

Behind the Door of the S. G. Council

Nancy Brown

"What in the world do you all do in that meeting for an hour and a half every Monday night?" Because members of the S. G. Council hear such questions so often, we know that students are interested in what goes on in our meetings. With this issue of the TWIG we shall initiate a feature intended to tell you something about council activities. For example, let's take the meeting of Monday night, March 8. It was a lengthy session, lasting an hour and a half. What did we talk about?

Well, first we welcomed Becky Calloway, your president for next year, who came in as an observer. She is going to be with us through the rest of the term, but will not be a regular council member.

We are proud to announce that the returns for room check for the first month in the new semester were on the whole, very good. Faircloth was at the top of the list with no rooms having 2 D's or F's; Stringfield and Brewer were tied with one each, but as for Vann—whew! They had 13! What happened, girls? In accord with our newly established plan for rooms receiving 2 D's or F's, these rooms were checked for a week by the House Councils and proved satisfactory. We were pleased that the plan worked so well and hope that all four dorms will have clean slates next time.

Also, a new plan concerning the number of week-end privileges granted to a student was discussed by the members of the council; no conclusion has been reached as yet.

Did you go to the open house in the Hut either of the last two Saturday nights? If you didn't, you really missed something. It was a decided success, and we are going to try it as often as we can. Watch the bulletin board to see what nights the Hut will be open. Don't forget — it's for all of you and your dates, and we hope you will enjoy it to the fullest.

Have you thought about the honor code lately? In this meeting the council spent quite a while talking about how it applies to all of us. The chief matter was the dual system of responsibility that the honor code entails; as you know, the way it is set up we are really responsible for our behavior and that of other people too. It is not our obligation to tattle on somebody; of course, we

have all been warned against that ever since we can remember. In accepting this hardest part of the honor code, we may be helping a person to develop in the right way and keeping her from more trouble later. We are learning to live as adults in a community while we are in college, and here we find a very important aspect of maturity in the acceptance of responsibility. The council members are very much concerned about the honor code as it affects both themselves and the student body which they are representing. We decided to read the honor code again and to rethink what it means to each of us personally. If each member of the student body would do the same, we think there would be on the campus a new consciousness of what it means to be a part of the Meredith community. If you will take a few minutes to read the code, maybe you'll have some thoughts to pass on to us.

Have you seen the new S. G. room? We are thrilled to be in our new home. In fact, we were so happy about it that we celebrated with coffee and cookies. Patsy is having office hours on Monday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 and hopes you will drop in to see the new room and her. If you have any gripes or ideas about what you would like to see the S. G. do, be sure to go to see her; or if you have a few minutes to chat, she would like to have you come by. For those of you who haven't heard, it is located in Room 3 Vann, where Miss Grimmer's office used to be.

In closing, I congratulate all the newly elected council members. You have a hard and challenging, but rewarding, job ahead of you, and we are sure that you'll accomplish a great deal. Good luck!

wick, a junior from Ponzer; Nancy Doherty, a junior from Chinquapin; Marjorie Stowe, a junior from Roseville.

The vice-presidents of the four dormitories will serve also as hall proctors. In Vann will be Pat Bowen, a sophomore from Henderson; Mary Kiser, a sophomore from Waco; and Kay McCosley, a sophomore from New Bern. Mary Frances Colston, a sophomore from Spring Hope; Nancy Reece, a sophomore from Mt. Airy; and Ruthe Tyson, a junior from Farmville will serve in Stringfield. Iris Merritt, a sophomore from Chapel Hill; Mary Dare Moore, a junior from Salisbury; and Nina Ruppelt, a junior from Charlotte will manage Brewer. In Faircloth will be Patty Melvin, a junior from Harrells; Frances Moncrief, a sophomore from Washington, N. C.; and Mary Jo Pinner, a junior from Tabor City.

Phoebe Barnhardt, a junior from Concord, will serve as college marshal. The president of the Meredith Playhouse will be Mary-Cobb Westbrook a junior from Nashville, N. C. The presidents of the two societies for next year will be Ernestine Cottrell, Phi president, a junior from Lenoir; and Susie Rucker, Astro president, a junior from Shelby.

Achievement Tests Given to Sophomores

On Wednesday and Thursday, March 10 and 11, the sophomores took tests, prepared by the Co-operative Testing Corporation of Princeton, New Jersey. These tests were similar to the ones which the freshmen took when they entered college last fall, the difference being that the sophomore tests were more advanced. There is a twofold purpose for giving the tests. First, they indicate to the students their standing in relation to other members of the class and to the national average. Also they show how Meredith compares with other schools. The results will be available for the sophomores in May.

CAMPAIGN WORKERS APPEALS

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—so that all her workers will be sure to attend the meeting.

For three reasons we do not want any worker to have more than four or five prospects:

1. We want a large number of Meredith alumnae to have the lasting satisfaction of having given some constructive effort as well as money to the continuing growth of Alma Mater.

2. Seeing so few prospects should not take too much time from the busy days of housewife, teacher, executive, or worker in any other of the many fields in which our alumnae are engaged.

3. Once that active solicitation starts in an area, we want it finished within a week, except for interviews deferred by illness or absence of a prospect from town.

