

Letters to the Editor

With the threat of AIDS today, all we hear is, "If you're going to have sex, at least protect yourself and ask your mate to wear a condom." That is what a woman in Austin, Texas, did; however, her situation was a little different — she was about to be raped.

The victim asked the accused rapist to wear a condom, and when he said he did not have one, the woman provided him with a condom. I thought, "This woman is smart. How many victims would think to ask a rapist to wear a condom?" What surprised me even more was that the grand jury, which consisted of seven women

and five men, did not indict the accused rapist.

An article in the Sunday, October 25, *News and Observer* stated that one juror told an Austin television station, "...that some jurors thought that the woman's act of self-protection might have implied her consent." Self-protection does not imply consent. No one can say what she would do if she were raped. Once someone is in that situation,

she will use any tactic to convince the guy not to rape her. In this case, maybe the victim thought she could scare her attacker. The *News and Ob-*

Tracey Rawls



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Co-chairs respond to sisters

On behalf of the Junior Class, we would like to respond to the Concerned Little Sisters. Our sincere apology is extended to the Freshmen who are having problems with their Big Sisters. We realize all of your excitement and enthusiasm for the program and understand your disappointment with your circumstances.

We too have been excited about the program and remain so. Our first two years here at Meredith made us ready and willing to share our final year experiences with our little sisters. Please understand we are new at this too and yes, some of us may be to blame for your disappointment. The majority of both Junior and Freshmen classes is extremely happy and satisfied with their sister pairs.

Please accept these suggestions to improve relations with your Big or Little Sis. Don't hesitate to call your Big or Little Sis!!! If you haven't heard from her in awhile, don't be too shy about phoning just to say "Hi!" This relationship is meant to be a two-way friendship! If this doesn't work after several tries, use the proper channels to express concerns. We are the co-chairs for the Junior Class, and the Freshman Class has co-chairs as well. If you desire a reassignment and already know of a Junior or Freshman that you would like to adopt — please feel free to do so! Please note that there are no Juniors left to reassign as most Juniors have two little sisters, and some have three, but we promise some solution can be reached!

Speaking for the Junior Class, we are equally as excited about Cornhuskin' as are our lil sises, and we certainly anticipate a time of fun, fellowship, and bonding!! If we each strive to be the best Little or Big Sister we can be, our college experience will be greatly enhanced!

Thank you.
Nancy Bradley
Janet Porter
Junior Big/Lil Sis Co-Chairs

Student defends Meredith

Something has been bothering me ever since I returned to Meredith last week, and I have really been upset by what it implies to me as a Meredith student. Before I reveal my reason for writing this article, I would like to give you the scenario: I purchased a wordprocessor over fall break and the young salesman and I were talking. He asked me where I went to college; I replied very proudly, "Meredith College in Raleigh." He replied, "Oh, that is a pretty good school, but I went to State." My face turned red, and I just wanted to scream: "You big wolf idiot, where have you been — narrow-minded Neptune?" Neither he nor I would have benefited any if I would have thrown him out of the building, but I was so tempted.

Ever since I have attended Meredith I have encountered people who highly respect my college and those who believe I attend a 2-year college where I am spoon-fed and where my maid does my homework. I just don't understand! I feel like I am receiving an education at Meredith comparable to Wake Forest, Duke and certainly NCSU. I know that, but "they" don't. I would not get so frustrated if I didn't spend many weekends working on research for Dr. Gilbert's American Literature class ... reading Thoreau and Whitman right through *Saturday Night Live* or sitting in the computer lab working hours on a program for my German II class.

An understatement would be to say Meredith's faculty is demanding or professional or highly qualified, but I believe that they are tougher on us because this is a

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Correction ...

There was a typographical error in Traci Latta's editorial in the October 28 edition of the *Herald*. The first sentence should read, "... a doctor in France who infected 1200 hemophiliac patients..." Please excuse our error.

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