

Letter to the editor: Spirit of Cornhuskin' excellent

Dear Editor,

Cornhuskin' is sponsored by the Meredith Recreation Association. This organization works hard to prepare for the week of Cornhuskin', and a lot of time and energy are put into every detail. The students of Meredith College are the women who plan and organize every aspect of this tradition. Again, I say the students.

There are a couple of people who need to be addressed for their actions during the week of Cornhuskin':

—To the faculty member who did not wish to cooperate with MRA when asked to move to the appropriate seating section:

I can only say respect is something that should be given to everyone, no matter what age, color, or ethnic group they may be. You among all people should know this since you teach it. We are all adults here and should be treated like it. Students give teachers respect in the classroom and therefore it makes sense that teachers should give us respect when at an event organized and planned by the students.

To the students who did not wish to participate in Cornhuskin':

No one should be forced to participate in something they do not wish to. The problem is when those people show no respect towards the ones who wish to participate. Cornhuskin' is the biggest tradition at Meredith College and is enjoyed by many students, staff, faculty, and alumnae. In the future if you wish not to take part in the events held on campus, please show respect to those who dedicate their time and energy to make the event a success.

My past experience with Cornhuskin' was not what I thought to be pleasurable but that changed this year. I can honestly say, "I had FUN!" I feel the students need to be commended on the warm and friendly spirit presented during Cornhuskin'. Even though there were disappointing times and hard decisions needing to be made, the overall attitude of everyone was excellent.

I would like to thank all the classes for their hard work and dedication during the week of Cornhuskin'. I would also like to give my appreciation to the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development for their continuous help and support. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Kelly Conkling
President, Meredith Recreation Association

Editorial: Delay in mail a big problem on campus

By Kristin Davis

As a college freshman, I found it difficult to leave the high school friends that I had grown close to. Before leaving home, we exchanged addresses, hoping to receive an occasional letter from each other. But when I arrived here at Meredith, I found that those letters came few and far between. And sometimes it wasn't because my friends weren't writing.

I found that the mail system is somewhat of an inconvenience. I have no problem with the outgoing mail. I've mailed letters, and they've been received the next day. But I have a hard time understanding the delay in incoming mail.

My mom has a thing with mail; she is a greeting card freak, and she loves sending cards. She sends me close to two or three a week. Because my home town is only an hour away from Raleigh, she mails the cards hoping they will be at Meredith, in my hands, within two days (three at the most). She asked me once, "Have you received the Thanksgiving card I sent to you?" At that moment I realized I had not received any mail from her in a week. The next day when I went to the mail box, I had four cards from my mom (and the Thanksgiving card was not present). I simply don't understand why there is a delay in getting our mail out.

And it's not always something as trivial as a greeting card or letter. I had a friend who was expecting a paycheck from her employer here in Raleigh. She needed the check by the end of the week, and her boss mailed the check Monday to be sure it got here in time. Needless to say, she didn't get the check on time, and she thought that perhaps her boss forgot to send it to her. After spending a weekend borrowing money, my friend received her check the next Monday.

I've tried to get used to going to the mailbox and walking away empty handed and disappointed. I understand that Meredith's post office is not overflowing with employees and that mail for over 2,000 women can get pretty deep. Maybe this is an indication that more help is needed. All I'm asking for is a little timely mail!

Letter to the editor: Women of the 90s should respect each others choices

Dear Editor,

It was often told to me during my childhood that it is not wise to pass judgment on others. It is wise, however, to fully research a topic before you discuss it openly. I am writing in reference the recent article in the *Meredith Herald*, concerning women who work at Thee Dollhouse. I feel that it is necessary as women of the 90's, to recognize and respect others' opinions and choices. In order for anyone to understand why someone does something you must either discuss the matter with them or experience what they are going through. Did you interview any of the women who work at Thee Dollhouse before you formulated your opinion? If you would have done so, you would have realized that several of those women are college students who are paying their own tuition. As a matter of fact, a few of them are Meredith "Angels." You would have also discovered a few divorced mothers who are trying to raise their children, despite the lack of input from their ex-spouses. You would have also discovered that, although they work in such a place, they are extremely intelligent, hard-working, goal oriented women who realize the importance of an education. If you would have given the situation further thought, you would have realized that there are men in a corporate setting who rob, kill, and cheat their fellow man for a dollar. There are also "men" who dance and strip for a living. So, whether the money is being stuffed in a G-string or being acquired through a hostile takeover is beside the point. What is important is that we should all learn to stop passing judgment upon each other. It is not up to us to judge why someone does something. It is up to us to do what we feel God wants us to do: respect our fellow human being, love one another, and be supportive. I feel extremely uneasy when people pass judgment. We must always think about things before we open our mouths to express an opinion. It often saves us from a lot of heartache and it prevents us from having to eat our words. I guess we will have to agree to disagree on this one, Arinn.

Sincerely,
Daphne O'Neal

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