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## EVERYONE ELSE DOES

Everyone goes shopping, goes to the theater, goes to basketball games, goes to the library. Certain things, we say, must be done. But the extent to which we sometimes limit our actions to what "everyone else does" is unjustified. The conforming individual ordinarily escapes the possibilities of criticism, but in so doing he misses the opportunity of developing that spark of originality which he may have. A too rigid observance of "the modish things" leads to indolence, complacency and a lack of independent thought. So in our campus life we should resolve to do some things just because nobody else does, that is—we should determine to be actors in those fields which we have deemed good.

No one denies the charm of the person who has the courage to be different. We secretly admire that person who, when every one else is excusing himself from attending society and club meetings, remains firm in his decision to go. Our respect increases for the individual who, when every one else is criticizing an election or a report, dares to defend the unpopular thing. Emerson forcefully stated the significance of individuality when he said, "To be great is to be misunderstood."

If we only venture, moreover, we find that attempting things that few others do adds a new zest to life. No other group of persons has a better opportunity than we do to develop an interest that is diverting and different. If everyone else is collecting stamps, why not collect pins instead?

Then there is often an inward satisfaction and an external benefit that comes from doing what nobody else does. Recently one girl asked another girl who was in the act of borrowing a book, "Well, what are you doing for the good of your country?" The question was employed primarily for the purpose of having something to say, but perhaps the speaker spoke "better than she knew." The person addressed was simply conforming to the regular routine of studying during study hour and to the popular practice of borrowing books. The thought must come to each of us, "Are we moving enough outside our own small sphere?" Even though we may speak truthfully when we say, nobody else accommodates his plans and interests to those of others—it is up to us to set the pace toward changing the "nobody" to "everybody."

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## OUR CONCERT SERIES

The Meredith Student Body enjoys so many advantages that it seems ungrateful to complain—but we wouldn't be typical students were we not continually "picking a bone" of some description. This time it's the entertainment series, better and unpopularly known among the students as "required lectures."

Within the memory of any present day student at Meredith there have been only a few world-renowned artists or lecturers on the "required" series. Of these Upton Close, Tony Sarg, and Madame Tolstoi were the most prominent. Others have been very good, but they have lacked the glamour attending real fame.

A glance at the papers that come to THE TWIG office from other schools will show that they—many of these no larger nor richer than Meredith—present such artists as Nelson Eddy, John Mulholland, Lawrence Tibbett, and others as great. Zimbalist recently appeared at Eastern Carolina Teachers College, and last year Cornelia Otis Skinner gave a performance there. Christopher Morley spoke at Salem College not many months ago.

The argument has been advanced that students complain so bitterly of being made to attend the required performances that better

programs would be wasted on them. Such is not the case—the students would look forward to programs of the type that ECTC sponsors as eagerly as they now dread the usual lectures.

Meredith undoubtedly offers a superior faculty concert series. No school has more talented performers nor programs more carefully worked out or so well presented. The students who attend these recitals do sincerely enjoy and appreciate them, and those who do not are to be pitied for their lack of perception in refusing to take advantage of their opportunities. But our guest series leaves much to be desired.

It seems rather mercenary to mention it, but since Meredith seems to have grown rather publicity-minded of late, the advertisement attending the performance here of well-known artists should not be ignored. A great many people hear of a college only through such channels, however small at first.

So if the pleasure of the students is not sufficient inducement to improve the series, perhaps the publicity is.

## The Student Speaks

### An Open Forum for Student Opinion

Freshmen! Beware! your day of reckoning is at hand!

Endless days have been our lot for several months. Endless days of listening to the gibes and paltry insults of our under-classmen, of having you flaunt your fresh selves under our noses, and of enduring your respect-devoid attitudes. But, my dears, all has not been in vain. We hereby summon you to your trial and execution on Saturday April 3, the glorious climax of our sophomore lives! Soph Day Off. Ah! Revenge is sweet.

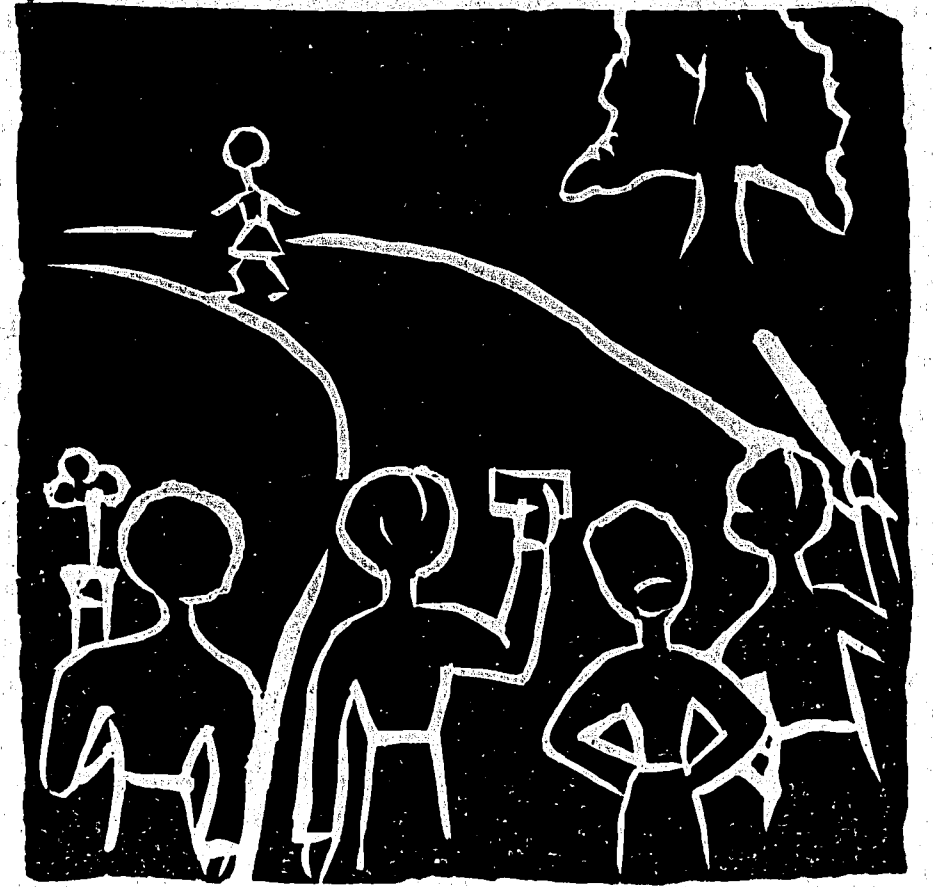
For nearly a month now you will have the chance of partially redeeming yourselves. Wishing to deprive you of no chance to conduct yourselves to your advantage, we do not begrudge you this preliminary warning. Rather, we give it with open hearts and minds, hopeful that your recognition of our wonderful sublimity and excellence over you will be immediate. After all, it makes no difference to us whether our due homage be paid us in general, prolonged evidence of respect or in a lump sum of totally different type: retribution.

