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EDITORIALS

We are glad that certain college papers have at last found something besides co-eds on which they may vent their displeasure.

NOTICE—There will be no regular issue of THE TWIG next week. The paper will be given over entirely to the Alumnae Association.

We were sorry not to have the Sunday afternoon concert last week. They have come to be the most enjoyable part of the week. We greatly appreciate the goodness of the music faculty in preparing them.

FIRST AID

Have you seen blue skies above you? Have you felt the tangy breeze that pulls at skirts and goes through winter wraps with a force inconsistent with the innocent look of the day? The zest with which the wind pushes one along, or back, as the case may be, renews your enthusiasm for just living? Your senses feel alive to appreciate all the details of everything around, instead of so dulled that only an explosion can make an impression through the outer layers of the mind. When your mind has been awakened from its lethargy and is alert, life becomes not only a necessity, but a pleasure. Only a few of the girls seem to be getting the full benefit of this lovely weather. Let's get more of it!

SILENCE IS REQUESTED

A great deal of criticism concerning the behavior of girls in places reserved for study has recently been called to our attention, both on this campus and on others. Truly, the critics would have been justified in their scathing attacks had the object of their observation been the Meredith College Library, for in no place is it so difficult to study. At times we doubt that the meaning of this word, with all its traditional significance, has been called to the attention of some people. Therefore, we take this opportunity to explain, not so much to tell you what a library is as to point out a few of the things for which it may not be used.

In the first place the library was never intended as a social club. If you must gossip with others about everything under the sun, for the peace of those whose inclinations may not follow yours, go somewhere else. Each girl has a room of her own; there are social rooms on each hall and parlors in the administration building among whose uses are social gatherings. Please use them!

In the second place, no rooms were provided as seminar rooms. Therefore, if you find it necessary to study with a group, go where you won't disturb everybody else who is attempting to acquire some small bit of knowledge.

Neither is the library a place for the verbal recording of various observations of its inhabitants concerning things in general and made to no particular person. A radio station for picking up and transmitting these various witty remarks has not yet been installed.

If these cautions will only be applied in practice, perhaps even those grades which may not have been so good on the reports which went home last week may acquire a more pleasant appearance for all of us at their next public scrutiny.

SPIRIT OF COURTESY

There is a spirit among the girls on the Meredith campus which we would most highly commend—that is, the spirit of courtesy to guests or visitors. A recent visitor, speaking to a member of THE TWIG staff, exclaimed: "Well, you can certainly say the girls here are courteous. I asked someone where a certain girl roomed. She replied that she was not quite sure, but she would be glad to find out for me. Not only did she find the room number of the girl, but conducted me to her room. I think the spirit of courtesy here remarkable." Who says it doesn't pay to be courteous? And who doesn't get a "nice little feeling" from helping someone else?

STUDENT OPINION

INTOLERABLE CONDITION

There is a condition concerning which I feel a hesitancy in speaking, yet it is intolerable; and some people need to have their attention called to it. The general attitude and behavior in the dining-room on the part of some few people is not to be borne any longer. I am glad to say that this state of affairs is most prevalent among underclassmen than among juniors and seniors. I do not refer to the fact that the hostess sometimes finds her place occupied by another when she comes late to meals; it is a breach of courtesy on her part that she isn't there promptly, and she has no right to expect that her guests shall wait her leisure for their meals. But I do condemn the practice which some people have indulged of coming to meals five or ten minutes late and throwing themselves into a chair without so much as one word of apology. They then loudly exclaim over the condition of the food, which no one could expect to be so good as it was when the meal began. These same peo-

ple quite often leave the table before dessert (again without apology) and go to talk with some one in another part of the dining-room (I have not observed that they asked permission of the hostess to do so), returning when the others have almost finished the meal to delay the whole table simply because they had a few exceedingly urgent bits of knowledge to impart to a no doubt anxious friend.

These things are exceedingly unpleasant to a majority, and should, I think, be avoided in so far as possible.

IT SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN

It has been rumored that the attitude of the dates in the parlors is not all that it should be. This, I think, is a little detail which should never have had to be mentioned. Girls, when they reach the age of a college freshman, and particularly of an upperclassman, should know how to conduct themselves under almost any circumstances. To have the fact brought up that the conduct in the parlors was unbecoming to Meredith girls should be embarrassing, to say the least. This does not apply to every girl, nor does it mean that it happens every time; but it should never happen—the girls should never have to be reminded of the fact that their behavior is not all that it should be. It may be mentioned here, too, that girls who do not have dates, and not having anything in particular to do, should refrain from promiscuous 'checking' in and out of the parlors. This sometimes proves very annoying, although the 'checker' may not realize it. This is not a lecture, neither is it a reprimand; but a hint to the wise is sufficient, is it not?

ON CULTURE

One thing that seems rather puzzling is the fact that girls don't take advantage of the opportunities they have of hearing good music. Most especially this year we have had various recitals and musical events that have been worth a great deal more than they have been given credit for. Constantly we hear expressed wishes that Meredith offered more "cultural" courses. A lot of interest could be aroused in a "music appreciation" course, for everyone wants to be able to appreciate good music. And yet, those same students who are so interested in these so-called cultural courses are the ones whom you never see at concerts. Every Sunday afternoon members of the faculty have been giving recitals in the auditorium. It would seem that girls would be interested in hearing such good music when it costs such a little bit of effort.

Then there are the student recitals every Thursday afternoon. As a matter of fact, the music appreciation course is really being offered through the concerts that are given, and we could make ourselves a great deal more cultured by becoming familiar with good music—and there are plenty of times when we could hear it if we would. B. M.

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Margaret Craig At N. S. F. Conference

There have been numbers of letters received at the editorial office telling of the prominent part taken by Margaret Craig, president of the Student Government Association, at the meeting of the National Student Federation of America in Palo Alto, California, during the first week in January. The following letter from Mr. Powell, regional representative for the South, is published verbatim:

Editor THE TWIG,
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Dear Editor:—You have no doubt already heard through the other officers of the National Student Federation of America of the contributions made and the interest shown by Miss Margaret Craig, who so capably represented Meredith College at the recent congress at Stanford. I want to take this additional opportunity to personally reemphasize the credit which Miss Craig deserves for her participation in the various discussions, and to call to your student body's attention the fact that your representative was particularly active in the meeting of the southern delegation, which resulted in the next congress being brought to Atlanta, Georgia.

The fifth annual congress at Stanford marked the beginning of a new era of development of N. S. F. A. work and service, and it is urged that Meredith College continue to be a leader in the promulgation of this national student enterprise, and especially to set the pace through the next congress, which is to be held for the first time in the South.

Sincerely yours,

LEWIS F. POWELL,
Regional Representative for South
on Executive Committee of N.S.F.A.

Noted Art Authority Speaks At Meredith

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be alive. It is no use. We must not be afraid to get wet with art—to soak it up through our skins, take it in through our mental gills. In other words, what we need is to become child-like over art, to release our fundamental impulses for emotional enjoyment, to insist on letting folks hear about what we do like and to stop this incessant bickering about what we do not, as the races in Europe that have produced fine art in the past are doing today.

"From one end of Europe to the other I have received a glimmer of an understanding of the spirit that nurtures art, a spirit that is coming to be so needed in our own land, a spirit that we can have for the asking, if we will stop, listen, and before all else, look.

"For art is not just in museums. All the wealth of our millionaires cannot give us the least profit unless we take the spirit of art into our lives.

"If we want art, we must take it into our lives as unconsciously as the poor goose-sellers of Cracow took the fact that above their very market place stood a museum of fine arts, a monument to the best they knew in the midst of all they had."

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