

Who is President Weems?

From the Editor

A friend and I were talking about graduation the other day and she asked, "You know what I'm going to say to President Weems when he hands me my diploma?"

"Nope," I said. "What?"

"Nice to meet you," she said.


I thought that was really funny at the time, but the more I thought about it, it stopped being funny and started being sad.

Who is President Weems? Would students know him if they saw him? I haven't ever seen him at a Spring Fling, a Family Day, a ring diner, in the academic buildings, walking around campus, or in the cafeteria. From what I understand, Weems and many of the other administrative staff have their meals brought to them by the cafeteria workers. I understand that a person can be busy, but not that busy. If he has too much to do to walk down to Belk for a sandwich, a cup of coffee and a conversation with a table of students, then he needs an aide or something to help him out.

According to Erica Balmer, SGA president, Weems is basically a fund-raiser for the college and that takes up much of his time. Hello? Meredith has an endowment in excess of \$43 million. With that under his belt, I think Weems can slow down a bit and take time to be interested in students personally. Even walking through the courtyard in the middle of the day would make him visible to the Meredith community.

He is our leader, yet he is not accessible. Those who have concerns take them to other administrative personnel. He represents us to the trustees, yet he doesn't talk to us. He is out of touch with the women on this campus and is making no effort that I can see to change that. I can understand that happening at UNC-Chapel Hill, a school of 22,000, but not at Meredith College, a school of 2,400.

End note: I noticed that Dr. Weems hosted a party for 2nd Heilman students involved in the fire. That's a great idea, but there's something casting a dark cloud over it: does it take a tragedy to make President Weems interact with the student body?

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Letter to the editor: Stop the finger pointing, please

Where is it written that only the bad news makes the headlines? Ever since the fire in Heilman two weeks ago the entire campus seems to have erupted in nasty name-calling. Most of this has been directed unfairly at seniors, labeled the "problem" class.

This is entirely unfair, especially since Barefoot Dorm is where the majority of 2nd Heilman students found new housing. The MC grapevine is also reeling with the rumors that the other classes and even certain professors have been equally uncooperative and insensitive. It's my opinion (and there will be plenty of you who will disagree) that this finger pointing has been blown way out of proportion.

Sure, there were some girls who were treated terribly, but I think you would be hard pressed to find many seniors who would give this type of treatment their seal of approval. It sounds like every misplaced student was given an ugly reception, but I believe these were only a few scattered episodes. It is never right to make generalizations about the majority based on the actions of a few, but here we all seem to be pro's at the blame game.

For a change let's all work on "accentuating the positive". For once we need to send out a message we are thankful, yes thankful. Most importantly no one was killed or severely injured. And now take a minute to stop, open up your eyes and look around at all the good things that have happened.

There were staff members, security, administration and students who we've all seen working night and day to help out. So many students gathered clothes, gave a shoulder to cry on and opened doors wide for Heilman students.

Rather than letting this drive us all apart, let's turn the tables and let it pull us closer together instead.

Don't forget to inform students

By Elizabeth Pegram

The note was posted outside my RA's door: MEA Mixer, Thursday night, 9 pm-12 am. In other words, guys on campus. That night, I, along with several other girls on my hall, was looking forward to the party. We got dressed up and set off to look for it. We were not exactly sure where the mixer was being held, but we didn't think that it would be too hard to find. We first checked the gym because we were told that was where it was usually held. After finding the gym locked, we began to wonder. We walked all over campus, determined to find the party. We realized that it hadn't been publicized on campus, but it was in the Student Activities calendar and outside our RA's door. After all, we would have heard if it had been canceled, right? Next, we noticed that we were the only ones who seemed to know about it. Things were

getting "curiouser and curiouser."

We gave up at 10 pm after searching for 30 minutes. By that time, we had looked almost everywhere. I, however, refused to be all dressed up with nowhere to go. When someone suggested Applebee's, I jumped at the chance. So that is how four members of third String ended up at Applebee's until eleven o'clock last Thursday night, having more fun than we could at any mixer.

I later found out that the mixer had been postponed. My question is why weren't we told? Did MEA think that students wouldn't notice? The organizations on campus need to do a better job of keeping the students informed of what is happening. Even though I had fun with my alternate plans, it would have been nice to know ahead of time that there was no mixer. When the event is rescheduled, please make sure to let us know.

Meredith By Tory Hoke

