

Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

I would like to address the article, "Why Can't I Have Fun Anymore?" featured in the Sept. 13 edition of the Herald.

I am a recent re-entry graduate of Meredith and I have been a homeowner on Brent Road for eight years. The essay that is to be featured in this issue of the Herald concerning the "Rise and Fall of Brent Road" was authored by me about four years ago as a English 111 assignment. I felt the tone and approach of that essay was much too mild for the conditions that prevail today on Brent Road, so I offer the following additional comments for your consideration.

Jessica, I ask you, would your parents allow you to have a party at their home, or would you consider having one at your apartment, at which: your guests urinated by the hundreds on your back porch, took beer and liquor bottles and burst them in your driveway for fun, climbed all over your car and scratched the paint, took your flower pots and threw them against your front door to break them? A party at which your parents, or you, were robbed of 500 dollars worth of power and hand tools, at which your guests put your heating and air conditioning unit out of order—and then—when you or your parents spoke up and simply asked them to leave your property (in a polite way) they replied to you, in your own home, "If you don't like it you G__D__n B__t__h then why don't you move?" Would you have, or be allowed to have, a "party" such as this? I seriously doubt it. But this, Jessica, is only part of what happened to me at the last Brent Road Bash on Labor Day weekend. And you think I should sit back and not **demand** Police protection?

What we residents are complaining about, Jessica, has nothing to do with taking life too seriously or with us trying to prevent you or anyone from having fun. Of course, that depends on what you call fun. What we are complaining about, what we are appalled at, is the total lack of respect for other people and their property—to put it mildly. We're talking about mob rule. We're talking about an attitude that says: anything goes on Brent Road 'cause I wanna have "fun," and furthermore, the property owners there should pay taxes in order to provide a street where thousands of people can come and get drunk and break the laws that apply everywhere else but shouldn't apply or be enforced on Brent Road. Even though the

residents of Brent Road abide by these laws in respect of me and my property, they have no right to expect the same from me, 'cause I wanna have "fun!" At everybody else's expense.

Don't try and come back at me with the lame excuse that all anybody wants is a place to go and you've got no place to go. You've got the brickyard and fraternities, but you can't go there and break the laws of public drunkenness or underage drinking—these places are too closely monitored. If you honestly just wanted a place to gather, you could gather there—or gather at your parents' homes. Again, what you are asking for is a place to come where laws aren't enforced and you want the private citizen to finance it and then have them sit back and watch while a drunken mob destroys what they've financed. No way Jessica. Not on my dime. Get the Brent Road Bashers together and buy your own place out in the country, large enough to accommodate your "parties" then the Bashers can vandalize their own property and steal from each other and finance it themselves. Till then, I'll not only complain, I'll fight 'em till I drop!

-Jeanne Stancil

WINGS Meeting is a Success

by Kathryn Jones

Our Sept. 9 meeting was a great success, with over 50 re-entry students in attendance. Jamie O'Briant, WINGS President, introduced WINGS officers, WINGS faculty sponsors, campus ministry support persons, and our Student Life Representative, Mercedes Taliano. She explained that the WINGS representatives and the campus ministry serve as support systems for re-entry students, while Student Life serves as a channel for initiating changes at Meredith. Sandra Close of the Continuing Education on Oct. 5 and 6. The title change of this special event, formerly known as "Parents' Weekend," now acknowledges the presence of re-entry students on the Meredith campus. As part of Meredith "Family Weekend" Dr. Heining-Boynton will lead a workshop on Saturday, Oct. 5. This workshop is specially designed for re-entry students and their significant others. Child care will be provided for children ages 1 year and up. The cost for Family Weekend is \$25 per family and includes a pig pickin' also to be held on Saturday for all family members.

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