

Letter To The Editor

The election of 2004 has turned into a tormented game of "he said, he said." In this election, those who lie are revered and those who are truthful are degraded. Since when has the United States respected and supported those who inaccurately represent our country? Did we not fight a revolution some two hundred years ago in order to have our voices heard? Why would we, the people, allow a President to remain in office who only maintains his own unwavering opinion and not that of the people? Why is it that the United States values someone who staunchly

stands by his opinions, whether right or wrong, over an individual who is able to remain a respected senator and adapt his opinions? The United States has a President in power that claims to be respectable and unwavering in his position. Well, we are right on the latter. President Bush is definitely staunch, not to mention hardheaded and dogged.

George W. Bush has managed to become the ultimate mindless president. Not only is Bush incapable of thinking independently and objectively, but he has also allowed millions of American people to robotically fol-

low suit. I never knew until this election that the American people would simply follow any opinion set before them as if they were sheep.

Although Bush has routinely stood by his decisions on nearly every occasion, John Kerry has been lucky enough to bear the burden of flip-flopper. Kerry may change his mind, but I would prefer a candidate who has the ability to change his mind rather than one who robotically maintains the same opinions regardless of what has been brought to his attention. Thankfully, John Kerry thinks independently and

objectively, thereby making him a flip flopper.

I prefer a candidate who can adapt his beliefs in light of new information, rather than a candidate who mindlessly preserves his own beliefs in order to appear strong and of course, to gain another vote for loyalty. If the American people have any concept of respect they will vote for a flip-flopper, at least flip floppers have the respect for themselves and their nation to modify their agendas even if it is at their own expense come election time.

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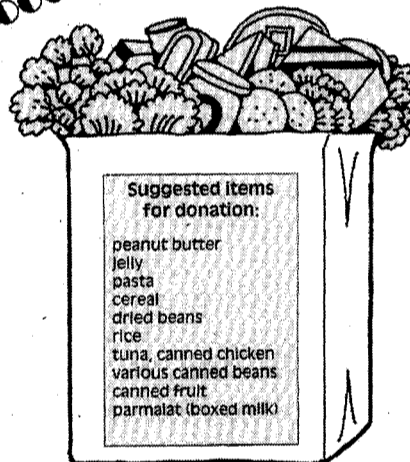
Naked in Baghdad author to visit Meredith

Anne Garrels, author of this year's Summer Reading Program selection, *Naked in Baghdad*, will visit Meredith on Monday, September 27, meeting with students and giving a public lecture. Garrels is an award-winning foreign correspondent for National Public Radio. *Naked in Baghdad* recounts her experiences while covering the Iraqi conflict over the past two years. She is known for her reporting work in a number of "hot spots," including Russia and the Balkans.

Garrels will speak informally with students, faculty and staff from 2 until 3:45 in Kresge Auditorium. She will answer questions and discuss the media and world events. This program is sponsored by the Communication Club and the History and Politics Club. Students are encouraged to drop with to ask a question or share their views.

The evening lecture will be held at 6:30 p.m. in McIver Amphitheater. In case of rain, freshmen are guaranteed seats in Jones Auditorium. A reception for the Meredith community will follow in the Rotunda. Garrels' visit is supported by the Offices of the President, Academic Affairs, Student Development, and First Year Experience, as well as the Mary Lynch Johnson Endowed Chair. Garrels will also sign books at Quail Ridge Books on Sunday, September 26 from 7 until 8 p.m. For more information about these events, contact Chrissie Bumgardner in the Office.

Crisis Food Drive



Suggested items for donation:

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The Meredith College Office of Study Abroad invites you to meet with representatives from BUNAC

Thursday, September 23,

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Belk Dining Hall

BUNAC, the British Universities North America Club, offers programs for young people wishing to live and work abroad. BUNAC participants can combine the everyday life of a country with exciting travel possibilities to destinations such as London, Dublin, Edinburgh, Vancouver, Australia, New Zealand, or South Africa. BUNAC representatives Gemma Parker and Karen Spicer can answer your questions about the types of programs, finding a job, program costs, living costs, and how and when to apply.

Thursday, September 23 is the only day BUNAC will be on our campus this semester. Don't pass up this excellent opportunity!

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