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## Opinion: If you can't drive, take a cab

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I have come to a very important conclusion in the past week: nearly half of all Americans got their drivers licenses illegally. That's the only way I can think of to explain the way people drive today.

First of all, I would like to tackle the issue of the alleged "woman driver." Listen, fellas, we women are not the bad drivers. It seems to me that the men are always the ones driving in excess of 15 miles per hour over the speed limit, shifting lanes and cutting people off with reckless abandon while never once using a turn signal.

Most women do not engage in this kind of driving. Women can't be totally excused from speeding, but at least it's only around five miles per hour over. And they seem to know how to use a turn signal.

Indeed there are some scary women drivers, but this does not mean they are bad ones. It simply means that their turn signal means something other than, "Hey, I am turning left/right now." It means, "Hey, I am coming over whether you like it or not, and I haven't checked my mirrors in the past 30 minutes other than to check my make up."

Here is a brief personal example. I was coming out of Wellspring the other day, poised to proceed straight onto Faircloth. I obviously had the right-of-way over those turning onto Wade Avenue across from me. When the light turned

green, I pulled into the intersection, but much to my surprise, so did an old fogey in a Lincoln who was turning onto Wade. I paused to see if he would speed up, but he paused as well. So I proceeded, assuming he had awoken from his driving stupor and realized it was indeed my time to go. Instead, as soon as I sped up, so did he. In frustration, I threw my hands up in the air, and I will be darned if he didn't do the same thing back to me.

There is only one word to describe people like these: MORONS.

Speaking of morons, let's discuss the topic of driving literacy. It must have been my imagination when I thought that in order to obtain a license in the U.S. one had to know everything in the DMV driver's manual, including meanings of words such as "stop," "yield," "slow" and "caution."

Once again, I am proven wrong by the driving public. For example, take the familiar sign, "Slow traffic, stay right," which is used on many interstates. Now I ask you, how many times have you been driving along minding your own business in the fast lane when you all of the sudden run up on someone doing 40 in a 55 mile per hour fast lane? Did you also know that it is technically illegal for you to pass this person by going into the right lane? What's a good driver to do?

Maybe the issue lies in the definitions of fast and slow.

For example, 65 in a 65 on I-40. This would be a prime example of SLOW driving. If you like to go the speed limit on major interstates, do the general public a favor and stay in the slow lane.

If you are questioning whether you are one of the guilty, here's how to tell. First ask yourself how many times in the past year you have had to replace your rear bumper due to interstate collision. If your response is more than five, you are extremely guilty of annoying at least 50 percent of the American population. Also, ask yourself if you have had severe vision depletion over the past year. If so, then more than likely this loss is due to an excessive number of usually passive people flashing their high beamsto get you to move over.

Now, in most Americans' defense, I fully recognize that most people are perfectly fine drivers, men and women alike. However, this piece is to straighten out some facts, warn you of the dangers of bad drivers and clarify some common road vocabulary.

So best of luck to you all as you go through your day to day driving regime, and may God be with you.

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## Meredith chooses seniors for Who's Who

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Dean of Students

The 2001 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* will include the names of 31 seniors from Meredith College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders. They join a group of students from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning. Students were selected based on their scholastic achievement, service to the college, participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities and potential for future achievement.

Each department submitted the names of 12 students in nomination for the award, and a special committee selected by

the Student Life Committee consisting of students, faculty and staff met to make the final selection. Students named this year from Meredith are as follows:

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