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## Vox Populi

The old TWIG is finished, and the new one is tentatively reaching out to try its wings. We offer our sincere congratulations to the old staff for the work that they have done. Any success that we may have will be because of the foundations which they have laid for us. We thank them for transmitting so fine a TWIG tradition to us, and congratulate them upon the work they have done!

We, the new staff are filled with high hopes and ambitions. We are eager to make the TWIG not just a good paper but the best possible paper. We believe that the TWIG is the "official organ of the student body of Meredith College" does not belong to us, its editors, but to you the student body. We are only the voices through which you speak.

As your representatives we are desirous of making this your paper, an interesting and accurate picture of student life and a real chance for the expression of student opinion. We want your suggestions, criticisms, and contributions. The success or failure of the 1941-42 TWIG will be determined to a large extent by your interest and cooperation.

The responsibility you have placed upon us is great. The responsibility of the press is always great in a democratic society such as we aspire to in our school community and our nation. Our forefathers fought and died that the press might be free. And this freedom is a precious heritage. We realize that to us you have given not only the task of presenting student opinion but at least to a small extent, of formulating that student opinion. As we begin our term of office we promise to the students and alumnae of Meredith that we will do all within our power to be accurate in our reports, fair in our judgments, constructive in our criticisms, and motivated by the highest and best interests of student body and of the college as a whole, so that the TWIG in a very true sense may become vox populi.

## "All We Like Sheep—"

On the Thursday before Easter, an incident occurred in the Meredith chapel that is most alarming in its implications. The incident within itself was simple enough, as the Raleigh High School Glee Club sang America the students and the faculty rose to their feet.

On the surface it may seem that it was simply rude of us to make such a noise as we got up that we completely drowned the music. That was bad enough! Added to that is the fact that America is the national hymn, not the national anthem. Standing at attention is a respect that correctly should be reserved for the national anthem. The majority of the people present knew the correct usage in the matter but in the surge of feeling that swept through the auditorium knowledge was completely over-ruled by emotion.

A year ago this could not have happened. Perhaps then we would have thrilled silently to the well rendered hymn, and have been secretly grateful this was still a land of freedom. This is how we should have felt now, with perhaps an added vow to do all in our power to keep it free. But no—in the grip of the rapidly mounting war hysteria, we all like unthinking sheep rose to our feet with no real thought for the meaning of the stimulus to which we were reacting so violently.

We are supposed to be at least on the road to being educated. We are reported to have liberal minds. We are thinking young people. Yet, we too, are victims of our emotions. If we could only realize that the loss of self control is dangerous for individuals and nations. If America is to remain the stronghold of liberty, freedom, and equality, her youth must maintain her sanity. Effective war and effective peace are the result of careful planning and we will probably lose all hope of victory and of peace if we strike out in blind fury. We are the generation who must fight clear-headedly with consciousness of purpose the battles of the present; and then with heads erect and courage high, go about solving the bitter problems that are bound to face us. This is our duty to our native land. Are we able to fulfill it?

## COLLEGIATE CREAMS

By MARTHA ANN ALLEN

The approach of spring is being heralded by the birds, bees, and butterflies, and all of the young girls are concentrating on how to attract spring-struck fellas. I have heard that they were unusually susceptible in the spring evenings when girls were all dressed up, just ready to step out. When the question of what's new in the line of evening wear comes up, we scratch our heads and wonder what really is new. After all, every one needs a new evening dress with a new season.

Gather 'round and we'll examine some of the current styles from tip to toe featured at the shops around town.

This spring, for evening, the hair is worn up on the sides and front with curls on top, and long, combed loose in the back to give that certain care-free effect. Come spring come flowers, and the place to wear them? In the hair—an orchid will do. Ribbons are good, too, especially tied in the back.

Fluffy evening dresses in pastel shades made of marquisette and chiffon are seen. If you are interested in cottons, and there is every reason why you should be, there are oodles of new ideas. The semi-tailored dress with a jacket and a solid color top with a contrasting skirt make up a typical spring evening dress. As in all war-times, the prints are exceptionally gay. The army and navy trend is as prevalent in evening clothes as in sports clothes. Those styles on the still-desired list are hoods and dropped shoulders. The skirt may be full or slinky—according to your figure.

