

Editorial

by Jessica Cook, Copy Editor

Almost every week, in Wake County public schools, a child is caught with a gun or another dangerous weapon. Children have died in schools across North Carolina this year because they were attacked by other students with guns or knives. Students say they need guns for self-defense; some bring guns to school just to show off. Administrators blame parents who do not secure their guns properly at home. Of the 22 guns found in Wake County schools, 18 came from the children's homes. Although parents are at fault for not properly monitoring their firearms, the real blame for gun-toting school kids lies with the American culture of violence.

Our society glorifies aggression. Children with guns are merely repeating what they have learned through television and movies. They believe guns are cool, are a way of showing power and authority, and are the only way to solve problems. Few states effectively monitor the purchase and sale of firearms. Almost anyone can buy a gun, regardless of criminal background or mental instability. If gun laws were stricter, not so many guns would be in the home. As a result, children's access to guns would be limited.

Until violence is no longer portrayed as right, cool, and necessary in the media, until children stop receiving messages from such a legitimized source as the President of the United States who promised he would work for a "kinder, gentler nation" and then declared a war, the school will cease to be a haven for learning and tolerance and will become a full-scale war zone.

How well do you know your roommate? Find out in the Roommate Game

How well do you know your roommate? Play the "Roommate Game" and find out!

First Round

March 23 - 7:15 p.m. - \$.50 per team

Second Round

March 24 - 8:00 p.m. - Free

Third Round

March 25 - 8:00 p.m. - Prizes will be awarded

Kappa Nu Sigma inducts twenty-seven at banquet

by Cindy Green

Kappa Nu Sigma, Meredith's cross-campus honor society, held its spring induction ceremony and banquet on Thursday, March 12. Kappa Nu Sigma, which stands for Beauty, Intelligence, and Sound Mindedness, was established in 1923 to promote and recognize academic excellence in all majors at Meredith. This spring 27 new members were inducted. They were:

- Heather Beard
- Jill Beeson
- Beth Bonner
- Joanna Byrum
- Kim Colston
- Michele Daughtry
- April Dawkins
- Tanya Denton
- Melissa Fleek
- Lisa Fogel
- Jan Gunn
- Mallory Hearne
- Betty Holland
- Jeanne Howell
- Karen Howell
- Karen Jarmon
- Barbara Lippard
- Lisa Lund
- Mary Dana Morrill
- Kristy Narron
- Paige Rouse
- Jennifer Smith
- Paige Temanson
- Lisa Tilley
- Deanna Turlington
- Heide Williams
- Kate Wilson

The Kappa Nu Sigma officers present were Bonnie Bugnar - President, Ann Hiott - Vice President, Larissa Reiter - Treasurer, Wendy Lawrence - Secretary, and Cindy Moseley Green - Reporting Secretary.

Dr. Tom Parramore was present and gave a speech entitled "The Doctor and the Slave Girl: Sex, Personality, and Hierarchy in the Old South."

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