

## Editorial: Keeping with tradition

by Shannon Batts

I have been at Meredith College since the fall of 1991 (minus one semester), and in that short time I have seen the breaking of old and the making of new traditions here.

Cornhuskin' is one of our most famous traditions. The mention of the word "Cornhuskin" to present and former students of Meredith College can spark memories of fun-filled competitions and harmless pranks. Cornhuskin' should be fun and should spark camaraderie among students; it should be a positive tradition for all students.

Although I did not participate in the activities this year, I observed a few things that severely irritated me.

Some pranks are not harmless, and sometimes fun is lost in competition.

Early one morning during the week of Cornhuskin' in the middle of the courtyard, I had the displeasure of seeing a soap-filled fountain and a message written on the bricks surrounding the fountain attaching blame

to a certain class. It is unnecessary to pollute water and give groundskeepers more work for the sake of competition; it is also unnecessary to mercilessly tease or criticize members of an opposing class. However, I was most disappointed and irritated by the lack of sportsmanship displayed at the end of the competition.

Although Cornhuskin' is a tradition, the winning of the competitions is not and should not be. "May the best class win" should be our mindset. No where is it written that seniors should win first place, juniors- second place, sophomores-third place and freshmen-fourth place.

This fun tradition was not to many of those who expected to win first and did not- should anyone automatically expect to win in a competition? And to those who do win, it is never necessary to gloat.

I'm sure many people were pleasantly surprised and shockingly disap-

pointed a few weeks ago when the winner of this year's Cornhuskin' was announced, but that give no one any right to bash another class.

I was embarrassed at the behavior I saw and surprised when persons that I respected openly whined because they lost. Cornhuskin' is a wonderful tradition...I hope it stays that way.

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