

H U M O R

by Mary Ann Monk

ATTENTION: Next Wednesday, October 2, 1991, in honor of Abbie Hoffman's birthday, there will be a sit-in in Jones Auditorium protesting Meredith College's Baptist affiliation. Be sure to wear your Birkinstocks and any item of Guatemalen origin. Grateful Dead bootleg tapes will be played while Dr. John Saunders recites from the Upanishads. A love offering for Greenpeace will be collected. Don't wear make-up or bras. Go for that "I-must-be-a-hippie" hairstyle and emanate a natural odor. Ted O'Briant informed the Herald staff that vegetarian lasagna will be "supplied a'plenty" at the sit-in. If this event attracts a good turn-out, it will be incorporated into the annual Meredith calendar of multi-cultural, earth-friendly events, according to Dr. Tandra Somas.

No, fellow angels, this is not going to occur. the above material is fictitious. If you are a bit confused at this point in my article, please read on.

There tends to be a recent trend to acknowledge, if not pledge allegiance to, certain ideas and concerns that were once - and still are - genuine in the hearts of many. The idolization of the sixties and its heroes has gone way too far. Please tell me, girls whose cars are covered with dancing bears, did you know who the Grateful Dead was three years ago? (Oh - or were you tangled up in the pursuit of wearing "Don't Worry, Be Happy T-shirts?") Yes, I am equating your current fascination with "the Dead" with the fleeting popularity of Bobby McFerrin's infamous 1988 tune. Sadly enough, appreciation of the Grateful Dead seems to go hand

in hand with certain attitudes and behavior. Owning three pairs of Birkinstocks, displaying a Greenpeace bumpersticker, and wearing a "No Apartheid" button are easily-obtained, visible labels that associate people with an image. Unfortunately, many of those who present this image are so insincere that genuine causes appear to be just as artificial as their phony converts.

Please, stop and take a look at who you are. Do you support the Greenpeace movement monetarily while continuing to pollute the air with cigarette smoke? do you bask in the role of the bohemian, with your second-hand attire and worn-out shoes while overlooking those who have no choice but to wear tattered clothes? do you glorify philosophies and movements about which you have no knowledge or familiarity? Do you stand for a cause because you care, or because everyone else seems to care? Do you disagree with general political principles like apartheid, yet segregate within your own life?

I am appalled at the insincerity that I observe because so many of the issues of popular concern are worthy of devotion. Continue to recycle and plant trees; to protest the depletion of the rain forests, the existence of oppressive regimes, the experimentations with animals, and the censorship of the arts; to provide homes for the homeless; to explore the romantic philosophies and ideas of other cultures - **IF THESE ARE OF GENUINE CONCERN TO YOU.** If these don't appeal to your interest (may I be the first to admit that not all of the aforementioned

topics are important to me), stop dressing the part of the nonconformist and singing the songs of political and social correctness, and discover within yourself your own uniqueness. Perhaps if everyone addresses the issues that are of particular concern to her or him, the fervor of the reactionary measures will more effectively eliminate our problems.

Hey, I've heard that Birkinstocks are really good shoes, and I know that at least some of the Grateful Dead songs are good. Please distinguish between those things that are good for you and those things that are good for promoting an image. **ATTENTION:** In lieu of the cancellation of the Abbie Hoffman/anti-Baptist sit-in, a Guatemalen-bracelet burning bonfire and pig-pickin' will be held in the softball field at 9:30 pm, October 2. Be there or be square.

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Please complete all information on the form, sign, and return to The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development in the Cate Center by Thursday, October 3, 1991.

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Student Activities To Sponsor Academic Success Seminars

by Madalyn Gaito

The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development is sponsoring an Academic Success Seminar Series on Mondays from October 7 through November 18 (excluding October 14) from 4:00-5:30 in 214 Harris. The series is designed to improve your academic skills for a more successful semester, as well as benefit your entire academic career. This series offers something for every student - whether you are negotiating your first research paper, learning to manage your time, or studying for a final exam. Topics include Writing Skills, Stress Management, and Taking Notes. You may attend all or any part of the series. If you choose to attend all six seminars you will receive a certificate of participation upon completion of the series. Interested students should pick up a brochure in the box office in Cate Center or fill out the registration form and return it to the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Smith, X8660.

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