, invading each other's halls by yelling, banging, beating, jumping, screaming, and anything else that causes extreme noise and obstructs sleep.

However, there is a creative side of Cornhuskin'. Each class must decide on a theme, make up songs and chants, design sweatshirts, costumes and props for the famed parade. Much time, effort, and hard work goes into preparing for such an event.

Now that I know what Cornhuskin' is all about, I can truly say that I learned through experience alone. Few words can express the true meaning of such a tradition. After all, where else will you find an auditorium full of bright, enthusiastic young women who aren't afraid to immitate pigs and demand respect at the same time? Cornhuskin' '89, now Pictures of the Past, certainly had a Big Finish — letting the world know that angels can Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Meredith, because There's No Place Like Home!

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