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EDITORIALS

THE TWIG is very proud of its former business manager, Pullen Belvin. Pullen was always the most faithful of workers, and has been very much interested in the paper. As she goes to take up a new field of work in the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts we feel sure that she will succeed. The best wishes of THE TWIG go with her.

THE TWIG staff and, indeed, all members of the student body and the faculty appreciate the daily papers which are sent to us through the courtesy of local merchants. Each morning Boylan-Pearce sends to every room a copy of the *News and Observer*, and Ellisberg's and Poole's Beauty Shoppe supply a like number of the *Raleigh Times*. We are grateful to these merchants for their consideration toward us.

It seems to us that there has never been manifest a more wholesome spirit of sportsmanship than was exhibited during the past week in the matter of society decisions. Heretofore there has been, at times, a spirit of hostility prevalent on the campus during decision week. This time, however, though both societies worked untiringly and each had peppy songs and yells by which they tried to attract the attention of the new girls, there was no friction, no hard feelings, but always a spirit of fellowship and good will.

This good feeling culminated in the almost equal distribution of the new girls between the two societies and in the joint reception given by the Phi's and Astro's on Saturday night.

Congratulations, girls! Nothing is more needed than a true spirit of sportsmanship on the campus.

STUDENT OPINION

TO LEARN IS TO LIVE

The old maxim, "To live is to learn," has rung often in the ears of all of us. It has sometimes been a remark made a bit hopelessly. "Oh, well; 'to live is to learn,'" we say when things have gone awry and we have become sadder but wiser through some experience we did not, perhaps, enjoy.

Yet, "To live is to learn." Errors committed once we learn to avoid. Plans easily arranged and fulfilled we learn to accept. We learn new things each day that we live. The close of every day brings us the opportunity to count up what we have learned. Always we find that we have learned something—be it great or small.

But here in our school year the old maxim may resound in a new form. We are at Meredith in order that we may learn. Our books give us a great store of knowledge; yet there is knowledge that we may gain without the limits of a textbook. There is the knowledge we may gain from friendship with those around us from communion with the out of doors. There is the knowledge that we gain from working toward our ideals. We are here to learn—and is it not that we may live? What good is all the knowledge that we gain from books if it does not teach us how to really truly live in the widest sense of the word? If it gives us not a deeper love for our fellowman, a wider appreciation of the possibilities life offers us? If, in fact, it does not teach us to live?

Cannot we here in our days at Meredith change the old maxim, "To live is to learn," into a new and glorified one—"To learn is to live."

S. B.

COURTESY, GOOD MANNERS

The current idea that a college student is a privileged character seems sometimes very prominent on our campus. As a whole, the student body is thoughtful, but in a few cases courtesy is often forgotten. Living in daily contact with over 400 other girls means that each girl is going to have to sacrifice many of her own "privileges" and learn to respect the rights of others. Courtesy is little more than putting others first, after all.

Courtesy in the dining-room is a sadly neglected quality. How often do we see girls rush through doors with no thought of how the girl behind her may feel when the door is slammed shut in her face! Whether she may be an upperclassman, a senior perhaps, or a freshman, it doesn't seem to matter. Then, even manners at the table are not always what they should be. Girls seem to forget that the hostess is the only person who is supposed to speak to the waiter; and not every one remembers that the hostess must excuse them before they can politely leave the table.

All our lives we've heard a lot about the courtesy and respect due to upperclassmen. But, after all, is it expecting too much of underclassmen to ask them to respect students who are a bit more experienced than they? There are many ideal students on the campus. Our plea is that every student may remember to be thoughtful and courteous to every other student. It's a question of whether you are going to have the true Meredith spirit of unselfishness or not. Let's all strive to make our Alma Mater known for its ideal, unselfish students!

B. E. M.

CHAPEL EXERCISES CAN BE MADE MOST PROFITABLE

We have all heard many times that one's attitude toward a certain thing is responsible for what the thing means to him. Do we think enough of this aspect of the many things we

do on the campus which are a part of "college life"? This attitude is the thing that makes us see and grasp an opportunity or lose it.

One of our greatest opportunities is the daily chapel service, but the fact that attendance is compulsory makes it seem instead a rather irksome duty. We often rush in at the last minute, with a preoccupied stare at some friends, and a stack of books under one arm. There is often a great temptation to do some last-minute studying during the talk or perhaps during the singing of a hymn.

Does the girl who goes to chapel with the idea that she is just trying to live through it get as much out of the service as the girl who welcomes it as a chance in which to forget everyday worries for a few minutes and rest and refresh her mind? We have many opportunities during the year to hear noted men speak, but how can we get the most out of any discussion, no matter how interesting, if we have the idea that we are listening just because we had to go, and it will be over in a few minutes, anyway?

Besides thinking of it from our own standpoint, we should also think of the impression that many of the visitors and speakers, who do not know us and appreciate (?) us, get when they see us all file in like prisoners, looking as though we would prefer almost anything to listening attentively and becoming interested in what they may have to say. It is a reflection on our Alma Mater if the impression that we give is not a good one, and this impression it is the responsibility of every single student here to make the very best she can.

Society Decision Day Very Exciting Event

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torium, and the "Astro's" began the exercises by marching single file to their seats and singing the "Astro" song as they entered. The line was led by the president, Pauline Kitchin, and the officers of the society. After all the "Astro's" had reached their seats the "Phi" song was started, and the girls, dressed in lavender and white and led by their president, Chlaris Kellum, and the officers, marched slowly down the aisle singing their song. The Philaretian emblem was burning on the wall, and Josephine Lyles, dressed in a long white robe and representing Mother Philaretia, took her stand beneath the emblem. Then Margaret Trotman led the "Astro" call, and it rose to the heavens with pep and strength. After its last notes had died away, Margaret Peele led the "Phi's" in their call, and they matched the "Astro's" with enthusiasm.

Margaret Craig led the chapel exercises, after which slips were passed out by the marshals on which the new girls wrote their names and the society of their choice. The societies then marched out and formed lines at the door. The new girls arose, and with breathless excitement the "Astro's" and "Phi's" waited for them. One by one they dropped their slips into the boxes—a "Phi" here, an "Astro" there. Each baby "Phi" and "Astro" was greeted with a hearty cheer, and the enthusiasm soon spread until they were as excited as the old girls. Then the time came when they had all made their decision, and the question of which society had the most new members arose. At first it was reported that both societies had the same—81 and 81—but later it was learned that the "Phi's" had 85 and the "Astro's" 82. The enthusiasm continued, for the new girls were excited over really belonging to a society, and though they are only baby members now, the time is not far off when they will be full-fledged "Phi's" and "Astro's."

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