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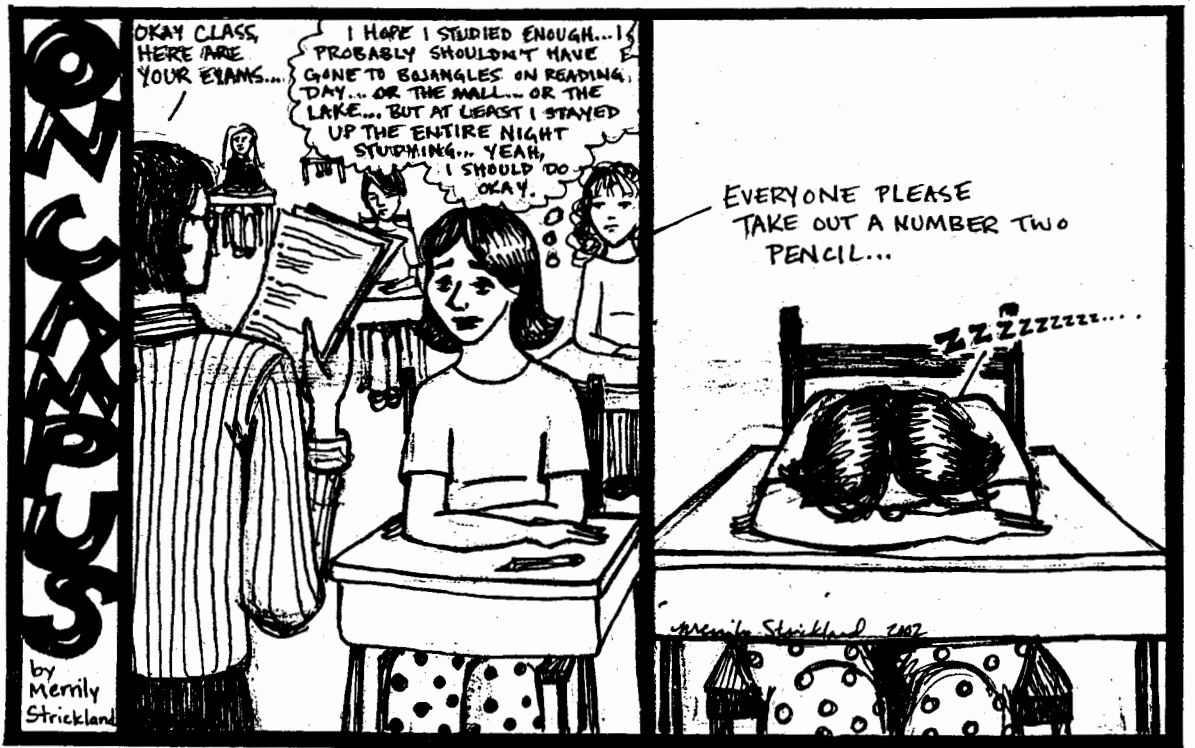
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The Campus Forum

We should be building one another up, not tearing one another down, says reader.

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to the letter ("As students representing Meredith," April 17, 2002, Letters) concerning the public display of affection that occurred at the activities fair while incoming freshmen were visiting.

Since then, letters have been written in response to the letter writer's attempt to "purify" the Meredith community.

Men and women are consistently seen holding hands and kissing around campus. Although men and women were not seen doing so at the fair, the fact is there are no men involved in Meredith activities, so there was no chance for public displays of affection to occur there.

And I must point out that the two women at the booth have

yet to be seen on top of each other with their legs interlocked anywhere on this campus or in any other public place.

However, I really am more appalled by the second set of letters that have been posted and displayed on the bulletin board of first floor Faircloth.

All this has done is further hurt more individuals and

with our sisters and friends.

How true does that ring if we are tearing each other down?

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We are all women and we all have the right to choose the way we live our lives.

If we can't be supportive of each other here, how can we ever be supportive outside of Meredith's gates?

Isn't that why we all came here in

their beliefs.

What we all need is to realize that we are one within these walls and that we should be supportive of everyone's beliefs, despite their sexual preferences.

We claim to attend a school where a bond stronger than life is formed, where we unite

the first place--to grow and learn from one another and to become independent women that gain the strength and self confidence to take on the world?

Sincerely,
Blair Ruark