

Editorials

What is your favorite holiday beverage?

- A) Peppermint Hot Chocolate
- B) Spiced Chaidier (Chai and Cider)
- C) Pumpkin Latte

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Which social media network do you procrastinate the most on?

- 37.5% Facebook
- 25% Tumblr
- 0% Twitter
- 25% Instagram

Results from last issue's poll

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accepting submissions!
Send your poetry, short stories, and
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Letters to The Editor

Dear Editors,

The Meredith Community is known for being a diverse and welcoming community. We have students from thirty-one different states and forty-two different countries. This is something to embrace! College is the place to learn about different cultures, religions, and ethnicities, to break out from your comfort zone and learn something new. Learning about other peoples' traditions and beliefs are experiences to be valued. Also, sharing your beliefs with friends and peers should be a chance for you to share your culture with someone else as well. Learning about different beliefs can be very interesting and enlightening if you open yourself up to other opinions. This does not mean that you have to abandon your own culture or beliefs, but it just gives you the opportunity to learn something new. Talking about differences is hard, especially when you have always been told one thing, and then you meet someone who has been told the exact opposite. But religious and cultural differences can be a great conversation to have with someone, as long as both parties are respectful of one another. As Meredith women we should be open and welcoming to all of our sisters and excited to hear about the different backgrounds that we all come from. Dialogue is great, so in order to keep this dialogue going, please join SGA at the Student Life Forum on November 19th at 5:30pm in Belk Dining Hall West to hear from your peers and provide your own input on how we can strengthen our Meredith community!

Caitlyn DeBona, President of Student Government Association

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Please include your name and email address.
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Meredith Hacks: Life Hacks for Avenging Angels!

This week: Gift-giving on the Cheap
Kristen Hight, staff writer

As the semester's end quickly approaches, the season of gift-giving will be here before we know it. While material possessions are definitely not what "the most wonderful time of the year" is about, it is always nice to give someone something just to show them that you care. However, buying presents gets expensive. Are you on a college-kid budget this year? Here are some Meredith Hacks to help you get through the season...without crushing your bank account.

1. Channel your inner Betty Crocker. Are you a wizard in the kitchen? Put those culinary skills to good use and save some dough this season! (Pun intended.) There are endless recipes on websites like Pinterest for easy-to-make, delicious cookies and candies. Just put your culinary masterpieces in cute, festive tins from Target or Walmart, and voila!

2. Give the gift of relaxation. Purchase a little basket (or just use a cute gift bag) and fill it with inexpensive, relax-

ing things like fuzzy socks, small scented candles, a box of tea, a chocolate bar, an eye mask—you get the idea. Anything that promotes coziness and leisure is perfect, and a gift like this will make your wallet relax a little bit, too.

3. Get crafty. Do you love to knit or crochet? Make a batch of scarves or hats for your loved ones! This takes a bit of planning, as making an entire scarf can take a while, but the finished product will be way more cherished by the recipient than if you had just gone to a store and bought one.

4. Memories last forever. One of the sweetest gifts I have ever received was a scrapbook from my best friend that illustrated our entire friendship in pictures we had taken together over the years. If someone on your list is extra close to you and loves pictures, this is perfect. Just buy an inexpensive scrapbook kit (Walmart and craft stores have them for next to nothing) and fill it with pictures of you and your pal over the years. If you don't want to do an entire album, buy one of those side by side frames and put a picture of you and your friend from when you were

younger on the left, and a more current one on the right. It's just as sentimental, but way less time-consuming.

5. Another sentimental gift that costs almost nothing is a compliment jar. This is a great thing to give to someone you admire, as it is a bit more personal. All you need to make this is a mason jar, some ribbon, paper, and a pen. Cut the paper into fairly small strips, write a sincere compliment on each one, fold the each one, and drop them into the jar. It's up to you how personal the compliments are, as well as how many you put in the jar. You don't have to only use compliments, either—you can also write quotes, verses, or even draw little pictures. Next, simply tie a ribbon around the neck of the jar, and screw the lid on. The last step is to write the recipient a little note instructing him or her to draw one slip of paper per day. It's so sweet, super cheap, and a lot more touching than, say, giving a fruitcake.

The season of gift-giving doesn't have to be expensive. It's possible to be cheap and still give awesome presents, and these gift ideas are sure to spread some holiday cheer.



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