As for flowers, the one in the hair, or a tiny fan of blossoms. If you want to do things to an old dress, pin fresh flowers around the skirt and there you have an entirely different outlook from an old dress.

And the slippers? Without a doubt it's white satin ones with low heels.

Should any men happen to be readers of the TWIG they might like to know what is being worn by their sex this spring. With a tux, it's a dabbonnet tie and buttoniere. No longer are men forced to be sissies in patent leather shoes, now they are black kid. Even more popular this season than before are the midnight blue tuxes, and tails with grosgrain lapels instead of satin ones.

Diverting our attention from clothes, have you tried that new strawberry ripple ice cream? Whole berries, mind you, are whipped into vanilla ice cream, and it does taste good!

Can you sing, play, or even talk? Then the place for you to go is to the auditions held every Monday night from 8-10 down at the radio station of WRAL. You don't have to write or call for reservations, just go in and state your purpose. Who knows—you might get on the air. It's fun trying, anyway.

Incidentally, are you planning to work this summer? There are always jobs you can get at the beaches. Perhaps the salary wouldn't be much, but think of the fun you would have. Then there are the jobs at camps—see, if you had participated in sports like the A. A. encouraged you, you might be qualified to be a counselor. If you just want a job, maybe the North Carolina Unemployment Agency could help you. The Raleigh office is at 420 1/2 Fayetteville Street.

Next time we'll see what resources can be exhausted on the subjects of graduation presents, summer schools, and vacation plans. Until then, do your best to be the "Cream of the Crop."

## Elfreda Barker Will Give Last Recital April 30

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- Adagio Cantabile.
- Rondo.
- Vogel als Prophet—Schumann.
- Ballade in F Major—Chopin.
- Nocturne for Left Hand Alone—Scriabin.
- Trois Danses Fantastiques—Scho-stakovich.
- No. 1, Allegretto.
- No. 2, Andantino.
- No. 3, Allegretto.
- Presto from Concerto in A Minor—Mendelssohn.
- (Orchestral accompaniment on a second piano by Miss Crawford.)

The marshals for the recital will be: Esther Meigs, Rachel Lewis, Ruth Greene, Mary Scot Gurley, Margaret Webb, all from Meredith; May Jack Williams, Norlina, and Lucy Trotter Purdy, Snow Hill, Va.

## Suzzy Snoop Says...

With the Sophomore Party just over and Junior-Senior coming up, plus spring, I'm having quite a time keeping up with all the matches—both old and new.

The sophomores brought back reports of a wonderful time, specially Lorraine Chappell and Lyt Tingley. Their dates certainly were neat.

Dukie, we regret that "Sweet William" was unable to attend the picnic. Jeanette certainly was strutting with Lefty, and who was that Jane Allen had? Mary Garvey goes for these Charlies. By the way, Bunny, what happened to Buster?

From all I can hear it sounds like the juniors are planning a big banquet—date bureau and all. For further information consult Lib Johnston.

It seems that there is a lot that we don't know about Lectre Smoak and Lib Britt, but we'll find out at Junior-Senior.

Names can sometimes be quite confusing as in the case of Lib Hullin and Fay Chandler over Bill Browns and Lib and Pat Johnson over Mikes.

Spring has really sprung the Meredith girls into action and last week-end was certainly proof. I saw Nancy B. and Tuck going out to visit his family Sunday.

Laurie Overton was all smiles as she left for a week-end with Jack in Emporia. And Lucy Allen had another of those big week-ends as did Esther and Bill—I hear.

After Chapel Hill this week-end, Margaret Martin says there's nothing like Carolina.

I'm beginning to wonder if there isn't more to this Ann, Alice and Ada beach party than sunburn.

This Sarah Phillips-Fort Jackson affair isn't just one of those things that blossoms in the spring. And speaking of the army, Louise Dickie is all for it these days.

I wonder if Rowena would have enjoyed the play as much if George hadn't been here.

