

Editorial: Dangerous driving

by Arinn Dixon

A funny thing happened to me the other night; I was driving back to Meredith at about 12:30 a.m. on Edwards Mill Road. You all know where that is—that long, lonely stretch of road between Crabtree Mall and Old Raleigh Shopping Center.

I was just going along when I saw this dead thing on the side of the road. Thinking of the effects of a small mammal on the underside of my muffler, I swerved. Immediately blue lights came on behind me. I checked my speedometer, which read 42 miles per hour. I figured the officer thought I was drunk and swerving, so I put my blinker on and started to pull over in the grass.

Then a thought struck me. Hadn't I heard something about a "Blue Light Bandit" lately? That guy had a police car and police uniform and would pull women over under the pretense of a traffic violation and then rape them! I clicked my blinker off and gunned it. There was no way in this world I was going to stop on the side of this deserted road where the chance of getting help was nil, so I kept going and

going until I reached Old Raleigh Shopping Center and pulled into the parking lot. He pulled up behind me and got out.

I am not kidding when I tell you that the officer was upset with me for not pulling over right away. Did he think I was seriously stupid enough to subject myself to that kind of danger? We had a few choice words and I got a verbal warning for both my swerving and my "attitude against authority." Did that officer really not care that at least four women have been raped in the area by this bandit? Did he not think this was a real problem?

Well, I do. Meredith girls listen up! If you are ever in that kind of situation, look for two things: a siren and flashing headlights. It has been reported that the "Blue Light Bandit" does not use either. And no matter what, do not pull over for anyone until you are in a well lit area with lots of people around. Always be careful when you drive. Since the Raleigh police don't seem to want to worry about this, we're going to have to.

Campus Election '94:

Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, September 7: Election Workshop I (101 LED)

Thursday, September 8: Election Workshop II (101 LED) 6:00 p.m.

[one workshop is required by ALL freshmen who run for an office]!!

Friday, September 9: Filing Ends at 12:00 noon

Monday, September 9: Freshmen Speeches (Chapel) 8:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, September 14: Run-offs during lunch and dinner (BDH)

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