

### Students Must Cooperate with Government

#### Checking Policy Is Challenged; Students Take Advantages

Our somewhat ideal policy of not checking this year has been challenged almost continuously. Of course, if it were not, it would not be worth much anyway. There are those who say that a good many students think they can get away with murder, so to speak, simply because they know no one is watching their every move or trying to "catch up" with them. There are those who do take advantage of just that, but whether there are more than those who have taken advantage of other systems is questionable.

Will you be honest with yourself and see if you are slipping where you are pretty sure no one is likely to know the difference? How far does your sense of honor go? Does it work only if it is convenient and is it cast aside when it interferes with your personal wishes?

Insofar as each one does not assume personal responsibility for herself and others, any system is ineffective. This year's approach to student government means a great deal to some of us, and, I believe, to most of us. Does it mean enough to you to exert more conscious effort to make it a success? Would you rather live here feeling you can be trusted to do what you are supposed to do because you want to do the right thing, or would you rather have someone see that you are doing the right thing, insofar as that is possible? It is up to you to choose which you prefer. Are you willing to admit that so many people cannot be expected to do the right thing, that such a system is not practical, but only a foolish ideal?

Comparing our approach with other systems, I am quite sure that, with all its flaws, it is the better way—it is the basis of true and genuine growth and it is more valuable. It cannot be accomplished in six months, or a year, or perhaps even two. Is it worth the effort and the continued striving necessary to make it a reality? I believe it is, but it is going to require the faith, the energy, the application of enough people to keep it alive and growing. Ideally, it would take every last one of us. Is it going forward on the shoulders of a few people, of everyone but you, or will some of the weight be yours also? If you shift your share to the shoulders of someone else, and if enough people do that, in the process, to say nothing of someone will get weighted down the damage which will result to the system.

Faith and other intangible values, which accompany anything possessing the ideal is worth something—it is worth far more than lack of faith and understanding, even when that faith is betrayed. It is the same principle as believing love is a more powerful thing than force. That may seem a foolish assertion in our world today, but what would happen if no one still believed that, if no one continued to cherish that ideal! The reason love seems inadequate is that so few people have tried it, have really believed in it. The same is true of a real honor system. So few people have really believed in it enough to try it. Love is the better way, and just so, I believe trust practically applied is the better way for student government. It can go forward only if there are those who really believe in it and are willing to sacrifice for it. Something of the power of such

### Opportunity for Discussion

Sometime in the near future a group of Meredith students, including International Relations Club members and all others who wish to take part, will meet for a discussion on inter-American affairs and problems, as part of a nation-wide Extempore-Discussion Contest in which six awards of tours to other American republics are planned. Such topics as "Defense of the Americas," "Inter-American Trade," and "Travel between the Americas" are to be taken up and discussed.

The contest is sponsored by the office of the coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, through the National Public Discussions Committee, Inc. It has received the endorsement of President Roosevelt. Participation on our campus is being arranged by Miss Frances Bailey, head of the Speech Department.

Of the twenty-one senior colleges participating in North Carolina, five students from each school who demonstrate greatest mastery of the subject and superior ability in expressing their ideas will represent the school at a district conference of eight to ten schools in this vicinity. Round tables and an extempore discussion forum are to be held, and many district meets also plan a special Pan American program and radio broadcasts at the same time. Forty-seven district contests in all will be held.

The two outstanding students at each district conference will be sent to one of the six regional meetings, the winning student from each region becoming a delegate to the National Intercollegiate Conference on Inter-American Affairs in Washington. According to plans all six winners will be awarded a tour of the other American republics.

About 400 colleges and universities are taking part in the contest, according to Dr. Alan Nichols, director of the National Committee in New York. The eagerness of the schools to take part shows that students in our country are deeply interested in improving Pan American relations.

#### Fairmont Epworth League Has Social

Members of the Epworth League of the Fairmont Methodist Church attended a social on Friday evening, February 20. The social was held at the State College Y. M. C. A., and for the most part was planned by State College boys who are members of the League.

trust is expressed in the poem by Grace Noel Crowell:

Because Someone Has Faith in Me  
 Because someone has faith in me  
 I cannot fail though all the way  
 Winds up the hill.  
 My staff in hand, and cheerily,  
 I can but fare me forth each day  
 With right good will.  
 Because someone has faith in me  
 I need to keep my heart quite true,  
 My own faith strong,  
 My vision clear, that I may see,  
 Undaunted by what meets my  
 view,  
 And sing a song.  
 God help me sing the song, I  
 pray,  
 God keep me clean and strong to  
 go,  
 Clear-eyed to see  
 The untrod, upward winding  
 way.  
 For fail I cannot one I know  
 Has Faith in me.  
 More than one person has faith  
 in everyone of us. Are you willing  
 to have faith in others and in  
 great ideals, as well as to be worthy  
 of the trust that others have  
 placed in you?

