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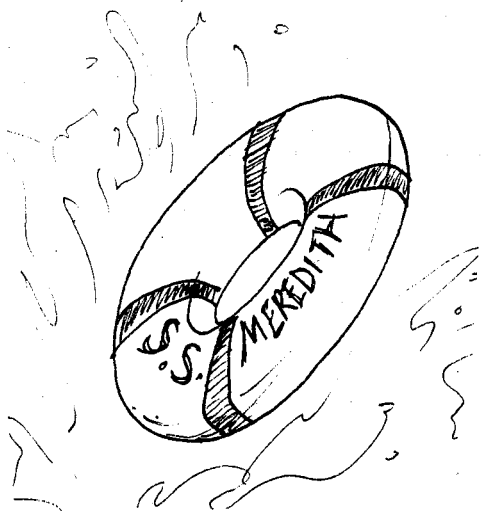
The literary magazine staff is currently working on the next publication. Students were encouraged to submit poems, photos, drawings and other artistic works for publication in the *Acorn*.

On Friday, students were invited to meet the editors of the publications over juice, muffins and doughnuts.

Though it was hard to compete with the Rosie O'Donnell hour, several students asked questions about submissions to the *Acorn* and the *Herald* letters to the editor concerning the recent elections.

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The Incident Management Committee watches the future as much as the present. The Committee thrives on feedback from its members and those of the Meredith community as to how it can improve its policies and procedures.



"If a recent incident has occurred, we meet to review what went well and what we might learn to handle future incidents better," said Cannon.

"Our big goal this year has been to put together an emergency handbook that we hope to have in all classrooms and residence hall rooms by fall 1998. The most important thing for everyone to know is that

every crisis is different. It does take a whole community working together to make it through difficult times."

Editorial: Belk needs to revamp its hours

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Staff Reporter

For the most part, I don't have many complaints about Belk Dining Hall. The food, regardless of the fact that it is cafeteria food, is actually pretty enjoyable. In the very least, it is edible. Of course, the cafeteria has its good and bad days. However, even on the bad days, there are always available alternatives, such as the salad bar and the deli line.

The one major problem that I have always had with the cafeteria is the limited hours. The dining hall is open 7:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. for breakfast, 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. for lunch, and 4:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. for dinner. These hours are very impractical for a college student's schedule. Many students are unable to work a meal into these hours because of classes, jobs, or other responsibilities.

The dining hours very frequently force students to spend money on fast food and groceries. The costs of buying food

add up very quickly. This is a ridiculous waste of money because students have paid for a meal plan providing 21 meals a week.

This leads to another problem. Why aren't students offered different meal plans from which to choose? Since the hours are so limited, and many people are unable to eat at each designated meal time, why are students forced to pay for 21 meals a week? The limited dining hours also cause bad nutritional habits. The most popular dinner time is 5:00 p.m. Because college students generally stay up until the early hours of the morning, it is natural to be starving by midnight, which is seven hours later. This leads to late night snacking, and an occasional visit from Papa John's. Late at night is the worst time to eat, but it is next to impossible to avoid the temptation while listening to a growling stomach. If the cafeteria offered later-dinner hours, this problem could be avoided.

POINT

COUNTERPOINT

Who should attend convocations?

When I realized how few people were actually at Founder's Day, I was horrified. I could not believe so few students showed up to honor the founders of our school. Founder's Day is much more than an opportunity to see everyone in caps and gowns. The speaker and topic were very interesting, but most students probably don't even know who the speaker was because they did not have the courtesy to show up.

I feel certain that when the attendance requirement for convocations was dropped, it was not with the intention that only faculty should show up. I would like to think that, as adults, we can make responsible decisions, but apparently we can't. Maybe freshmen don't realize what convocation is or why they should be there, but even that is a stretch. I would have been embarrassed if we asked an off-campus speaker to present the Founder's Day convocation, because they would have realized just how pathetic our campus can be (I think Dr. Taylor already had an idea of how slack students can be).

We owe it to those who take the time to come to our campus to speak to at least show up. Many people wonder why the convocation committee does not bring big names to campus, but why should they? We have not proven that we deserve this. When Dr. Thrift came to speak on the history of women's colleges, I was not surprised by the lack of attendance, despite the interesting topic and knowledgeable speaker. Those of you who did not make it to Founder's Day and other convocations are missing out. Too bad for you.

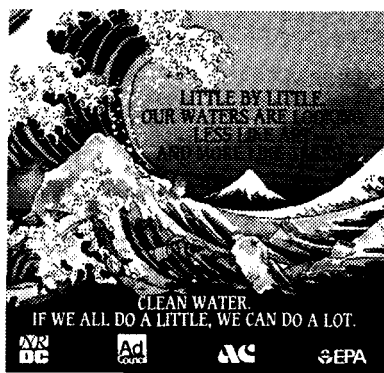
- S.E.C.

My first reaction to Founder's Day was, "Where is everyone?" I know it may seem that the convocation is just for faculty to dress up and the seniors to try out those caps and gowns, but it actually was for the whole college. So where were all the students who should have been celebrating our college's birthday? The more I pondered this question the more I realized one thing: who cares where they were?

I think what was important about the "crowd" who attended Founder's Day is that the people who came actually wanted to be there, and, at Meredith College, that's the only crowd you want. Think back to the times when convocations were mandatory, and being rude was the rule rather than the exception. Students talked during the speech as if they were at a bar, or discussed what took place that weekend, and need I mention the rush out the doors at "ten 'til," despite the fact that the invited guest was making a climactic point? It makes you wonder why anyone would come speak at Meredith College.

All this is to show that a small crowd may be just what works at this school. For once, I was able to enjoy listening to the convocation speaker rather than just hearing the girls beside me whose teacher made them come for extra credit. But the best part came when I didn't have to hear the chorus of book bag zippers at ten 'til eleven as people put away their projects and fled to class (or more likely lunch). This convocation was small in number, but great in manners and attention.

- O.O.C.



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