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Thought for the day . . .

That which is gone out of thy lips thou shall keep and perform.
Deuteronomy 23:23.

A Welcome and a Challenge...

Already new students and faculty members have been extended many greetings, but we of THE TWIG staff would like to add another by welcoming each one of them to Meredith College. Around us we see a campus filled with new faces, new names, and new energy and enthusiasm. Soon, however, new-found friendships will replace unfamiliar faces, and keen enthusiasm will be manifested in many campus activities. Truly we have begun this school year successfully. We believe that those to whom Meredith was only a name are beginning already to sense the prevailing spirit of friendliness, Christian thinking, and wholesome living that reigns here. Not only are they becoming conscious of this spirit, but they are feeling themselves a part of all that Meredith stands for. Soon they, like those who have already come to know and love their college, will feel a very real part, an active part of the Meredith family.

Such a successful beginning should lead to untold accomplishments as the year progresses. As we go forward, each student's individual and cooperative contribution and participation will determine not only her record here, but will collectively set the record for the school. Activities and organizations on the campus offer opportunities for the pursuing of special interests, for actively participating in extra-curricular activities, and for the developing of leadership.

We of THE TWIG staff hope that we may be able to help new students in becoming acquainted with all activities on the campus and in helping them feel the true Meredith spirit.

Orientation Week . . .

Orientation week on the Meredith campus this year was begun and carried out quite efficiently. Three student organizations, the Student Government Association, the Baptist Student Union, and the Athletic Association, should be recognized for the large part they played in making it a success.

Nancy Harris, Flora Ann Lee, Elizabeth Shelton, Mary Gertrude Turner and many other campus leaders worked ceaselessly organizing groups, planning training classes, providing entertainment, and in various other ways welcoming the new students in a genuinely friendly and helpful manner. These organizations, these girls were admirable representatives for Meredith. They should be highly commended for their part in successfully carrying out a well-planned orientation program.

FRESHMAN QUIPS AND QUOTES ABOUT FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Florence Moore, Graham, "The sweetness and friendliness of the girls impressed me most."

Jerry McArthur, Goldsboro, "I knew I'd like my second home from the very first."

Bettie Brickhouse, Warrenton, "Meredith is O.K. by me."

Elizabeth Weston, Warrenton, "From the first I knew I'd like to stay here."

Sara Davis, Inez, "Just give me a little more time to make up my mind."

Frances Moore, Raleigh, "I think I'll like it here."

Ann Cowart, Birmingham, Alabama, "Meredith girls are the friendliest people I have ever known."

Mildred Bullard, Chadbourne, "Such an awful day to start college! But—a bad beginning always makes a good ending."

Marguerite Bullard, Stedman, "This is one visit to Meredith when I don't have a round trip ticket. I'm sure I won't be sorry."

Eva Kitchin Edwards, Scotland Neck, "This is the friendliest bunch of girls I've ever seen."

Grace Whitehead, Scotland Neck, "The campus is beautiful and all the girls are so nice."

Eloise Thomas, Weldon, "The girls are so friendly I won't have a chance to get homesick."

Osee Mac Johnson, Enfield, "I was scared!"

Margaret Hope Smith, New Bern, "It's the friendliest place I've ever seen."

Lela Butts, Angier, "My first impression of Meredith was the way the faculty and students helped us and showed us around."

Mary Faye Perkins, Pikeville, "Meredith is wonderful."

Phyllis Harrington, Portsmouth, Virginia, "I like Meredith all right now but I expect to like it better as I stay longer. It is very friendly."

Ruth Hannon, Moncure, "Meredith is a very friendly and likable place and the longer I stay the better I like it."

Susan Graham, Enfield, "My first impression of Meredith, muddy and sloppy though it was, was that it is one of the most cheerful and friendly places I've ever seen."

Billie Hart, Salemburg, "The friendliness of the faculty and students impressed me most."

Dorothy Sadler, Anderson, South Carolina, "I think Meredith is a wonderful institution and I hope every moment will be profitable."

Frances Hallis, Laurinburg, "Meredith is far above my greatest expectations."

Nancy Hall, Oxford, "I love it!"

Marianna Worth, Indian Head, Mary-

land, "I was just crazy about Meredith, even though it was raining the first day."

Marie Badgett, Oxford, "This is a wonderful 'Angel Farm'."

Helene Klingbeil, Walpole, Massachusetts, "At first the dorms looked just like a hospital, but I just love it now."

Aileen Belton, Winston-Salem, "The girls here are all so nice and friendly."

Colleen Brown, Winston-Salem, "The vitality, personality, and school spirit of the upperclassmen impressed me most."

Bettie Horton, Ellerbe, "The friendliness of students and teachers was very impressive."

Irene Covington, Ellerbe, "I felt at home the minute I entered and I love it."

Willowse Weathington, Winterville, "I am satisfied with my choice of a college."

Martha Allen, Rockingham, "The girls were so friendly I felt welcome and a part of things from the first."

Martha Hooks, Dublin, Georgia, "Would the rain continue forever!"

Annette Miller, New Bern, "At first I wondered if I would be able to stay until October 13, but now I know I can."

Louise Hunt, Oxford, "I hope there will be more time than there is now to get things done—Always in a hurry."

Doris King, Raleigh, "How friendly everyone is!"

Harriete Littlejohn, Greer, S. C., "Meredith was very pretty and also very wet."

Julia Powers, Wallace, "Never had I seen so many smiling girls."

Iris Scarborough, Mt. Gilead, "How pretty Meredith is, even in the rain."

Dorothy Patrick, Charlotte, "Elegance hidden behind walls of dignity."

Edith Cooper, Falcon, "Every tree looked beautiful in the downpour of rain."

Brownie Roberson, Washington, "Meredith is one of the friendliest places I have ever been."

