

Student Opinion

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

It has been suggested that afternoon classes start at two o'clock instead of one-thirty and that this half hour be given to various extra curricula activities which consume time after chapel.

There are always two sides to a question and this scheme as all other debatable questions, has its advantages and disadvantages. It would solve that problem which is a puzzling one as to the loss of time for such meetings after chapel. Some ten or fifteen minutes at times is wasted from the eleven o'clock day period due to these unexpected demands. It is uncomfortably annoying to the faculty who have planned their daily recitation periods to cover so much ground and to whom every minute is valuable to be so inconvenienced.

The scheme is admirable from a physical and health standpoint. All medical authorities agree that at least a half hour should elapse after a meal before any mental work is attempted. It is almost impossible to think clearly and deeply immediately after eating. Our semester exams always begin at two instead of one-thirty. Why should not our regular work be based on the same principle?

There is something to be said on the negative side, however. Such a plan would lengthen the day of recitation, that is, it would run the hours of class work until later in the afternoon. It would cause the daily strain of classes to be increased, while those who had laboratory in the afternoon would not be free until very late in the day. There would be many days, sometimes together, some times far apart, when there would be no meetings, such as there are mornings, in which no meetings take the time after chapel. This extra half hour would then be wasted and could serve no end. Then there might arise a situation in which there might be an urgent demand for more than one activity at the same time and one could not attend more than one at this time. The afternoon schedule based on this method would interfere with matinees, lectures, and programs of intellectual worth in the city which begin at three or near that time.

What is the best thing to do under all these circumstances is a difficult matter to decide and settle satisfactorily to each one but perhaps it would be well for us to go over the situation thoroughly in our own minds and discuss it with others.

ATHLETICS VS. INTEREST

Can you imagine an A1 standard college existing without its literary societies, its Y. W. C. A and its many other important organizations which go to make up different phases of college life?

"Of course, we can't," everyone exclaims. Then why does Meredith attempt to exist without an athletic association which is truly one of the most important phases of college life and yet one which is so sadly neglected and unsupported by the girls of Meredith?

From all sides the complaint comes that athletics are so poor that the association isn't doing what it should. Yet what can one expect? The association officers can't make the association a success unless the girls who compose it give unanimous support, and stand by it.

Of course, we have limited space and equipment. Little can be expected from a gymnasium class that depends upon the weather for its training and yet if the girls would take more interest in what equipment and space we have, the limitations would not be so great a hindrance to our goal of successful athletic attainments.

For example, how often do we hear this cry from a harassed basketball captain: "What shall I do? I can't get anyone to play basketball," or how many times is the bulletin board cleared of names of those to see Miss Royster? Then, too, how many girls are walking with a monogram in view?

Apparently, athletics are of the least importance to Meredith students. A moving picture, a shopping excursion, or an afternoon call always comes first to the girl who is asked to play basketball. She is quite ready with some trivial excuse to get out of something that would do her far more good than a trip down town or a visit that could easily be put off.

How much more could be accomplished and how much higher quality of work could be secured if only the girls would take more exercise and do the things that so greatly aid in building them up physically? Tennis, hiking, the gymnasium classes, and basketball all go to make up the practices which are so vitally essential to every girl.

Then with the knowledge of our past negligence shall we not try for our future year to bring the athletic association more to the front and to give it a more hearty support? No girl can do it alone! It is a job that requires the help of every girl at Meredith college, but without that co-operation and aid the association will never reach its rightful mark of success.

MEREDITH SOPHS ENTERTAIN CLASS '25 STATE COLLEGE

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Caprice, a characteristic of mankind, did not allow them to regret the former, but only to rejoice over the new partner. At this junction the refreshments, consisting of orange ice, purple and gold cake, and mints were served. To further carry out the color scheme, there was on each plate a violet with a yellow heart (for those who are not close observers). There was also punch free to all who were not too busy. Suddenly a noise was heard at the door, and in came a bevy of Sophomores dressed in chorus girl

College News

Mary Biggs is back at school having been at home for three weeks on account of illness, and is much improved.

Jennie Mae Hartsfield was in Wake Forest the past week-end with her aunt.