From every town that has as many as three or four alumnae we have asked a representative to come to a planning meeting to get her cards and material and to go home and see the other two or three. The towns having only one or two alumnae we have assigned to other towns of the area that have an organization of workers. Every individual is important. We may not have "Margaret Brights" in all these town with few alumnae (Margaret has never missed a commencement and always gives generously to every call of the Association), but they are loyal daughters on whom we call to help us reach our Expansion goal.

Scheduled Meetings

As the TWIG goes to press, the following meetings have been arranged:

Greensboro Area—March 11, 7:45 in the First Baptist Church parlor.

Apex Chapter Meeting—March 13, 12:30, luncheon in Recreational Building of First Baptist Church.

Smithfield Area — March 18, 12:30, luncheon at Steve's Restaurant, Highway 301, between Smithfield and Selma.

Raleigh Area—March 20, 10:00, at the Alumnae House.

Lumberton Area—March 20, 1:00, luncheon at the Lorraine Hotel.

Fayetteville Area—March 24, (Continued on page eight)

NOTES FROM THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Dr. Alice B. Keith is currently serving on the nominating committee for the state A.A.U.W.

Dr. Lillian P. Wallace spoke to the Young Adults Class of the Watts Street Baptist Church in Durham on Sunday, March 7.

Dr. Sarah Lemmon's article "The Agricultural Policies of Eugene Talmadge," appeared in the January issue of *Agricultural History*. Talmadge served as commissioner of agriculture before being elected governor, and interspersed in his frequent advice and information to farmers was his political philosophy, which was anti-AAA and New Deal. Both of these programs he considered unconstitutional. An examination of his policies is significant primarily for an insight into his political position.

DR. LEMMON, DR. SYRON ATTEND CONFERENCE

Dr. Sarah Lemmon and Dr. Leslie Syron attended the Social Studies Conference of the North Carolina Baptist Colleges on February 19-20 at Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs. Six of the seven Baptist colleges in the state were represented in this conference. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and compare methods of teaching the social studies during the first two years of college, and to effect closer co-operation between the Baptist institutions of the state.

Serving as officers of next year's conference will be Dr. Lemmon as president, Professor H. E. Jolly of Mars Hill as vice-president, and Dr. Leslie Syron as secretary.

A Virginian with Tar on His Heels

By Kirksey Sink



Shown in his office is Mr. Belcher. Kirksey Sink is the interviewer.

Let's have an interview! With whom, you ask? Come along with me if your natural woman's curiosity is at work and you will be in for a delightful introduction to not only an interesting personality but one expressed in a quite delightful Virginia accent (which I wish were printable). And who is the possessor of these charms? Why Mr. V. H. Belcher, our bursar, who greets us with a welcoming smile as we make ourselves comfortable for a few minutes of visiting.

Mr. Belcher would certainly play a losing game in trying to conceal his birthplace, for his first accents tell us "Virginia" in no uncertain terms, and sure enough he is Lynchburg born and bred. In fact, he tells us that his position here with us is his first experience out of his state, and something of a novelty too. How so? We ask. He reveals then that his situation is opposite to ours — he has been with a school about two-thirds male, with girls in the minority at Lynchburg College, and so finds it a novelty to be with a school exclusively female. He compliments us for our friendliness and says he has been made to feel right at home here. We're convinced that he does, for he adds that Raleigh is second only to Lynchburg, and we can't blame him for placing us second since we've only had him for three months; perhaps three more will put us first.

Our future interests Mr. Belcher and promises a challenge which he is anticipating—the realization of Meredith's expansion program. He tells us this was one of the factors bringing him to us, for he enjoys construction, not only seeing the building as a reality but also viewing the materialization of answers to our needs for better facilities. Such genuine interest promises great things in store for Meredith's future. He seems even more optimistic about our program since we have the strong support of Baptists all over the state who are backing us the whole way.

Week ends are busy affairs for Mr. Belcher; any north-bound traveler will pass him heading for

Lynchburg or Washington, where his wife is administrative assistant to Congressman Polk of Ohio. Incidentally, Mr. Belcher must have been the first person in North Carolina to hear about the Puerto Rican incident, for Mrs. Belcher called him just an hour after the shooting to give him a first-hand account. It seems that Congressman Polk had his guardian angel with him that day, for he was sitting dangerously between two Congressmen who were hit! The Belchers certainly have a problem in commuting, but they share it by meeting in Lynchburg, only to face another problem; both sets of parents live in Lynchburg—which to visit for the week end? (We'll say it's not a very enviable position!)

One of these days the Belchers plan to have their own home in Raleigh. Here Mr. Belcher will find time to finish that eight-leg, drop-leaf Hepplewhite he is in the process of making. One of his hobbies is wood-work, especially the reproduction of antique end-tables. But, he confesses, he doesn't have much time for it these days. The first warm days of spring might find him working in the garden, but as the weather warms, this interest cools a little, he says dryly. "With Mrs. Belcher's approval, I enjoy experimenting in the, shall we say 'culinary arts,'" he adds with a wry smile. But they always allow plenty of time, just in case, if the experiment doesn't prove successful, they can then make it safely to a restaurant, where steaks are broiled with more "savoir faire."

It seems as though we've talked only a minute, but here it is time to go, for Mr. Belcher is heading for a week end in Lynchburg. But he admits he's taking along with him a bit of tar on his heels, which makes his trip quite approved in our eyes.

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