A few points now, my children, as to your conduct hence forth. Above all, secure and maintain attitudes of awe and reverence in our presence. Remember we are your peers in all. Do not overlook the petty tokens of your regard. When we approach, stand and bear the burden of our passage through doorways. When we enter, rise. Remember also that any service of any kind which you render us will be remembered and that any which might have been rendered and was overlooked will also be borne in mind. The upper-classmen have the same claim-checks on your services and we expect to indorse any of those not recognized with the same force that we apply to our own.

Above all, freshmen, please (this is a plea) don't let us get you down. We hope you'll rather enjoy our taunts and demands, but even if you don't, keep it to yourself! Remember we value your sportsmanship above all

## Kate's Fond Public

By RUTH ABERNATHY



## My World at Large

By KATE COVINGTON

I have been wrote poetry at. My lay public has begun saying things about this column. A bald-headed creature with asthma went so far as to condemn it as a political sheet; another thought I was trying to defraud the mails. My best bet was a lady in South Dakota who mistook Mary Johnson for an authority on Greek tragedy and wanted an autograph.

Up to date I have received four letters, some poetry, and a bomb. It's quite encouraging.

The bomb came from Mary Johnson's side of the corporation.

I was quite overcome with the poem. It began, "My rarest jewel, comma." The first lines dealt with satins and minuets and didactic tetrameter, the last, with me.

I quote:—  
I think of goddesses who gloat  
O'er all the poetry that's wrote,  
Who every fortnight take their quill an'  
Make a stooge of Miss MacMillan.

Here's still more proof that I'm literature. Friendly, too.

"Perhaps those souls who object don't know that these documents are being filed by the Pennsylvania Association for Psychiatric Research. Think of the loss to Science! They have your column mimeographed and passed out to all the patients in order to find out if they're still crazy. If they can understand it, he knows their treatment is incomplete; if they understand it and like it, they are assigned

to the violent ward; and if they go so far as to begin writing columns of their own, they are pronounced incurable."

Of course that made me feel like love's young dream. But it reminded me of the time I wrote an "Ode to Spring" for a little high school biology weekly and got a letter from the editor saying I of Course realized my Responsibility to the world at large and Must pursue the Cause of Science to the Utmost, all of which never amounted to much, except my burning down the garage, doing quite a thorough job of it.

One of my friends wrote, "I wouldn't discontinue the Mary Johnson column. It has become sort of legendary. How would Mary Johnson like being called a legend?" She took it quite well. Somebody called her an international controversy one time.

A big thing folks don't take into consideration is the value of this writ. The material value, that is, like the time Mary Johnson adjourned the legislature. It made good copy, and the speaker was quite nice about it after we explained.

"The news must go on," said Mary Johnson tremulously.

A couple of senators and a page peered around a column at the back.

"Are we really adjourned?" asked the tallest in a stage whisper.

Mary Johnson looked noncommittal.

The speaker lowered his eyes. "Last one out's a rotten egg!" he said.

else, and cheerfulness will go far to remove many misdemeanors in our eyes.

Indeed our scores are going to be settled. Watch all possible sources of information for our decrees and instructions—maintain the humble reverence which your class owes us in our superiority and be haunted at night if you don't because the sophomores "will get you, if you don't watch out."

Hopefully and anticipatngly submitted,

The Sophomores.

## SYMPATHY

The members of the TWIG staff wish to extend sympathy to Dr. Harris in the death of her mother, and to Martha Joyner in the death of her father.

## Peace Oratorical Contest Scheduled for May

(NSFA News.)

High Point, N. C.—High Point College will welcome orators from many North Carolina colleges to a peace oratorical contest on May 4. The contest, sponsored by the Intercollegiate Peace Association, offers substantial prizes and the opportunity for the first prize winner to submit his oration for regional and national contests. Last year 150 colleges throughout the country participated in the national contest, twenty-four states being represented, and the early interest shown by colleges throughout the country this year points to an even more effective showing this year.