Rosemary Dean, Louisburg, "It is a very friendly place."

Elizabeth Colvard, Rockingham, "It is a lovely place filled with friendly girls."

Nell Parker, Enfield, "Meredith is a friendly place, but very wet."

Jean Fleming, Middleburg, "The place is beautiful and the girls very friendly."

Rachel Lynn Inscoc, Castalia, "Water, water, everywhere!"

Betty Jean Hefner, Greer, S. C., "When the mist cleared it was wonderful."

Jennie Lou Newbold, Elizabeth City, "It is very pretty and the spirit of friendliness is very welcome."

Sauntering with Sawyer

by LIB SAWYER

If you have read as far as the title of this column, you may hope with a tug on the imagination that, slow as it may be, it isn't quite at a stand-still yet. What you think at the end of it is, unfortunately, left to your own opinion.

As our speaker at the formal opening of school said, it is a great temptation to refrain from giving advice, and as temptation usually wins every battle with me, I have no choice but to succumb. Forgive us, freshmen, but we just can't resist it. It adds years to one's ego, you know, sophomore, or otherwise. Of course we don't expect you to listen; that's tradition, but let us give it for our own benefit, will you?

Ego setter-upper number 1.

The catalogue insinuates that you have come here for an education, but that is mighty easy to forget with all the new, intriguing clubs and activities you are invited to join. They are fun all right, but they take time and work on your part too; so if anybody would listen, I'd say wait a little while until you get on your feet and know how you stand. Then go to it! Upperclassmen, am I right?

Ego setter-upper number 2.

Obeys the rules. You can't enjoy

school or feel a part of it unless your conscience is not bothering you. You will also sleep better nights. (Don't ask me where I got my information.)

Ego setter-upper number 3.

You were known in high school for some talent. Don't be afraid to let Meredith know it, because it needs you and all you can give it. Or maybe you have a sort of secret desire to do something that no one appreciated at home. Well, you have a whole new life awaiting you here. Nobody knows what you were in high school, so make your personality into what you have always wanted it to be.

Ego setter-upper number 4.—(I'm beginning to sound like Ma Perkins.)

Take time out for making friends. Friendships are what you will remember when even your sheepskin becomes a bit musty.

Ego setter-upper number 5.

Honestly try to attend as many of the recitals, concerts, lectures, and forums as you can. They are worth the time and, well I started to say money, but most of them are free. Besides, your folks sent you here to be broadened,

CATTY-GORY

Oh—phooey! I don't care if I gain every single bit of that weight I lost this summer—I'm goin' to the Bee-Hive and get me some of that "yummy" lookin' chocolate ice-cream!

Hi ya, Snoopum, dip me up one of those huge dips—say what has been cookin' around here lately?

Huh—what's that you say? There are some new girls on our campus?—Nitwit!!! Those are freshmen. Boy, they really are "getting around" in a hurry!! Do you know Lena Glenn Highfill? She really does string 'em up! She writes six letters every single night and puts the stamp on each one of them upside-down!! That doesn't even include a "certain sailor" who is coming by to see her next week-end on his way home from over-seas!

Snoopum, did you hear all that screaming on third floor Stringfield last night? A State Wolf called and the lucky gal ran down the hall screaming—"I've got a date." Madelyn Clinard is another lucky gal but she's havin' trouble makin' up her mind. One night it's Harold, then it's Jack, and then it's Harold again! Wonder if I could be of any help—and don't you call me a "Girl Sprout" either!!

I heard Robert Cooper say that he was very favorably impressed with the Astro's—wonder if Jane L. had anything to do with That—Speakin' of the Coopers—the "Doc" was just the "sweetest one" when he brought three girls a huge cone of ice cream each, all the way up to the sun-porch of Jones and Faircloth on the 3rd floor!

Harriet, who makes dresses sprinkled with funnies here and there, got two bracelets in the mail from two different males for no special occasion at all—not even a birthday or anything!! That must be love!

Speakin' of love, have you seen these third fingers decorated with wedding bands among the Senior class. Jo Dorsett Kornegay practically has to carry her finger in a sling! They all say—"I love him more and more every day."

Snoopums, let's keep on snoopin' till we find us one of those—hey! all my chocolate ice cream has melted—that's what I get for snoo—!!!!

didn't they, and not only in the dining hall.

Ego setter-upper number 6.

And remember that you aren't expected to be good already at everything you attempt to do here. Too many of us miss a lot of fun by failing to participate in things we like because we are afraid we aren't good enough; especially is this true in sports. Oh, I suppose, like everyone else and including myself, you have skinned your nose or knees (whichever is most prominent) while pressing against a tennis wire or leaning on a riding ring and have made the conventional remark: "Now if I only could play like that. . ." Well, that is about the only excuse for being only a spectator that seems completely invalid to me. Sure they can play better than you, but just think how they must have looked the first time they held a racket or rein. No, that excuse holds about as much water as the Sahara. Why not say you just don't like the game, because if you did, you certainly could play it.

And if you think somebody may laugh, well, it isn't everybody who can get a laugh out of a "serious college student." Who knows, you may be entering into a career at comedy and get the last laugh after all. But the main point is all the fun you miss spectating. Why, you may know all the rules in a book backwards, but if you don't feel the grit in your teeth and the sweat in your hands, the game is merely a diagram on page 7.

I don't mean you should play every game, necessarily, but pick the games in which you would most like to excel and dig into them. It is a wonderful thing to feel skill perfecting itself inside you, and it won't take long.

And let the champs have the top. Perfection must be so dull, for what fun do champs have anyway, with no more workouts to conquer?

Well, I think six advices is about six too many, especially from one who should be on the receiving end, so good-bye for now, and thanks a lot for giving my ego about a 99 per cent boost.