

I'll admit, the first time I heard the "Alma Mater," I thought it was beautiful. That was over two years ago at the Honor Code ceremony during my freshman orientation. I loved the images such as "the summer in its bloom" (6), the blushing rhododendron "on the burly mountain's breast" (13) and the slumbering waterlily (15). I thought that it was a song just lovely enough for such a beautiful school as Meredith. Since then, however, I have come to realize that this song is out-dated and does not capture the true spirit and purpose of Meredith College, the school it is supposed to represent.

One problem with the song is that it was written by one of

Meredith's former presidents, Richard T. Vann — a man. Although Vann did know and care about Meredith, he could not really know what it is like to be a Meredith student. Meredith alumnae know more about Meredith than a male president could ever know. Vann could only write about Meredith's outer beauty. He had less understanding of the inner strength that Meredith's students acquire through living in this uncommon, female-dominated society. He had

no way of understanding the deep sense of self-worth that Meredith gives us. As the male in charge, he could not fully understand the Meredith experience. The



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— Letters to the Editor —

I am writing in response to two things. One is the Cornhuskin' skit performed by the WINGS on the evening of Nov. 5, 1992. I have always been proud of Meredith's Continuing Education program, which I think seeks to give women not only the chance to continue their learning in an academic setting but also to give the "typical" Meredith undergraduate a chance to interact and to learn from female role models who have valuable life experiences to share.

However, Thursday evening of nearly two weeks ago I was not so proud. I saw and heard who I had thought to be one of Meredith's strong points parading around on the amphitheatre island, carelessly tossing around as many sexual innuendoes as leaves being blown off of the trees. It reminded me of last year's faculty skit.

Although I do enjoy having WINGS as a larger part of our campus and working with them closely on and off campus, and although I do realize that only a few of the WINGS were actually involved in the skit and that it was out of fun, I still had great concerns for our campus well up within me that forces me to make one point clear. And that point is there are many young Meredith undergraduates who are struggling to be all God created them to be, and they expect older women at Meredith to exhort and uplift them in this pursuit — especially from women older than themselves who are role models. To conclude this first point, the skit did not exhort or uplift me and many others to be pure, holy women of God (Proverbs 31:26, 29-31).

The second thing I wish to "express," as Madonna would sing, is that the younger undergraduates have a responsibility on this campus, too. "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity," as Paul, not Ma-

donna, would say in 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV). Yes the "younger generation" is also to exhort and to encourage others to godliness in Christ Jesus. Perhaps if we better executed this admonishment from 1 Timothy, then our older counterparts would not think that thirty minutes of sexual innuendoes would just make our day.

I pick on Madonna here partly in response to the Nov. 4 "Counterpoint" in the *Herald*. Yes, I do not have to buy, sell, see, hear, or watch things I find to be "morally reprehensible." However, I do have to put up with the results of such "morally reprehensible" behavior, when friends, family, students, and others are getting AIDS, getting STD's, getting pregnant, getting abortions, getting raped, getting abused, becoming sexually immoral, and becoming emotionally and psychologically damaged, and even dying. You can honestly believe, as some of the high school students I teach do, that what you see and hear does not affect you or others. But it does affect you and others around you, and its consequences are more far-reaching than you could ever imagine. Therefore, if we must suffer a little pain of discipline now in order that we may not have to experience the overwhelming pain of regret later, then let us be bold and persevering to do so (Joshua 1:9). Thank you. Matthew 28:18-20

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Student addresses plumbing

I have noticed this semester, more than any other, that the plumbing on this campus leaves much to be desired. Maybe I notice it more this semester because I am on campus for longer hours than ever before (I am a re-entry student); it is nevertheless an annoying problem. The problem is this: nearly every time I need water, the water pressure is VERY low or nonexistent. When I'm thirsty and go to a water fountain for a drink, I usually would

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Correction...

The lead Cornhuskin' story on page one of last week's *Herald* contained incorrect information that the freshmen had won the sweatshirt competition at Cornhuskin'. The sophomores and juniors tied for first, the seniors came in second, and the freshmen were third. We regret any inconvenience caused by this misinformation.

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