

by Dawn Coats, Guest Editorialist

Have you ever heard the girls at Meredith called "those kind of girls?" I have and it really bothers me. For the record, I am a sophomore transfer student from East Carolina University. This is my first semester at Meredith and I love it.

Now here is the real issue. When I was accepted at Meredith, it really excited me. Therefore, I shared the news with almost everyone. Everyone shared my excitement except my friend's mother. She is the one who referred to us as "those kind of girls." Her comment annoyed me so I asked her to tell me more. She said that she had heard that Meredith Angels were a bunch of "rich, snobby witches with a 'b'." I had never visited Meredith's campus before then, so I couldn't agree or disagree with her. This conversation really dampened my enthusiasm and somewhat frightened me. I had no idea what to expect when I arrive at Meredith in August.

Now, almost semester later, I still hear a few negative comments every once in a while. But the difference is that as a student, I can take up for Meredith's student body. I can give the speaker the real side of the story. I have no idea why we are stereotyped as rich and snobby. Yes, we do attend a private college that costs a little more than a public college, but no, we are not, as a whole, snobby. The people who make these comments are obviously jealous because neither they nor their children have the grades to get into Meredith. If this is not their reason, then it is beyond my understanding why they choose to say these things.

Like I said earlier, I transferred from ECU. If all these people want to see snobby, they need to get on highway 64 and take a trip to Greenville. Almost everyone I pass in the halls and on the sidewalks at Meredith speaks to me. This was most definitely

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## Letters to the Editor

### Dining hours inconvenient

I am writing about the dining hall hours. The dinner hours (4:30 - 6:15) create problems for many students. First of all, some students have classes that conflict with these hours. This semester I have a class from 5:30 - 6:50 on Tuesdays and Thursdays— this means I have to eat dinner around 4:45 or 5:00. When I eat that early, I am usually hungry by 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. So I either order a take out or snack on some food in my room. This creates another problem— weight gain. Other students are simply not hungry during these early hours. My suite does not like to eat until after 6:00; that leaves us only fifteen minutes to get our food and eat it. And usually whatever food that is left is cold, which does not make a good meal.

A solution to this could be to extend the dining hall hours by thirty to forty-five minutes. This would allow students who have class conflicts or who are not ready to eat so early an alternative. This could also solve the problem of late night snacking and weight gain. Please consider this: An extra thirty to forty-five minutes could make a difference.

Ashley Anderson

### Study in England praised

I would like to respond to the article in the Sept. 30, 1992, issue of the *Meredith Herald* concerning the study abroad students who shared their experiences.

Everyone hears about the study abroad programs that Meredith hosts during the fall, spring and summer. These programs are popular and attract a lot of attention. While most of these programs involve a necessary second language in order to study effectively in another country, a foreign language isn't always required to study abroad.

I found the yearlong program known as Junior Abroad in Hull, England to be an extremely rewarding and enriching educational experience. However, I often wonder why it doesn't get as much publicity as the other abroad programs. It is just as important and noteworthy and even establishes a link between Raleigh, North Carolina and Hull, England, which are sister cities, although I'm sure some people don't even know that this connection exists. I feel that some sort of recognition should be made of this yearlong challenging experience in which Meredith students partake.

Just as the foreign students had suggestions about their programs, I too have suggestions about the Junior Abroad program. I too feel it is essential to relate the advantages and disadvantages so that students can get the most out of the experience. The article stated that "the evening was designed for faculty to learn more about all study abroad programs," so why were we excluded? I realize that only three people represented Meredith in England, but even though the number is small, the ideas and feelings that I have about this program are great. What's the use in learning and experiencing things if you can't share? Isn't that what education is all about?

Anne L. Fry

### Student defends Security

I would just like to say that I am tired of hearing students complain about the Meredith Security Department. Security does their best to make everybody happy, but as you and I both know, that is an impossible task. However, they do try and there is only so much that they can do without the help of both students and administration.

Security complaints range from not giving enough tickets to taking too long to let students into their

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**Correction...**In the October 7 issue of the Herald, Adele Dutton Terrell was identified as the director of the National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence. Her title is, however, Program Director.

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