

# Male Visitation Rights Decision, Board Action Applauded

There was a time in Meredith's recent history when "gentlemen callers" could only visit their young ladies in the parlors of Johnson Hall, when dressing for dinner meant dresses for dinner, when going to town required white gloves and an upperclass escort. Today, shorts and t-shirts are de rigeur for dining. Staying out all night is preferable to call-downs for signing in a minute

late. It's time Meredith pulled herself into the twentieth century and allow men into the inner sanctum of women's residence halls. The Dean of Students Office is to be comended for its forward-thinking action in this regard.

The Board of Trustees is to be congratulated for its difficult decision to shorten the fall semester and re-institute Saturday classes. As mentioned in a story

elsewhere in this issue, budget shortfalls led to some serious cuts in a number of areas and by beginning the fall semester after Labor Day, air conditioning bills will help meet the budget deficit. Saturday classes wasn't a very popular choice but, hey, the policy starts next year and we seniors don't care, do we?

By the by, you haven't forgotten that it's April 1st, have you?

## Opinion

# Bush's New Energy Policy: A Lovely Future?

Stephanie Hubner

Stephen Dedalus, in James Joyce's Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man, desires to embrace "the loveliness which has not yet come into the world." I only wish I could be so optimistic about my world.

In my world on Tuesday, March 12, Secretary of Energy James Watkins reported that President Bush would veto any energy legislation that did not include provisions for oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWF). This is a loaded statement for our "Environmental President." In addition to requesting the right to drill in ANWF, the president's proposed energy policy deletes tax credits for businesses using alternative energy sources and increased fuel-efficiency standards for cars and trucks. President Bush's request for an energy policy which includes domestic oil drilling should not be surprising. The Bush administration has already decided our energy policy will be one that stresses increased oil

production and nuclear power over conservation.

Just what is George Bush's new energy policy that must include drilling in the unspoiled wilderness going to accomplish? It will drain the earth of her precious fluids and destroy miles of coastal wilderness. I understand that oil is vital. I understand that, especially with the Gulf War behind us, we need to decrease our dependance on foreign oil. But I also understand that fossil fuels are finite resources.

If we continue to be so dependent on fossil fuels, then one day they will all be gone. What then will our petroleum-based society do? If I, as a Meredith College student, can see the impending danger of this, why can't a high level legislator see it? Somehow, as we slowly deplete our resources and lawmakers implement policies that advocate production rather than conservation, I can't be too

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