

OPINION

Whines & Gripes

(email yours to herald@meredith.edu)

Dear fellow MCGS, please learn how to park without taking up two places.

To the cop who was outside of my car with a stopwatch while I was parked in a 15 minute spot. Really?

To the professor who assigned an exam, a midterm essay, and a 30 page reading due before spring break: pay back comes in the form of student evaluations

Dear Suitemate,
Please wash your dishes that you've left in the bathroom.

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Would You Like Some Cheese to go with that Whine?

Meghan Grady

Each week, I flip to the final page of the Herald and read the anonymously composed "whines and gripes." Well it seems as if there is a recurring theme: BDH. Much to my dismay, typically present is a negative comment about this facility. Perhaps, you did not read these opinions from previous Herald editions so I will catch you up. This past week, the remark was centered on BDH's chicken noodle soup.

Let's see, I believe the exact statement was "BDH: your chicken noodle soup sucks! For the love of God, get some Campbell's." The preceding week I found, "BDH: What's up with suddenly switching the fried side and the home cooked meal side? It just adds more unnecessary confusion to my life." I find these statements somewhat irritating. I also found it very ironic that in the latter edition, the front page news story highlighted the earthquake that struck Haiti. Now you want to discuss "unnecessary

confusion," think about these citizens, some of which have lost their loved ones, their homes, and are without food and sanitary water sources.

My question is: could you just be grateful that you have something to eat? There are many people in the world who would be thrilled to consume one meal a day and you are whining about not having name brand soup. What if you were one of the kids in nearby schools whom Meredith students recently prepared food-filled backpacks to send home for the weekend. The reason the Backpack Buddies program is set in place is due to the concerns from the school's faculty that the students go home each weekend and might not be provided with a single meal. Could you imagine not being able to eat something for the whole weekend? Guess not, you're too busy griping about all the hot meals you receive that fail to be up to par with your refined taste.

However, I cannot say I have never grumbled about or turned my nose up at something that I have eaten (not specifically BDH food). I think it is human nature to focus on what is negative about your day, all the while ignoring the positives. Often I take for granted all the amenities that life has afforded. I complain about having to study for a test, when I really should be thankful that I am in a position to receive a college degree. Sometimes, I think to myself that I have nothing to wear, when my chest of drawers is filled with clothing. I have gotten impatient waiting at a doctor's office, when I'm blessed to even receive quality health care. The key point I am trying to make is that most of us need to be more appreciative of what we do have in life. Just try to make an effort to be content even when you are consuming food from the dining hall!

Let Your Sign Be Your Guide...to Intern Tiffany Roche, Staff Writer

A common question on campus in early spring is "What are you doing this summer?". Some of us have planned to study abroad, signed up for summer school classes, or reserved our lounge chair on the beach. If none of those options hold appeal, an internship or job is a perfect way to beef up your resume and gain some valuable experience. There's still time to let your sign be your guide.

Aries (March 21 - April 19): I know you can take it, so I'll be blunt: Your "my way or the highway" attitude combined with that killer confidence normally works for you, but most jobs at this stage in your career won't let you be CEO for the summer. One word: Entrepreneurship. Take classes to learn how to start your own business or shadow someone who already has.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): You're not a risk-taker when it comes to your future security. You're prepared to work harder than 10 people combined provided there is a guaranteed reward. Seeking internship positions that will lead to job offers after graduation is good advice for anyone, but for the stability-seeking Taurus it is essential. Look for positions in well-established companies or the government.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20): Your short-attention span is legendary, so turn your ADD tendencies into a positive attribute. The solution is a job that keeps you on your toes so you won't get bored. The hotel/restaurant management industry, tourism and travel agencies, or public relations will provide enough unpredictable chal-

lenges to keep you interested.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22): Intuitive and compassionate, any internship that promotes the best interests of others (social advocacy, medicine, etc.) is probably a good fit. However, it would be a mistake to overlook less-obvious jobs that cater to your nurturing instincts. A variety of businesses need workers that possess your natural customer service skills.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): To call you conceited is unfair: It's not your fault you shine just a little bit brighter than most. Seek internships that supply the attention and status you crave. Consider working as an assistant to a high-profile professional or well-known politician. Performing as a tour guide at a popular venue might also be rewarding.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Everybody knows you already have the next 5 years of your life carefully mapped out (and color-coded with lots and lots of lists in sheet protectors), but even a sign as detail-oriented as yours can use some guidance. Virgos love to serve and their superior organizational and critical-thinking skills are welcome in research, editing, and data analysis.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): You're one of the few that can turn a run-of-the-mill administrative support position into a networking opportunity. You are a born diplomat capable of juggling multiple office personalities while balancing the demands of the job. Search for jobs that will allow you plenty of "face time" with movers and shakers and reject those that will have you organizing files in corporate Siberia. A congressional internship in Washington, DC would be a great match.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Self-motivated and passionate, Scorpions are well-suited for jobs that requires a great deal of intensity and concentration. Internships in forensic or research analysis, emergency response, investigative journalism, or social justice law might appeal to you.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Your restless nature won't allow you to settle for working 8 hours a day in windowless sea of cubicles all summer. You perform best when you're able to travel, help others, and work outdoors. Consider an international volunteer program in a less developed country. It's a great option for a generous, globetrotting Sagittarius.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): Money is your motivator because it leads to power, which is your ultimate goal. You're ambitious and hard-working enough to make an unpaid internship pay off in other ways, but a commission-based job will fund your (not-so-secret) plans for world domination.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): Can you see yourself as a professional juggler, inventor, underground magazine editor, or pot-bellied pig breeder? Perhaps not, but you're more progressive and open-minded than most signs. Independent, intellectual, and a little stubborn, you welcome the chance to carve out your own path. The type of job doesn't matter as much as the freedom to be innovative and self-directed.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): Pisces are often naturally imaginative and artistic, an advantage in many fields besides the fine arts. You might enjoy the more creative aspects of marketing if you're drawn to business. Graphic design or computer animation is ideal for lovers of technology.