

Power of Restraint

In a recent discussion on highway safety, three State College boys entreated several Meredith leaders, "Please emphasize the girls' power of restraint over the boy concerning his driving." These boys ask that we exercise this power at all times, but especially during the holiday season.

The boys are members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity, which recently suffered losses due to automobile accidents; therefore, their plea is especially pertinent. The fraternity took over the highway safety program from the Highway Patrol. Notice on the hall bulletin boards the reminders issued by this committee.

The holiday season does offer hazards additional to the usual ones. To begin with everyone is traveling towards home—military personnel, relatives, and the college set. All of these groups are hurrying to get home again. Late shoppers are bustling about town. Partying, a primary holiday activity, sometimes creates the problem of intoxication. Finally, the winter weather conditions are often hazardous. Thus, reasons are many to be especially careful during the Christmas season.

As we, a college community, go our separate ways, let us pause for consideration of important matters:

- Accidents don't "just happen."
- The sandman doesn't like driving.
- Medicines and driving don't always mix.
- Alcohol and gasoline are a dangerous combination.
- Safety belts are for safety.
- If you use your head, you may spare your heart.

Girls, the power of restraint is ours. And remember Christmas is a time for giving and not taking (even the lives of other people). "Holiday safety makes such a nice package."*

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* These materials were taken from folders put out by the Highway Patrol.

Student Teacher Plight

Perhaps unknown to many is the fact that student teaching at Meredith is a problem as well as a beneficial experience. First of all the program requires the expenditure of money over the college fees. In addition to sharing the cost of travel, a cost which is willingly accepted by all, one finds herself having to purchase numerous supplies at her own expense. Secondly, although students have paid for meals at Meredith, they must buy meals at their respective schools each day. At the end of the semester only a portion of the money paid for meals not eaten is refunded. A third item of much discussion is the thirty-five dollar fee paid to student teach. Officials in administrative positions have admitted that this fee is in excess of that required to cover the expenses for which it is paid. In fact, it has been estimated that each girl pays ten dollars more than is needed.

In addition to the items here discussed, a new problem has arisen this year. Since the school systems do not dismiss for Christmas until four days after Meredith does so, student teachers are required to remain on campus to meet their responsibilities to their classes. This year, however, these students have found themselves in a very bewildering situation. All Meredith facilities with the exception of Poteat dormitory will be closed after 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 19. Those remaining here until Tuesday must get meals elsewhere at their own expense. The administration has said that these must remain on campus and that all facilities will be closed. Students have a responsibility to Meredith to uphold its ideals and to observe the honor code. Does Meredith not have a responsibility to the students?



Rose Begins Lecture Series With Shakespeare Limnings

"Perhaps I'm presumptuous in thinking I'm the sacrificial victim, because by the end of the evening you may be the victim."

The author of these words completely victimized her audience in such a way that they were delightfully spellbound by the acting of the redheaded speaker. Dr. Norma Rose of the Meredith English department opened the faculty lecture series with "Shakespearean Limnings: A Study of Children in Shakespeare's Plays." The lecture illustrated all the "Rosey" techniques: thesis sentence, outline, background information, and specific details, and even a word study.

The background information involved a discussion of limnings, which are a form of art portraits in miniature. They are prized for their fine delineation and detail and jewel-like tones. Dr. Rose pointed out that the word "limning" is derived from the same root that "illumination" is. These limnings were not used to be hung on walls; rather they were enclosed in pendants and personal objects. Thus they possess an element of preciousness.

Shakespeare the Man

Dr. Rose presented other factual details. Sixteen out of thirty-six of the plays include these miniature portraits. Of the miniatures the children are primarily little boys of the six to twelve age group. At this point, the lecturer discussed the influences of the Bard's life that had bearing (if any) on his poetry. She gave her audience a peak at Shakespeare, the husband of Anne Hathaway and the father of three children—Susanna, Hamnet and Judith. To be certain of properly covering her subject, Dr. Rose discussed the infant in Shakespeare's plays as well as his treatment of adolescence. In the remarks on adolescence, the speaker filled in the necessary background to allow her audience an understanding of the position of children of the period. They grew old very fast. They were to be seen and not heard, until they did take on a responsible position. As an example, Dr. Rose commented on the young Juliet, who was being forced by her parents at the tender age of fourteen to get married.

