

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have to say that after I began reading the opinion piece on parking in the September 17th issue, I started to laugh. Then as I moved on, I became angry. The comment that "there is no place on campus that is safe to park," is completely contradictory. Every assigned parking space is safe and is assigned specifically for that reason. The safe place for a commuter to park is in the commuter parking lot!

I have been a commuter for two years and I have yet to have any problems finding a parking space. I refuse to complain about parking when I have friends who attend NC State and have many more

problems with parking than we have at Meredith. Now, they have reason to complain. If you only have to leave 20 minutes early from home to make it to class on time, you are lucky. A friend of mine that attends State has to leave up to an hour early to reach class on time and has to be on campus 20 minutes before class starts just to walk across campus to get to that class. At ECU, there is virtually no parking. I attended ECU myself for a short time and discovered that even though I was on the bus line, I had to leave my apartment, which was only five miles away from campus, at least 45 minutes early to be in class on time. Dealing with parking is

a part of college life just like exams and applications-you have to deal with it and should worry about things that are more pertinent and truly have an impact on your time in college. I wish my major concern was due only to how far I had to walk to class. Meredith has made this part of college a lot easier for us commuters to endure by having such ample parking. It is rare for colleges to have such parking as Meredith has.

Take responsibility for your actions. It is not the college's responsibility to ensure that you leave home on time to make it to class. That is our responsibility as students. We know where we should park and it is our

responsibility to make plans to ensure we are on time. I hate to sound cliché but if everyone decided to park in those unused parking spaces that was referred to, then the people that are assigned to those spaces will be out of luck and they will have to walk.

And the answer to the question of whether it is "worth it to make us pay \$25 more because we are parked a few spaces down from our assigned one," is yes, it is worth it. It is called the law. Would you park in a handicapped spot when you go to the mall? No. Meredith is an institution just like any other where there are rules and regulations that we must follow: whether you agree

with them or not. My question to you is if you park a few spots away from your assigned spot, why don't you just move down those few spaces to your assigned spot to begin with? If you choose to do the crime, be prepared to pay the fine!

If right and wrong were determined by convenience, then maybe the student body should demand valet parking. This would truly bring an end to the horrendously stressful parking conditions imposed on Meredith students.

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor. All letters must be signed but may be published anonymously. The Herald reserves the right to edit letters for length and/or offensive content.

Dear Editor:

The fine amounts for tickets are absurd. While I agree that we should be fined for breaking the rules, I do not think there is any need for the excessive amounts of the tickets. I recently received a parking ticket because I parked in the doctor's space outside of Tech Services. I did not know that this was the doctor's space because the paint specifying whose space it was was covered up. I had to take my printer and my computer to Tech Services to be fixed and since I had

to run an errand, I decided to just drive over there. I did not know it was the doctor's space and it was the only space open. I was there for 15 minutes and received a \$50 parking ticket. I think this is crazy! There are a lot of girls on this campus who cannot afford \$50.

A \$15 or \$20 ticket is understandable. But a \$50 ticket? Campus police needs to give us a break and lower the fines.

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Class of 2005

Community Calendar

Travis Tritt & Montgomery Gentry concert at Alltell Pavilion at Walnut Creek Saturday, Sept. 27

The Jam'N Bluegrass Style Bluegrass Festival will be begin tomorrow and last through Saturday, Sept. 27 at the N.C. State Fairgrounds. Visit www.jam-n-bluegrass.com for more information.

The Raleigh Little Theatre will present *Dames at Sea*. It will open tonight at 8:00 p.m. and run through September 28.

India Fest at the N.C. State Fairgrounds is Sept. 27 from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Campus Calendar

Psychology Club Pig Pickin this Friday, Sept. 26 at 6:00 p.m. behind Ledford. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children 4-12 years old and free for children under 3. Purchase tickets before Thursday Sept. 25.

Conversations with Colleagues: Geographic Info System, What's that and How can I use it? A presentation for faculty on how to use GIS in their classes by Mr. Neil Jacobs and Dr. Carol Hazard at 10 a.m. in the Chapel Commons Room on Monday, Sept. 29.

W.I.N.G.S meeting tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in Joyner Lounge

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