### FIRST AIDERS LEARN HOW



#### OCIAA Gives Study Data

The Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, through the National Public Discussions Committee, Inc., is sponsoring a nation-wide discussion of inter-American affairs, in which this school has agreed to participate. Delegates to the national conference for the contest will be rewarded, it is planned, with a specially conducted tour of the other American republics in the summer of 1942.

The discussion program calls for intensive study of inter-American problems and is open to all students, through departments of public speaking, Spanish, international relations, social studies and related fields. Among topics suggested for extempore-discussion forums are "The Importance of Hemispheric Solidarity in Defense," "Inter-American Trade at the Crossroads," "Ships for Inter-American Trade," "Rediscovery of the Americas by Americans," "How Modern Transportation and Communications Helped Unify the Americas," and "The Danger Threatening the Americas."

Not later than March 1 each school will select five to eight students who have demonstrated the greatest mastery of the subject and superior ability in the public expression of their ideas. The winners will represent their schools at one of about fifty district conferences to be held throughout the country.

Each district conference will have representatives from eight to ten neighboring schools and will hold round table meetings and an extempore-discussion forum. From each such conference the two outstanding students will be selected as representatives for seven regional meetings. One student from each regional meet will become a delegate to the National Intercollegiate Conference on Inter-American Affairs and according to present plans will be rewarded a tour of the other American republics this summer.

The contest is being conducted under the management of the National Public Discussions Committee, Inc., of which Dr. Alan Nichols is director. Dr. Nichols, a native of Iowa, has for twenty years been director of inter-collegiate forums at the University of Southern California.

Members of the Advisory Committee of the contest are: George E. Brooks, Rhode Island State College; Dallas C. Dickey, Louisiana State University; Charles P. Green, University of Oklahoma; Charles R. Layton, Muskingum College; Charles F. Lindsley, Occidental College; W. V. O'Connell, Northern Illinois State Teachers College; Henry G. Roberts, Louisiana State University; Arthur L. Woehl, Hunter College; Howard S. Woodward, Western Reserve University; and W. Hayes Yeager, George Washington University.

#### Alpha Psi Omega Meeting

Catherine Wyatt and Catherine Porter, Seniors, and Annie Mary Matthews, a sophomore, were the new members who were initiated into the Alpha Psi Omega, the Honorary dramatic society on the campus, at the meeting Tuesday night, February 12.

After the initiation, which is a secretive ritual, a business meeting took place during which a society social was discussed. Then ice cream with chocolate syrup and coca-colas were served.

The Alpha Psi Omega is a national dramatic society, the Eta Nu Chapter, of which was established on the Meredith campus in 1938. At present there are twelve active members, including the three new ones. Members of the Little Theatre who have obtained fifty Little Theatre points, if more than half are in acting, and seventy-five, if in producing, are eligible to be invited into the society.

Officers of the organization are: Gretchen Fanney, Worthy Playwright; Nan Davis, Worthy Stage Manager; Margaret Hine, Worthy Business Manager; and Miss Frances Bailey, Cast Director. Other members include Ellen Ann Flythe, of Jackson; Mary Elizabeth Holloway, of Durham; Elizabeth Pruitt, of Hickory; Helen Scarborough, of Bishoptonville, S. C.; Virginia Greene, of Shelby, and Cornelia Herring, of Zebulon.

#### News Bureau Makes Request of Students

To the students and faculty: Meredith has been kept "in the news" fairly well this year, which may be attributed to the splendid cooperation which has been received from students and faculty. It is not possible for us to cover every event, and for that reason reporters of campus organizations working in connection with the News Bureau makes the news coverage more complete. Everything that is turned in to the papers is not printed, but every time an item is printed—then Meredith is that much better known.

You perhaps know things that would make wonderful news, so tell about them. Keeping a school up front in the news is an enterprise. There are numbers of other colleges in the state with publicity news that deserves newspaper space, too. We get better coverage only with complete school cooperation.

Stop by the News Bureau at times and look at our scrap books to review the year. Then, too, suggestions that are well sent are always well received. An observer can always give one new suggestion that she had not been able to think of herself because she was too closely connected with the business. You have thought of "newsy" angles that we have not, so tell us about them, here. The News Bureau.

#### March Acorn Is Work Issue

The next issue of the *Acorn*, to be published around the first week of March, will be composed of vocational articles. The stories, the poetry, and the book reviews will deal with various fields—the preparation for, the opportunities of, and the general aspects of the work.