As I was listening around on third floor A I got quite an earful about Janet Hobbs and a fortunate young doctor. And as I ambled along I heard something about "Awful Auley. How about an explanation, Grayson? I do believe Betty B. has changed Bobs on us, and as for her roomie, Charlie is still the man. Well, Savage, how about putting us in the know—I saw you with a cute "little man" the other night, but I'm not sure about the dope on him. However, I am sure that everything is "Jake" with Calson. And while I'm doing things so definitely, this Lindsey vs. Fry case is progressing right along, yet I'm a little doubtful as to whether it's Fred or Tom with Mary Louise.

With spring comes graduation and with graduation comes presents; so if you've been wondering about that good looking Chrysler out front, Sprull is the proud possessor. How about a ride, Hannah Ruth?

Even if I do have spring fever now you'd better watch out, girls, 'cause I'm still snooping—

V. P. Williams of LaCrosse, Va., Miss Ethel Rowland, Mrs. Glen Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alden, and Miss Anna Mae Baker.

Miss Beth Howell, former Meredith student, will preside at one punch bowl and those serving will be: Daphne Penny, Rebecca Vaughan, Virginia Varnell, Mildred Edwards, Edith Rowley, South Hill, Va., and Eleanor Spain, Norlina.

## Organizations Elected Minor Officers

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- James Hall: Nancy Calloway, president, and Nan Davis, Sara Justice, Nancy Carroll, vice-presidents.
- Faircloth Hall: Catherine Chiffelle, president; Catherine Porter, Lytton Tingley, Elizabeth Riggs, vice-presidents.
- Stringfield Hall: Mary Elizabeth Holloway, president; Alice Page, Adelaide Bunker, and Evelyn Dillon, vice-presidents.
- Vann Hall: Vivian Jeffreys, president; Louise Boone, vice-president. The sophomore representative will be Avis Branch.
- The Acorn staff is to be: Associate Editor, Lunelle Geer, Senior Editors, Doris Jane Bordeaux, Myra Motley, Junior Editors, Elizabeth McNeill, Page Rankin, Book Review Editor, Sue McNeely, Art Staff, Bobbie Green, Dorothy Turner, Mildred Askew, Katherine Wyatt, Circulation Manager, June Wyche, Business Staff, Jerry Powell, Manager; Rosetta Purvis, Fay Chandler, Frances Moore, Typists, Dorothy House, Rachel

## THE BIG MOMENT

By CATHERINE WYATT



Fulton, Betty Miller, Lilbourne Minshew.

College Marshals, also elected since March 24, are:

- Chief Marshal, Gretchen Fanny.
- Phi Marshal, Mary Elizabeth Holway.
- Senior Marshal, Mack Howard.
- Junior Marshal, Adelaide Bunker.
- Sophomore Marshal, Fay Chandler.

Phi Sergeant-at-Arms, Julia Margarette Bryan.

The leaders of the A. A. Board are to be:

- Vice-President, Carolyn Duke.
- Secretary, Genevieve Chiffelle.
- Treasurer, Elizabeth McNeill.
- Basketball Manager, Nancy Caloway.
- Hockey Manager, Catherine Chiffelle.
- Tennis Manager, Eleanor Gibbs.

Presidents and directors of the B.S.U. will be:

- First Vice-President, Nancy Johnston.
- Second Vice-President, Sarah Jackson.
- Third Vice-President Lilbourne Minshew.

Secretary—Virginia Ayers.

- Treasurer, Elizabeth Brownlee.
- S. S. Director, Mary Hester Powell.

B.T.U., Helen Crutchfield.

Y.W.A. President, Mary Elizabeth Coleman.

World Fellowship, Evelyn Hampton.

Program Chairman, Myra Motley.

Music Chairman, Gloria Anderson.

Poster Chairman, Dorothy Turner.

Reporter, Page Rankin.

Day Student Reporter, Mary Louise Ott.

Other Denominational Leader, Cora Lee Burnett.

Faculty Adviser, Dr. G. N. Price.

