

Editorials

Never Trump

Emily Chilton, Associate Editor

As the primary presidential elections continue, the likelihood of Donald Trump as the Republican candidate is becoming more and more real. While many hoped that Trump's campaign was somehow a long, drawn-out joke, April Fool's Day has come and gone and we're still left with the glaring possibility of a Trump presidency. Typically conservative voters (such as myself) that would be likely to vote for the Republican candidate are faced with a choice of voting for the liberal candidate, someone that they probably completely disagree with, or Trump. If anyone needed convincing at this point not to vote for Trump, to vote for literally anyone but Trump, here are a few reasons.

He's reversed many of his own previously held positions, seemingly in order to appeal to Republican voters. One example is the complete 180 that his position on abortion has taken; whether you're pro-choice or pro-life, it's not a good sign that Trump has completely changed his mind just to run under a certain party.

Trump is misogynistic and degrading toward women. Comments include: completely irrelevant sexualization of a woman during an interview; continually commenting on the attractiveness (or lack thereof, according to him) of particular women and relating it to whether they can do their job; actually saying on live television that if Ivanka Trump were not his daughter, perhaps he'd be dating her; and attacking Megyn Kelly

for apparently no other reason than her hard questions in a debate.

He mocked a disabled reporter, again on live television. Trump mockingly imitated a man with a disability which causes his hands to shake. Again, the only reason for this cruelty seemed to be the reporter's criticism of him.

Trump is anti-Muslim, but only when it serves his purpose of getting elected. He has spouted islamophobic rhetoric, yet does huge amounts of business in majority Muslim countries and lists Islamic businessmen among his close friends. If he actually believed everything he has said about the Muslim community, he would be ideologically bound to cut off these personal ties. What's worse: someone spewing hate that actually

fundamentally believes it, or someone spewing hate (which has already had terrible effects) that he doesn't believe just to appeal to or stir up actual xenophobes? The danger seems to be much greater in the second case; Trump readily adopts harmful and problematic messages.

All this, to say nothing of the increasingly eerie comparisons to Hitler's rise to power.

I'll leave you with this haunting quote:

"If I were to run, I'd run as a Republican. They're the dumbest group of voters in the country. They believe anything on Fox News. I could lie and they'd still eat it up. I bet my numbers would be terrific." - Donald Trump, 1998 in his search for power.

Letter to the Editor

Meredith Hovis, Contributing Writer

After months of gathering petitions, comments at Meredith College, and coalition sign-ons, I am ecstatic to hear that President Obama publicly reversed his decision to pursue offshore drilling in the Atlantic in March. The coastal waters off North

Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia are being removed for oil and gas drilling. The Obama decision represents a great victory for the North Carolina coastal environment and the beauty of the pristine coastline. The decision was announced by Interior

Secretary Sally Jewell. Secretary Jewell stated that the reversal "protects the Atlantic for future generation."

Thank you to our President, Meredith College community and other activists across the state who have stand firm to keep our coasts

protect. North Carolina has a bright future to continue to prosper our local economy and preserve the beautiful coast. Together, with the power of the people, we have won this battle.

CSA Day Schedule

Morning Conference Sessions

- Poster presentation- 7:30 AM -9 AM, Carlyle Campbell Library
- Teaching and Learning: Educating Children and the Public - Ledford 101
- Laboratory Science: Research and A Closer Look - SMB 162
- Literature: Classic to Contemporary - Kresge Auditorium
- Social Science: Quality of Life, Diversity, and Immigration - Ledford 111
- Business and Related Topics: Research, Renovation, and Cryptology - Harris 110
- Communication & Media presentations - SMB 118
- Octavia! performing - Carswell Concert Hall

Afternoon Conference Sessions and Events

- Clinical Practice and Human Emotions - Ledford 101
- Scientific Field Research and Sustainability -SMB 162, 1:40 PM
- Studies in the Humanities: Gender, Feminism, and Film - Kresge Auditorium, 1:30 PM
- Art History and Picturing Time - SMB 118, 1:30 PM
- International Programs: Study and Research Abroad conferences - Harris 110, 1:40PM
- Performances and Exposition - Carswell Concert Hall, 1:40 PM

Women of MC

Katie Murphy, Staff Writer

"I was in a hard place when I started applying to colleges. I had really low self-confidence, and I had a feeling that colleges would see right through me and wouldn't accept me. When I came to tour Meredith, something changed in me, and I didn't realize it until I was driving back off campus again. At that point I realized that Meredith was going to help me. When I chose Meredith, I really chose myself. I've accomplished so much since I arrived, and I'm confident enough now to know that I'll do a lot more before I graduate. Meredith didn't see through me, they saw right into me!"
- Annie Morin, '18