Students who are definitely planning to go into a certain type of work and who already have a more or less wide knowledge of the subject are to be contributors to this edition.

#### Dance Regulations

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- ing house, tourist home or hotel unless under chaperonage of her mother.
- 4. When attending dances held in Raleigh, students must go from and return to the college. They must be in an hour after the dance.
- 5. When dances are held in Durham or Chapel Hill students may be allowed under chaperonage to go from and return to the college within an hour after the dance, or they may spend the week end in that city, if satisfactory arrangements are made in advance with the Dean of Women.
- 6. Only girls who are students in residence at Meredith may go from and return to the college.
- 7. When going to dances and returning to college: Freshmen may have two dances per semester. Sophomores may have two dances per semester. Juniors may have three dances per semester. Seniors may have three dances per semester.

These regulations apply only to dances sponsored by approved organizations or institutions and not to the dancing of individual couples in public places.

Chaperones for dances are: Anne Barrow, Frances Buchanan, Nancy Carroll, Rowena Daniel, Gretchen Fanney, Margaret Hine, Mary Elizabeth Holloway, Virginia McGowan, Joyce McIntyre, Martha Olive, Amelia Pruitt, Elizabeth Pruitt, Catherine Wyatt.

#### Shorthand Course To Be Given Here

Since there are quite a number of girls who would like to study shorthand, Evelyn Hampton plans to get a group of girls several hours a week to study shorthand. They will study about two and a half months at a nominal fee.

### Tips on Being Stewardesses

In keeping with new war-time requirements for airline stewardesses, Don F. Magarrell, director of passenger service for United Air Lines, today gave some tips to co-eds on how they can now attain a place in the sky.

Said Magarrell in announcing waiving of registered nurse requirements for the duration: "Study hard, girls—especially such subjects as speech, English, hygiene, physiology, sociology and home economics. We'll require at least two years of college or university training, but we're making no change as to physical specifications which call for applicants to be between 5 feet 2 and 5 feet 5 inches tall, not over 120 pounds in weight, and between 21 and 25 years of age."

United Air Lines has eliminated the previous requirement of a registered nurse's certificate because of the war-time needs for nurses. Classes for co-eds will be started shortly at United's school for stewardesses in Chicago as the company begins obtaining additions and replacements for its present staff of 225 stewardesses, Magarrell announced.

#### Piano Clinic to Be Held Here Feb. 21

A piano clinic under the direction of Miss May Crawford, head of the piano department of Meredith College, will be held at the College on Saturday morning, February 21, from 10:30 to 12:30 o'clock. All piano teachers from Wake, Vance, Johnston, Nash, Harnett and Wilson counties are invited. Miss Crawford will conduct an open forum on technical problems of pianists and will lead a discussion on questions submitted before hand. Jocelyn House, Meredith alumna, is in charge of this district for the piano clinic.

#### College Broadcasts

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other play presented by the sociology department and directed by Dr. Ellen Winston.

Next week's offering will be yet another play, *Democracy at Work*, presented by Addie Davis, president of the student council. Included in future broadcasts, which will be given each week through April 2, will be a play by the social science department directed by Mrs. Lillian Parker Wallace;

### SPORTS

#### Basketball Schedule

Basketball games have already started and will continue through next week. The games take place on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights at 9:30. Students and their dates are cordially invited to come and cheer the teams. No food, however, may be brought into the gym.

Three games have already been played, freshmen-Sophomore, junior-senior, and freshman-junior. The games still to be played and their dates are:

- February 23—Sophomore-Junior
  - February 25—Senior-Sophomore
  - February 26—Junior-Freshman
- Miss White and Miss Dickenson will referee the games.

#### Betty Cuthrell Is A. A. Representative

Betty Cuthrell of Lexington, North Carolina, has been elected freshman representative on the A. A. Board. On the board she will represent the freshman class interests.

Since coming to Meredith Betty has been active in sports. She has participated in golf, archery, basketball, and tennis. She was also captain of the freshman tennis team carrying on a tradition she started in high school.

#### Dr. Johnson Now In Rex Hospital

Dr. Mary Lynch Johnson, Associate Professor of English, is now in Rex Hospital where she has undergone an operation. Dr. Johnson entered the hospital February 15 and it will be necessary for her to stay there for at least three weeks. After she is released from the hospital she will not be able to resume her activities for three or four weeks. During her absence from our midst, Dr. Johnson's friendly smile will be missed by each and every member of the student body.

a concert by the glee club under the direction of Miss Ethel Rowland; and two more plays, one by the physical education department directed by Miss Christine White and the other by the art department under the direction of Clayton Charles.

Concluding the series will be an address, *The Christian College in the World of War*, by President Campbell.

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