

# Editorial

## Out of the Ashes

The idea of destruction and resurrection has been with us for thousands of years. There is the story of the phoenix, who burned to death in its own nest and then rose up a new bird. And of course there is the story of Christ, who died, was buried, and rose again. Then there is always insurance, which lets you build a new house when something happens to the old one. Perhaps we can write a similar story of the Meredith Herald. The Herald has undergone some devastating experiences in the past year--it even came near destruction. Now this is not to say that the Herald is anything like the phoenix or insurance or especially Christ. But, if the Herald seems a little shaky, it is because we, too, are finding our new legs. We, too, are rebuilding and refocusing. We, too, are experiencing a kind of rebirth through new enthusiasm and new blood. We ask that you bear with us--give us your suggestions and ideas and support, and yes, your criticism. Help us to rise out of the ashes and become a better newspaper, one you can be proud of.

-Amy La Voy, Publications Editor

## Letters to the Editor

I think it's wonderful how Meredith students are concerned with their health by walking around the campus, but I think some of these students should show more courtesy to passing vehicles.

As I was driving around campus one day, I met three walkers who were walking side by side in the road. No one made an effort to position herself off the road, so I swerved in order not to hit them.

Unless the many walkers I see walking along the road every day are made of rubber, I suggest they respect the many vehicles that travel the same road by positioning themselves off the road when a car is coming or someone may realize the hard way that she does not bounce upon the impact of a car!

—Rue S. Lee

This letter concerns the article, "Meredith Supports Trustees", from the September 6, 1991 edition.

In my opinion, the article was biased in nature and should have been located in the editorial section. While it is true that the views expressed were taken from Dr. Weems and Dr. Cochran, the writer chose to interpret them and use her own word choice rather than use direct quotes.

Such words as "spelling the ruin of the learning institution" show her biased stand against conservatives. As a conservative myself, I was offended at how Jessica Cook painted a picture of an "ultra conservative" as close-minded and having an antagonist view against anything fun. The opening paragraph, for example, is all speculation on what the conservative Baptists would have done if Meredith had remained in the convention. Personally, I would have read the article with interest if the "conservative hatred" had been left out, direct quotes had been used, and both sides had been interviewed and represented.

Next time, please take us conservative student body members

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into consideration before attacking our beliefs (i.e. creationism, the inerrancy of the Bible). Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

—submitted by Christy Johnston

In response to the letter above, my article was not "attacking" any beliefs. When I referred to creationism and the inerrancy of the Bible, I was stating the beliefs of the fundamentalist baptists so that the student body would understand what exactly the term "fundamentalist" meant. It was a simple definition--nothing derogatory or negative was implied. No "conservative hatred" was intended.

In addition, my article was filled with direct quotes, and I interpreted Dr. Weems' and Dr. Cochran's views exactly as they stated them to me. I did not use my own "word choice." This implication that I twisted the facts is an insult to my journalistic integrity. I do, however, feel my statement "spelling the ruin of the learning institution" was indeed editorializing, and I apologize for including it in my article. Jessica Cook