Mary Broughton spent last week-end in Benson.

Claire Kearney and Elizabeth Purnell were in Franklinton for a few days last week.

Bernice White and Thomasine Underwood spent Sunday with Mrs. Wilmer Betts in town.

Mary Candler and Edna Askew were out Sunday with Miss Barker.

Pauline Sawyer, Clara Brooks and Mildred Poole spent Sunday at Wake Forest.

Whit Powell and Louise Mays are back from the S. G. conference which they attended at Westhampton college last week.

Neil Deans, Ruth Shaw Britton and Margaret Overton spent Sunday in town with Mrs. Penny.

Edna Horn and Georgy Bunn were the week-end guests of friends at G. C. W. in Greensboro.

We are glad to welcome Burvelle McFarland who is back after three weeks of recent illness.

Costumes of black and white, and purple and gold. They sang songs expressing the sentiment of the Meredith Sophs toward the State Sophs, for which they were graciously applauded.

Another change of partners was now in order and this change was accomplished in a rather unique way. There were two boxes of gifts and for every gift in one box there was a corresponding one just like it in the other box. The strings hanging on the outside were tied to the gifts. The boys pulled strings from one box and the girls from the other and the girl and boy having gifts alike were partners. The Presidents then made short speeches voicing the feelings of their respective classes. The Meredith Sophomores sang a few songs, and then the boys lingeringly said good-night. A most enjoyable evening!

CHAPEL APPEAL MADE ON WEDNESDAY MORNING

MISS ZABRISKIE'S EARNEST TALK FOLLOWED BY DR. CARROLL'S LECTURE

In the weekly heart-to-heart talk which comes at chapel on Wednesday, the girls last time were appealed to concerning a most vital subject. The school year is almost over. Spring has come, bringing with it the usual restlessness. We are too prone to find rules and restrictions harder to bear than ever, but we must not grow lax in our conduct and deviate from the

path set for us. Such was the appeal made by Miss Zabriskie. She feels that we are overflowing with happiness and joy, and she understands, yet her request that we shall be more careful and less thoughtless should be regarded by each of us as a direct message. Not only is this time of the year trying for the girls but it is wearing and troublesome to those in charge. They feel more deeply, probably, than at any other time, the weight of their responsibility, and it is only with our co-operation and efforts to keep up Meredith standards that their tasks can be lightened. We have been challenged. Let us see how well we shall respond to it. Six more weeks until work is over! Let us make the remaining days the happiest and best of the year.

Possibly it would be best at this time to speak a word about our Wednesday morning chapel exercises. To many of us chapel may seem a necessary but rather boring evil. Not to any of us, though, have the Wednesday morning exercises been the least bit tiresome. They have an atmosphere of friendship about them that brings us closer in touch with each other and in closer communion with Him who is "Author and Finisher" of our lives. They have proved helpful and educational in many ways, but not enough can we show our appreciation for the spiritual significance of them. After we have long forgotten the many other speakers and speeches that it has been our pleasure to hear there will linger in our memory sweet and refreshing thoughts of our Wednesday morning gatherings. Too, there we seem more in harmony and sympathy than elsewhere.

Dr. Carroll continued her series of lectures on Hygiene, giving us many health hints that if followed would prove valuable not only now but when we have entered the broader school of life. In her incisive and vigorous style she showed us the process of digestion, and the evils incurred by irregular and unsystematic eating. Few there are of us who would sanction her decree concerning that most interesting of occurrences—the box from home. However, we do realize that it is plain common sense that she is giving to us and in order to do our best work in college we must keep the body in good condition. The laws of Hygiene cannot be violated with impunity, nor can medicine take the place of the observance of such laws. Pay day will come eventually and the temporary pleasure derived from unwise eating is not worth the price we shall have to pay for it.

We owe much to Dr. Carroll for her health lectures. They have been most profitable and we look forward to a continuation of them.

"Is there anything you would like to do before I press the button?" asked the warden of Sing Sing to the murderer in the electric chair.

"Yes, your Honor," said the latter, "I would like to get up and give a lady my seat."

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