

# Not Your Typical Meredith Student

by Julia Haskett

Jennifer Worster likes being different. An avid collector of old clothing from second-hand shops and outspoken about her opinions on the environment ("I have a big problem with aerosols"), marriage and children ("not for me"), and health issues ("Fourth and fifth grade is not too early to be learning about sexual awareness."), Jennifer acknowledges that her direct form of truthfulness isn't exactly subtle.

If you're looking for a lively conversation with someone who's not afraid to speak her mind and is attentive, albeit not likely to be swayed by, your differing views, you're bound to enjoy a tete-a-tete with this friendly sophomore from Reston, Virginia.

"I'm proud of my ability to communicate with other people," Jennifer said. Her father taught her at a young age to learn to speak and write well. "Every night at the dinner table, we'd get a lesson in grammar or enunciation. If you couldn't speak correctly, you couldn't talk."

Jennifer finds people fascinating and liken them to snowflakes: "no one

is just like the other."

She spent three years working on Capitol Hill during high school, the last year spent working for Senator Sam Nunn. Even though, typically, senators do not use high school students as office aides, Jennifer was able to use her connections and ended up not only getting the job, but receiving academic credit for it as well.

"There was some glamour to the job," she said. "Press meetings with camera crews, meeting senators, working on the Presidential campaign were fun."

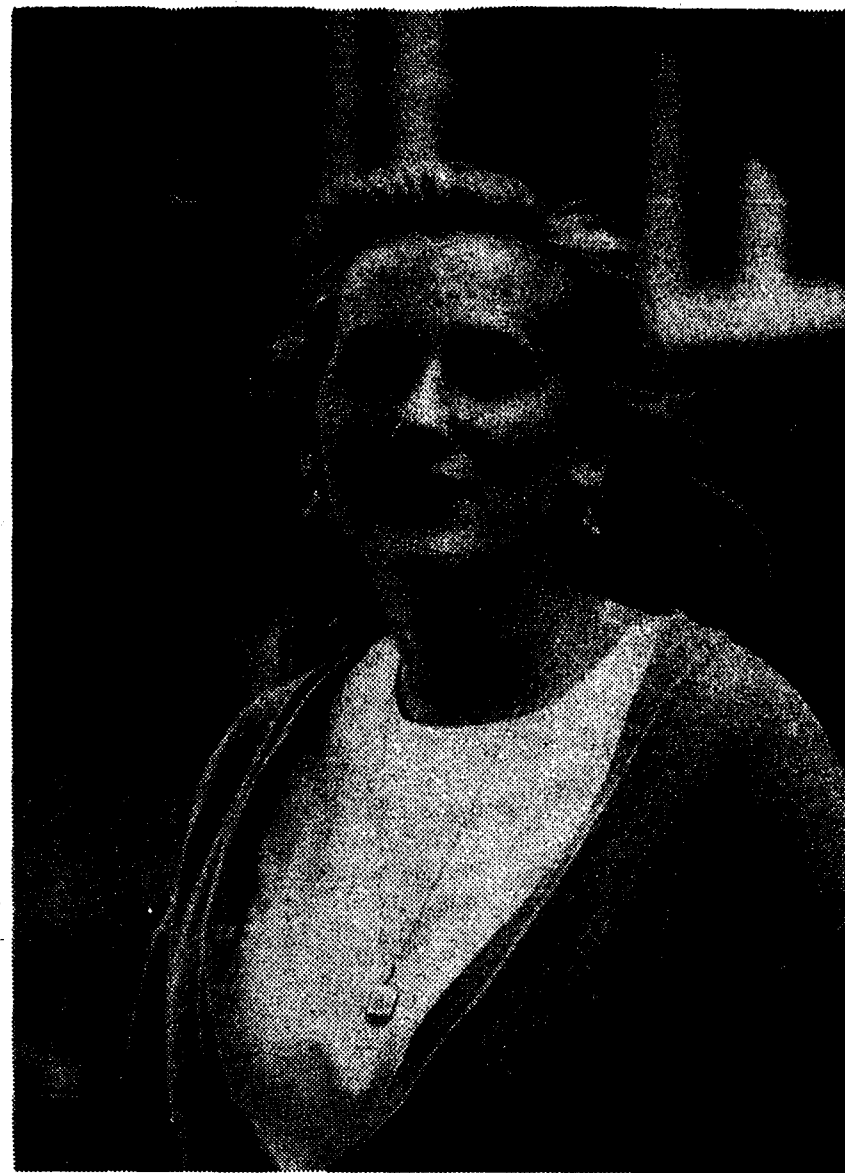
Asked to expand on her feeling about environmental issues, Jennifer explained that she gets made when people don't turn off the water while they're brushing their teeth, believes in recycling paper, aluminum and glass, has a problem with disposables, refuses to buy Gillette products, hates non-biodegradable products ("I have a real problem with using styrofoam cups in the dining hall") and doesn't understand why people don't use real diapers or a diaper service as opposed to disposals.

Although she says she "loves" her

leather shoes, she does not eat red meat for health reasons. She feels strongly that animals should not be used for testing consumer products or for medical research. "I just don't believe in cruelty to animals."

Jennifer is undecided about life after Meredith but is using her time to explore several options. She

appeared in "The Importance of Being Earnest" and "The Crucible" and enjoys acting. She spends an occasional weekend at an endangered and injured animal preservation near Pittsboro and recently began working at a Raleigh advertising firm. Owing her own yacht harbor is on her list of "fantasy" careers.



Jennifer enjoys all types of movies, from *Gone With the Wind* to *Star Trek*, and her music tastes run from classical to reggae.

Her roommate, Erin Webb, says that Jennifer is "unique and carefree," an apt description of this not-so-typical

## Dump Gillette Day

# Activists Protest Cruelty to Animals

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Student protestors line Hillsborough Street on "Dump Gillette Day."

If you use Silkience shampoo, Toni Home Perms, Daisy razors, Soft & Dry antiperspirant, PaperMate or Flair ink pens, Liquid Paper correction fluid, or Aapri skin products, throw them away.

That was the message on Dump Gillette Day, sponsored on Saturday around the country by the Network for Animals, Students for Ethical Treatment of Animals (SETA) and the New England Anti-Vivisection Society (NEAVS).

According to Barbara Magram, coordinator of the Wake County Chapter of North Carolina Network for Animals, Gillette is one of the worst offenders when it comes to using animals to test consumer products. The protest, which locally was held along Hillsborough Street, encouraged people to rid their homes and offices of any product made by Gillette and its subsidiaries. The products were collected at the protest site and will be returned to Gillette headquarters in Boston.

Magram said that, not only does

Gillette continue to conduct unnecessary tests on animals, but it refuses to divest its holdings in South Africa and dumps toxic wastes into Boston Harbor. A report by the United State Environmental Protection Agency lists Gillette as one of the worst toxic waste polluters in Boston, spewing 388,695 pounds of pollutants into the air in 1988.

The People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) launched a Compassion Campaign to discover just exactly how animals were used in Gillette's testing labs. They discovered rabbits with their skin peeled raw and blistered with dandruff shampoo and rats condemned by the toxic effects of massive forced inhalation of hairsprays and aerosol deodorants. The incredibly morbid Draize test is still being used: rabbits are held fast in stocks as Gillette's Liquid Paper is squeezed into their eyes by syringe. A Gillette employee, working undercover for PETA, was told by Gillette

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