

Editorial: The perfect angel

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OK, so it's mid-term. We're all—um—experiencing the pressure of a multitude of expectations (from family, professors, friends, professors, ourselves, professors . . .). In our half-crazed fit of procrastination, we've drawn up a little sketch of the "perfect" Meredith student to—er—inspire you to persevere (or to amuse you). Re-entry students and commuters, we apologize for the dorm-dweller bias here, but we believe you'll get a chuckle out of this too. Here goes . . .

This "ideal" Meredith student is always calm, cool and collected—always under control; she is very professional. She is very diligent in her work. She easily studies until 2:00 a.m. every night and gets up at 7:00 a.m. every morning. However, somehow in between she manages to

get eight hours of sleep. She always showers and puts on make-up before her 8:00 class (she never skips any of her classes!). She always has her reading and homework done on time. She holds down a part-time job and, in her spare time, tutors for free. She's a member of a foreign language club, the psychology club, and three honor societies. Of course she is an officer in at least two of those organizations. She attends all club meetings, class meetings, and convocations. She is a hall council representative and a fire marshal. She is a teaching fellow and an honors student and (of course) is on the dean's list every semester. During Cornhuskin' week, she writes three papers, takes two tests, attends all practices, serves on a committee, and is a word. During the summer, she manages to find time to go to summer school, to travel abroad, and to work

full-time in an internship.

She eats three well-balanced meals every day but never gains weight. She owns all the Meredith sweatshirts/t-shirts. She walks every day and attends aerobics sessions three times a week. She is active in her church. Her room is always spotless. Last year she ran for SGA office.

She regularly spends time with

her suite and takes her little sisters out; she also has a steady boyfriend. She always has time to listen if a friend has a problem. She always remembers her friends' birthdays and decorates their doors. She goes home every weekend.

She never stresses out.

Good luck!! And remember . . . these are the best years of your life!!

Letters to the Editor

I am writing to you in response to the September article, "Student Report Closes Case," that was in an early edition of the *Meredith Herald*. I feel that Meredith should do more for its students than offer tips on how to protect themselves; they should offer self-defense as a physical education course.

I played a personal part in Heather Norman's experience; I picked her up on the Meredith mile right after she was attacked. I was very upset and also scared by what happened to her, because I never imagined anything of the kind would ever happen here at Meredith. When I entered the gates of Meredith I felt a sense of security, but much of that evaporated that night and even more since another girl was attacked a week later. You never know what is lurking

around the next dark corner, and that is why I feel that it is the duty of the college to at least make self-defense readily available to its students.

If self-defense was offered as a class it would promote awareness to Meredith students about the importance of self-defense. In world where one out of every eight women in the United States will be a victim of rape (a statistic from the Medical University of South Carolina), Meredith needs to promote the safety of its students. As a student here at Meredith College I feel that one of the main goals of this institution is to better prepare young women for the world that is ready and waiting, and self-defense is a tool that would empower a young woman in today's world.

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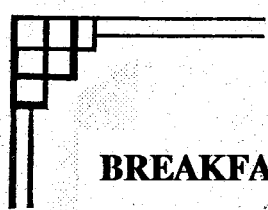
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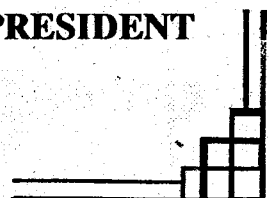


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To facilitate conversation, the breakfast group will be kept small, and reservations will be accepted on a "first come -first serve" basis -- so call today to reserve YOUR place!!