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EDITORIALS

From the content and tone of the Student Opinion articles published in recent issues of THE TWIG, an outsider might judge that Meredith was little better than a state reformatory or an insane asylum. However, it must be borne in mind that the girls were seeing things only in little pieces. After all, it's rather a nice place, and we're glad we're here.

If there has ever been a feeling of class or college loyalty in your hearts, come out to the game on Saturday afternoon. Your team will greatly appreciate your support, and the contest will be quite entertaining. In addition, may we say that there will still be plenty to see and buy in Raleigh if you defer going to town from 2 to 2:40. Let's everybody see the first hockey game of the season, and the first game of its kind ever played at Meredith, Saturday afternoon promptly at 2 o'clock.

Miss Kitty Makepeace spent the past week-end at her home in Sanford. Misses Sarah Briggs and Nell Baker were her guests.



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STUDENT OPINION

THE MORNING NEWSPAPER

Why monopolize the breakfast hour by reading the morning paper? Buried behind the paper one never sees the look of anxiety on the faces of the hostesses as the food is not passed. Giggles are audible, as the reader proceeds. Certainly time can be found for reading without taking the papers to the dining-room. It is not only disrespectful, but rude to occupy one's self by reading while others are attempting to converse. We as college girls should be training ourselves for future life. We don't want to cultivate bad habits. Indeed not. What do our hostesses and faculty think when they see us busied with these morning papers? I wonder if we are as eager to absorb our lessons as we are the contents of the papers. Certainly we want to be well informed and able to discuss modern news and problems, but I wonder if we can't find some other time in which to read. How fine it would be if on walking into the dining-room not a newspaper would be seen. Are you willing to do your part? Then leave your papers in your room and find pleasure in reading them at some other time.

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Few of us realize just how provoking some of our class mannerisms appear to our patient instructors who daily gaze into the same blank faces, attempt to ignore a series of habitual yawns, and yet derive inspiration enough from rows of wan, sleepy countenances to teach us. We agree that a certain amount of courtesy is expected of us as students, but we should be more careful to maintain that polite attitude which bespeaks a plastic mind, interested in nothing as much as the subject being absorbed at the moment, and a willingness to devote several extra of our fourteen working hours per day to the preparation of that class. Too often we are perfectly at ease on class; so much so, in fact, that the "slush-slush" of our gum often attracts the teacher's attention. Perhaps we do not realize that, since he or she does not also have some, it is very impolite to chew before him; but if our offenses ended there, things would not be so bad. As it is, we devote the first forty-five minutes of the period either to a contemplation of the sleep we lost the night before, for academic reasons, and attempt to yawn it off, or scribble innumerable names, dates, sketches, or what have you, in order to divert our minds from something which we have already decided is not very interesting. Rather than engage in such irritating exercises as these, why not just get comfortable and go to sleep? Certainly it would be less exasperating than the chorus of yawns which greets every remark ventured by the optimistic instructor. Another quaint custom practiced by some impatient students, especially during the last fifteen minutes of a period, is connected with watches. Significant glances in the direction of the aforementioned timepieces seem to infer that the class has become monotonous. To leave such an impression would be untimely to say the least; but if we really must know the hour of

day, why not try the less annoying practice of carefully removing the watch crystal, in the case of a wrist watch, or the face, when the implement of time-keeping be an alarm clock; or, if several attempts do not bring the desired results, gently smash the crystal on a near-by chair, meanwhile, of course, keeping our eyes intently fixed upon the professor. Having accomplished this first act, the rest is comparatively simple, for we grasp the face of the watch, locate the position of the hands, and quickly estimate the time by forming a mental image of the mechanism. If the watch seems slow, carefully take out the springs, count the screws, and jewels—if any—thereby ascertaining whether or not the watch is in good running condition. Remember, however, that to maintain an attitude of courteous attention is the most important factor, and anything which detracts attention from it or in some manner is disturbing to either the instructor or other students is inexcusable.

E. Mc.

WATCH YOUR APPLAUSE

Though the themes for open forum articles have been many and varied, not yet has any one touched upon a procedure that seems to us to be of vital importance. This subject might be termed "The Proper Time for Applause." There does not seem to be an understanding in the student body as to exactly when applause is in order and when one may certainly appreciate a song or service—but with silence. There seems to be no discrimination between these two—one in which applause is permissible and the other in which applause is certainly merited, but where the greater tribute of appreciative silence is deserved. Surely all of us are aware that one never applauds religious songs or speeches. In fact, nothing of a spiritual nature is ever applauded audibly. By our silence we show the genuine pleasure we have received. Quite often where one is in doubt whether to applaud or not, it might be of help to watch whether Dr. Brewer gives a signal to clap or not. Quite often when applause is due, he does make it known to us.

Applause is a queer thing. We must realize that we may applaud silently something which we like as well as audibly. After the chapel period we may express to the person our pleasure or approval of the song or speech. It is indeed necessary that this be called to the attention of the student body at once! As a final word we say, "Watch your applause!"

Miss Connie Horne reports a most pleasant and profitable experience in attending in Spartanburg last week the meeting of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association, which held its sessions at Converse College.

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PERSONALS

Miss Sarah Cullom spent the past week-end at her home in Wake Forest.

Miss Bruce Gore spent the week-end at her home in Rockingham.

Miss Margaret Craig attended the Carolina-Duke game Saturday at Chapel Hill.

Miss Blanche Obenshain spent the week-end in Durham.

Miss Virginia Crawford spent the past week-end at her home in Goldsboro.

Miss Belle Ward spent the past week-end in Raleigh.

Miss Lucy Buchanan, ex-'31, spent last week-end at the college.

Traveling Library Stops At Meredith

The traveling library of the State Y. W. A. is at Meredith for the next two months. This case of books, located in the B. S. U. office, contains the newest mission books. Girls may borrow them by signing for them there.

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