

Editorial

by Kelly Parker, Managing Editor

This is it! The last Herald of the year, Edition 24. And what a year it's been. The long hours, the frustration, the bags under our eyes, the sore fingers, and the cursing have all come to an end. What progress we have made!

I want to again thank everyone who made this paper worth printing this year. To my staff, the biggest thank you of all. We covered this campus the best we could, and we have nothing to be ashamed of. In fact, I'm pretty darn proud of all of you. Keep it up next year!

To Ms. Miller and Laura Davenport, we couldn't have asked for any better advisors. Thank you, thank you, thank you for all of your effort, time and support. You two are the best, and I'm glad you will continue to be the best in years to come.

To the rest of campus, thank you for your last minute help and never-ending support. Ann Hiott, especially, you've been a blessing. And I know Jennifer was taking good notes to continue the communication between SGA and the Herald next year. Good luck Jennifer!

I feel like we've really made an accomplishment this year. From a three member, completely clueless staff of only editors to a staff of thirteen who are willing to stick with it, the Herald is ready for the coming years. A special wish of good luck to Amity Brown, future Editor-In-Chief.

I will honestly miss this campus, and the sense of home I have here. I feel as if I'm kissing my best friend goodbye. These four years have flown by, especially this last one. To those left behind, make the most of what you have left. With a sense of satisfaction, I wish everyone the best of luck in their future endeavors. Meredith is a special place: inexplicable and irreplaceable. In one sense, we leave on May 10. In another sense, we never will.

Letters to the Editor

To Members of the Meredith community:

On March 20th I was awarded the Pauline Davis Perry Award for Excellence in Teaching. I thank you all for this expression of your respect and acceptance. I would also like to share with you, the students, my thoughts on receiving this award.

While I am probably not the most humble person you have met, I was truly humbled and overwhelmed by this singular honor. I have tried to give the best that I have to the community and

it is gratifying to receive positive comments. But to have you, in the short time that I have been here, honor me with this award as an acknowledgement of your acceptance and attitude is one of the high points in my life.

I have learned much from the students, faculty, and administrators at Meredith. I value this atmosphere where women are encouraged, educated, accepted, and helped in their actualization. It is good to be here and it feels even better because of your generosity. Thank you.

Dr. David "HB" Heining-Boynton

Dear Editor,

As members of a group doing research on heterosexism, we have found some basic human rights that are denied to some members of society based on sexual orientation.

We are not attempting to change the sexual orientation of others, but we would like to see institutions change.

The Declaration of Independence assures us that all men are created equal with certain unalienable rights. Among these are the pursuit of happiness, which is often denied to members of the human race based on sexual preference. Widespread changes need to occur in all of our social institutions - religion, education, government, media, and the workplace.

As members of society, we need not to be merely tolerant, but advocate social justice for all people. A few examples may include recognizing lifetime partners on insurance claims, helping students understand and accept sexual diversity, securing jobs, and depicting homosexuals in a positive manner in the media.

In our research we have found far too many injustices based on sexuality to list in a single letter, but we have also seen slight evidence of change. We need to view sexual orientation not as a moral issue, but as an issue of civil rights.

People should not be denied institutional rights because of their skin color, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation.

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