The TWIG staff will be:

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- Associate Editor, Elizabeth Riggs.
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- Junior Editor, Florence Olive.
- Photographic Editors, Eleanor Gibbs, Charlotte Green.
- Art Editor, Gretchen Fanny.
- Business Manager, Evelyn Bowers.

Senior Member of Business Staff, Virginia McGougan.

Junior Members of Business Staff, Adelaide Charles, Kathryn Sutton.

Sophomore Members, Beverly Anne Money, Doris Jean Leary.

Typists, Laura A. Brown, Mary Louise Ott, Dorothy House, Clarice Burns.

## AIMS AND FUNCTIONS OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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dominant than to be democratic in handling a large group."

Student government is the recognition on the part of the students that certain attitudes and standards of living are necessary not only to make group life possible but also to make it happy and wholesome. It is the acceptance by each individual of the responsibility to live up to the standards set by the group and to help and to encourage others to live up to those standards also. High standards are more than mere rules and regulations. Rules are intended to make it easier for those who wish to live a good life, and harder for those who do not. The Student Council, therefore, has more to do than just to enforce these rules or to punish those who break them. It is not a police force. It is set up to help individual students and to

## "FIFTH COLUMN"

During the last week affairs have moved at a furious pace. In this week Yugoslavia has been cut off from her allies; the British have lost Libya; and the battle of shipping seems to be slowly dragging toward defeat. In the face of all this the United States has sprung into action by giving Britain ten coast guard cutters to aid in the battle of the Atlan-

tic; by securing an agreement with the Danish Minister Henrik de Kauffmann which will allow the United States to build bases in Greenland; and by declaring the Red Sea open to American shipping in order to aid the British defense of Egypt, and Congress for seize-and-pay authority over all foreign shipping in American harbors, in this way the merchant marine might be greatly increased. The President at the same time made drastic moves toward establishing a working war economy. The nation is settling down to the serious business of waging war without fighting.

The new agreement between our country and the Danish minister was made in open defiance to Nazi orders to the Danish embassy. The agreement signed by de Kauffmann and Hull provides for the continued recognition of the sovereignty of Denmark over Greenland; for the right of the United States to establish any necessary defense facilities, and that the agreement should be in effect until all the present dangers to the peace and security of America have passed. This agreement gives this country a virtual protectorate over Greenland, and is in accordance with the Monroe Doctrine. Berlin muttered against the pact, and Nazi-dominated Copenhagen denied the agreement. It threatened to recall de Kauffmann, but our Department of State will recognize no other Danish envoy. It is rumored that King Christian, weary of Nazi dictation, may abdicate and establish a government-in-exile, possibly in Greenland.

Eventually Ford and his workers arrived at an agreement, and Henry Ford, the motor magnet, for the first time agreed to negotiate with a labor union. The Ford plants were again open for work on the \$15,000,000 defense orders, and many people sighed in relief as the Ford Industries resumed production.

Governor Murray D. Van Wagener of Michigan, and United States Conciliator Dewey worked tirelessly to reach an agreement with both sides in the affair.

The agreement reached provides for a board of high Ford officials, union men, and public officials who will confer on problems and grievances unsolved by plant committees. Five of the men, whose discharge at the Rouge plant precipitated a walk-out, were reinstated, and the cases of three others are to be arbitrated. The NLRB will hold an election to determine whether the CIO or the AFofL will be the bargaining agent of the workers in the Ford industry.

There were a few days of rioting and disturbances in which some sustained injuries and some machinery was destroyed but a threatening situation was quelled to everyone's relief.

On the Balkan Front of the war everything seems gloomy. The Allied and Greek forces have constantly retreated before the blitz attack of Hitler's forces. However, though the line has slowly retreated till it has taken a stand at Themopolis, it is yet unbroken or undented, the allies claim. Germany's rapid advance and her victories have dispelled some of the hopes of the Allies but what will happen is yet unknown. Greece may have surrendered by now or not. It is not certain. In the Balkan drive, however, thousands of German soldiers have, needlessly it seems, been sacrificed in drive after drive against the British and Greek lines. Turkey expects that she will be next, and has begun preparation to defend herself. According to high Turkish sources, Russia may be involved in the next drive.