

by Traci Latta

Every other week or so a brand new CD comes out in record stores at the whopping price of \$14.98 (sometimes even more). For most of the college student population, that kind of cash is hard to come by, and if we have even that much it usually goes for laundry, a good meal at Taco Bell and Hillsborough Street beer money (for the few of us who occasionally indulge to lower our cholesterol). So what a great number of us end up doing is heading down to Schoolkids, The Record Exchange or CD Superstore to pick up the CD a few weeks later when they sell the demo CD as used for cheap. I used to think that this was a great deal.

This past week record executives from RCA held a press conference to discuss the sales of used CDs and decided that the RCA label would no longer allow their artists' CDs to be sold as used. This decision holds much controversy since there are

quite a few CD outlet stores that depend solely on the sale of used CDs. What these CD outlets are not taking into account is the number of artists who lose money when these outlets sell their CDs for \$9.99 (sometimes even cheaper).

One artist who made a huge stand against the sale of used CDs is country music star Garth Brooks; he has issued the decree that his CDs are not to be sold as used. At first I thought, "Why did it matter if his CDs were sold as used since he has more money than he knows what to do with?" When I heard him explain his position on *The Tonight Show* last week, I understood why the sale of used CDs are not that great.

Brooks pointed out that he is not the only one who gets the money off the sale of his CD. There are the songwriter, the musicians, back-up singers, production crew and the record label who each get a part of the sale. When a CD is sold as used they are not getting their fair share of

money for their work. These people have families to clothe, feed and provide shelter for, and they have bills to pay as well.

So when a huge corporation like RCA pulls out a major stop like they did this week, it wasn't because of

greed; it was for the protection of their artists.

So the next time you are getting ready to buy a used CD, think about the number of people, besides the artist, who depend on the money that you are forking over.

### Welcome back Seniors!

It's time to look back on your years at Meredith and make a list of what you've accomplished -- not only for your resumes, but also for your Senior Statistics in the 1994 *Oak Leaves*. We need to know your full name, home address, home phone number, major, and, finally, the list for your statistics. To do this, you need to first examine what clubs and organizations you've been an active member in since you first walked under the rainbow. After you've made that list, put a "1" next to it if you were in it your freshman year; a "2" next to it if you were in it your sophomore year; a "3" next to it if you were in it your junior year; and/or a "4" next to it if you were in it your senior year. Please put the numbers in increasing order, and in front of the corresponding number write if you were an officer.

Drop your statistics form in the mail to Amy Clark, Oak Leaves Office.

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Home Address and phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

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We hope that you work hard in and out of classes and reach your personal best. Classes can get tough, but the reward is great if you know you've put your all into them. You'll hear more about us as the semester goes on, and we hope you'll strive to be in Alpha Lambda Delta. Call me at 7816 or June at 7671 if you have any questions. Good luck!

Sincerely,

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