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Exit Stunt Night and its train of excitement, qualms and feeling of tenseness for another year. A custom instituted years ago to encourage originality among the students as well as spirit between the classes—it has once more accomplished its purpose to such an extent that it cannot be forgotten by some of us for many a day. At the time of its institution the dearth of class spirit necessitated just such an innovation but isn't there danger of the pendulum swinging too far the other way and bringing in too much class spirit of a kind? Not that we would consider for a minute leaving Stunt Night off the college calendar—that cannot be done, for it is a custom and a Meredith tradition which has as its purpose the broadening of the student along mental and social lines. And since the fault lies not with the cause it must lie in our reaction to it, resulting in an exhibition of the least admirable spirit known. At such times it is easy to forget that, although another class holds another numeral closer to its heart, we are all Meredith girls together with the same fundamental aim of becoming truly gracious women no matter where we may go from Meredith.

The further incentive which made its appearance this year in the shape of the "Stunt Cup" to be presented each year to the class giving the most original stunt with the privilege for the winning class of engraving its numeral on the cup, will call for more stringent observance of the rules of the contest and will also necessitate the presence in all classes of a broadmindedness which can overlook the trite difficulties arising at this time. However, there are difficulties that are trite and

then others which may prove to be of greater moment than imagined. Therefore it behooves us all as classes and individuals, seekers all after the finer sort of class spirit, to think twice before we act and then put ourselves in the place of the other fellow before we attempt to reflect her as "ithers" see her not only on Stunt Night but through the whole year on all such occasions when the prevailing spirit is that of class.

Although there has been no great wave of excitement stirred up, a great deal of interest has been evidenced since the question of Meredith's future home was again raised by the proposal of Wake Forest. It is understood by the student body that the question has been settled by the trustees. They voted almost unanimously in favor of the Tucker site. In fact, it is so clearly understood that all but the most irreconcilable have become strong advocates of the idea—particularly since they have seen the site. Then lo! upon a clear horizon appear the fourteen articles of Dr. Paschal advocating the removal of Meredith to Forestville. Even the most credulous of us, remembering the violent opposition that the suggestion that Meredith and Wake Forest be made the Baptist Co-educational University of the state received from Wake Forest (as well as from Meredith) began wondering as to the reason for such an action at this time. Surely there must be some very good reasons for making another proposal and thus discounting the decision of the trustees. They say, also, that for Meredith the plan would mean a share in "better library facilities, better instruction," etc., as well as a share in unifying the Baptist educational enterprise of the State. Surely these are good arguments, though whether or not any library that the two institutions might have could compete with the State and Raney libraries to which our student body has access, is a question. It would also seem that Meredith is wanted in Wake Forest and we cannot help but appreciate the desire they have expressed to have Meredith there. In fact a desire that is supplemented with the inducement of a site gratis cannot be said to lack foundation or weight. However, in such a crisis in the life of Meredith it could hardly be considered a *faux pas* to "look a gift horse in the mouth."

One of the arguments advanced is to the effect that both would gain

in social advantages. It is quite true, but would the two colleges be able to avail themselves of the opportunity? No matter where a girls' school is placed certain restrictions are necessary and since the Wake Forest men have made it clear that in no way is co-education implied, any such arrangement would call for the aforesaid social advantages to be administered in much the same small doses that it is now.

Since its foundation, one of Meredith's drawing cards has been its location in Raleigh within easy access of all good concerts, lectures, etc., that come to the Capital City. Since convention does not have the same bounds for men and women there would be the everlasting question of chaperons and permissions with the further aggravation of a trip to Raleigh meaning the time in transit equal to the time spent there.

The site offered free of charge is an item in view of the fact that the money could be spent for buildings, but are not the advantages of a site for Meredith in Raleigh worth more than the gift of a site elsewhere? Meredith was taken into the Southern Association of Accredited Colleges contemporaneously with Wake Forest. At present Meredith is the only denominational woman's college of that standard in the State and she has reached that standard in spite of many handicaps and in spite of the fact that it was not coordinated with Wake Forest. Can Meredith afford to throw aside her traditions, customs and standing among the colleges of the State to be assimilated by Wake Forest? For it is not a case of moving both colleges to a new site and there coordinating them, as was the case with Westhampton and Richmond colleges, it is tearing Meredith up by the roots to transplant it in a new soil with new environment and such a state of affairs could not but change radically Meredith as it is known now.

Though Meredith may have fallen a little short of the ideal of its founders, yet its prospect is radiant with hope that it will approach more and more that ideal, and its traditions can best be perpetuated if kept in the environment in which it was born, and in which it has developed in such a gratifying way.

The proposal to remove Meredith to Wake Forest has been called a "dream" and since the dream would threaten the very existence of Mere-

College Calendar

Friday, November 10, 6:45 P. M.—French Club meets.

Saturday, November 11, 6:45 P. M.—Society meets; open night.

Sunday, November 12, 6:00 P. M.—Y. W. C. A. services.

Monday, November 13, 6:45 P. M.—International Relations Club meets in the parlors.

Tuesday, November 14, 3:30 P. M.—Glee Club meets. 6:45 P. M. Executive Committee meeting in students' office.

Wednesday, November 15, 6:45 P. M.—B. Y. P. U. meets.

Thursday, November 16, 6:45 P. M.—Meeting of THE TWIG staff in students' office. 9:30 P. M., Y. W. C. A. cabinet meets in "Y" room.

Eleanor Lane visited in her home, Auburn.

Margaret Cone Tucker visited in Greenville.

Lizzie Gordon visited at the College Saturday night.

Miss Gertrude Ferrell went home for the week-end.

Nellie Olive visited at the College Saturday afternoon.

Winnie Mae Roland was a visitor at the College Sunday.

Miss Eula Nicholson went to Greensboro for the week-end.

Miss Susie Herring was at Wake Forest for the week-end.

Naomi Wilson and Myrtle Segrave spent the week-end at Holly Springs.

Miss Blanche Moss, of Albemarle, spent the week-end with Banks Foreman.

Mrs. George W. Livermon is visiting her daughters, Ruth and Martha Livermon.

Mary Stevenson, Adelle and Aileen Coley spent the week-end in Smithfield.

Miss Ida Mae Tally, of Fuquay Springs, spent Sunday with Myrtle Herring.

Mrs. David W. Herring and Miss Mary Herring visited Susie Herring last Saturday.

dith as a college with the aim and ideals for which those interested in her have labored these years, we, who cherish the idea of Meredith as a leader in the education of woman in the South, can only hope that the trustees of Meredith will be satisfied with the plan remaining a dream.