

Letters to the Editor

In February of this year, President Clinton proposed a \$2 per pack tax on cigarettes to help pay for the health care reform. As a farmer's daughter, I am very much against this tax.

All of my life I have lived on a tobacco-producing farm, and farming has provided our livelihood. Not only my father but also my mother is involved in the tobacco business because she owns and operates a tobacco warehouse.

My family is only one of thousands of farmers who would be put out of business because of this tax. My family, as well as the other thousands of farmers, would lose our home and our family farm. My family, just like all the others, has farmed all their lives, and farming is all they know how to do.

I am graduating from college in May of this year, and I had planned to return home and work with my parents on the farm and in the warehouse. I love the farm and the work involved in farming. If

this tax is approved, then not only will my parents be out of a job, but I will also. Not only would this tax take away my job, but it would rob my family of everything that is so special to us: such as our home, our farm, and our means of making a living. This tax would prove detrimental to farmers, their families, and the tobacco industry in North Carolina.

During Clinton's campaign, he promised to bring jobs back to the

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American people and not take them away. He promised to be for the American farmers and not against them. This

tax is against the farmer and will put an end to the American tobacco industry. With this new tax, North Carolina alone would lose over 70,000 jobs, and this loss does not include the loss of jobs in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina,

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I would like to congratulate the *Meredith Herald* on the great job they are doing with the new format of the newspaper. I have really begun to look forward to the publication each Wednesday. It is great to have a newspaper that now comes out at a consistent time each week. The copy is also improved very much with editorials such as point-counterpoint and the very touching personal experiences.

I just wanted to say that the staff is doing an excellent job on keeping the *Meredith* community up to date and informed on current issues and issues concerning us as women. I also believe that with this improvement people will continue to express their opinions and experiences throughout the newspaper because of the professional attitude you have delivered to the student body.

Congratulations *Meredith Herald* staff, and keep up the great work!

**Angela Pridgen,**  
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**Student defends security**

For the past three years I have spent at least ten hours a week in the office of security as a student worker. Over the three years I have realized just how security is treated by everyone around campus. The student body, as well as the faculty, can't be pleased; however, it is impossible to please everyone. In my opinion, if everyone would just give security the support they need, more duties could be accomplished.

It seems to me that the responsibility of security is to patrol campus, give tickets and boots when needed, and do bank

runs for the accounting office. It isn't security's duty to go pick up vans for every department on campus and service all vehicles on campus. Students complain that tickets are given some days and other days they are not given. It is hard to give tickets when you're having to run all over town to do errands for everybody else.

Working in security is a losing battle. Now don't get me wrong, I wouldn't change the past three years of where I have worked for anything. Security isn't as bad as everybody makes them out to be. Faculty complain about students' being in their parking spaces, while some faculty park where ever they want to even if there is not a space for them to park in. Students complain that tickets aren't being given enough, yet when one of those students complaining parks out of place and receives a ticket, then they complain about that. Now do you understand what I mean about "Security can't ever win!"

Another complaint is about 3rd shift security. Only three officers are on duty during the 3rd shift (that is all security's budget can allow). One must remain in the gatehouse at all times while the other two officers patrol campus, lock up dorms and classroom buildings, and let girls in after closing hours. It is impossible to be everywhere at the same time. For example, if six girls come in at the same time after closing hours, an officer can't possibly let all of them into their dorms at the same time, especially if two are going to Vann, two to Faircloth, one to Poteat, and another to Heilman. Somebody is just going to have to wait.

The whole reason behind my

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**Correction ...**

In the March 24, 1993, edition of the *Herald*, we identified Janine Russell as Jeaneen Logan in one of the pictures from Little Friends Weekend. Also, in the basketball pictures, we identified Kim Taylor as Trisha Sparks. We apologize for any inconvenience our errors may have caused.