A Look at Miniatures

Yes, declared this lecturer, the Bard is as successful in miniatures as he is in full portraits of heroes. She addressed the audience with "I now step aside to let you look . . . straight from the pages of Shakespeare." At this point, Dr. Rose discussed and portrayed her favorite miniatures—"mindful, obedient, observant" little Lucius of *Julius Caesar*; the "little charmer" Memilius of *Winter's Tale*; boy Macduff, the "gallant little fellow" of *Macbeth*; the little princes of *Richard III*; and from *Cariolanus*, "young Martius, the image of his father."

It was a special treat to witness Dr. Rose as an actress, for she vividly dramatized the parts of each of these "little fellows."

In closing her discussion, Dr. Rose invited her listeners to visit this wealthy art gallery. "The collection," she remarked, "is on permanent display . . . occasionally stop, open the cabinets and gaze on the little gems"—gems that have captivated people for ages.

Advent Observed Here First Time

This year for the first time Meredith, as, an interdenominational community, is observing the season of Advent. As part of this observance is a series of three Monday chapel programs dealing with different aspects of Advent. The first of these was the Reverend Mr. Donald Niswonger, Associate Minister of First Baptist Church.

The second speaker is the Reverend Mr. Jerrold Brooks, Associate University Minister at West Raleigh Presbyterian Church. Mr. Brooks also serves as pastor advisor for the M. C. A. The third speaker will be the Reverend Mr. Phillip Cata, Chaplain to the Episcopal Church on Campus at North Carolina State College.

As part of the celebration of Advent Meredith is having an Advent Wreath in the cafeteria throughout

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Buffaloe Junction

By NANCY SUE BUFFALOE

What does Christmas really mean to our college community? Although we at Meredith are sheltered in a "Christian" atmosphere, our concepts of Christmas are just as secularized as those of external American society. Just the other day, our suite drew names for Christmas presents; immediately, the first question we all wondered about was "How much shall we give for these gifts?" What kind of giving does this indicate but a mere trade agreement among the parties involved? On the other hand, some of us are hesitant about giving to our friends for fear they will feel obligated in returning the gift. Giving in its true spirit is annihilated when we subject our values to those of an economic trading society.

Buying gifts becomes just another necessary burden partly because of the tremendous load of academic work in conflict with our social obligations between Thanksgiving and Christmas. It seems that this time between holidays provides every professor on campus with the opportunity to rain down tests and papers on us who become "victims of circumstance." Then the professors chastise the students for not preparing ahead of time; however, with daily assignments and important extracurricular activities, students are psychologically inadequate to handle this huge deluge of work. Christmas will do well to mean a time of rest for students.

Fun in Store; Girls Invited To Go Caroling

By Sharon Bradshaw

On Friday night, December 18, the students of Meredith College are urged to participate in one of Meredith's annual traditions—that of going Christmas caroling. Every year, along with the hall parties and gift-giving, this bus trip to the homes of various professors and others connected with the college, is one of our much-anticipated festivities.

Cold Weather Bonnets

Dressed in wool slacks, Bulky sweaters, heavy coats, gloves, boots, toboggans, and anything else that serves to keep them warm, the girls will leave at 9:00 p.m. About six or seven buses are provided, which go to different sections of Raleigh. Usually the girls are given some sort of reward at each house where they sing, such as cookies, doughnuts, or even hot chocolate, if they are lucky! Many people ask the girls into their homes, but not for long, because they must be back at school by eleven-thirty. The songs range from "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" to "O, Holy Night." The girls decide on their repertoire of songs on the buses as they go to the houses.

A Happy Experience

For those who have never been Christmas caroling, this will be quite an experience. For those who have been, it will be as much fun as ever. Everyone will be happy, anticipating the vacation beginning the next day and the hall party awaiting their return.

Tickets on Sale

Tickets will be on sale for Christmas caroling on all the halls. The charge of thirty-five cents each will be used to charter the buses. Do not forget to get tickets and participate, along with classmates, in one of the most enjoyable events of the Christmas season.



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