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## Cosmopolites

"This is your Esso reporter, E-S-S-O, bringing you the latest news. . . ."

"Hey, kid, either cut it off or find something better than that stuff!"

Every day we hear this scene repeated.

Approach various persons on the campus, and, in casual conversation, ask them their opinion of a certain legislative bill, or better still, what they think of the heroic fight of Stalingrad. Note their dumfounded expressions.

The majority of us confine our interests far too closely to local and college events. We don't seem to realize how vitally these news broadcasts affect us. We don't seem to realize how important to our world and to us are the daily headlines.

It's high time for us to be waking. It's time we were becoming conscious of the decisive period of which we are a part. To take our places as true and well-informed American citizens, we should direct our efforts toward a broader and more general understanding of the times.

Then, too, perhaps, when our grandchildren ask us about what seems to them the dim and far-off World War, we'll have a ready answer and maybe even a romantic tale.

## Letter to President

Wake County Jail  
Raleigh, N. C.  
Oct. 12, 1942

President Meredith College  
City

Dear Sir:

The work your young people are doing at the jails is much appreciated. Yesterday morning the girl who taught the Church School lesson to us captured the attention of all including two of our roughest men. After she left, their indictments of religion and their invectives hurled against it were softened. They even introduced questions afterward which developed into long discussions of religion. Just thought you would like to know.

Sincerely yours,

## All Our Energies

"The challenge of the new day for American colleges is very great. All our energies at the present must be devoted to winning the war. Yet winning the war will be futile if we do not throughout the period of its winning keep our people prepared to make a lasting and worthy peace. This time the peace must be global the same as the war has become global. Around the peace table the voice of the United States will have great weight. It is of tremendous importance that that voice shall represent the aspirations of a people determined that mankind everywhere shall go forward to its destiny. The soul of that destiny is maximum freedom of the human spirit."

—President Roosevelt's Message to the Inauguration of Dr. Everett Case as Ninth President of Colgate University.

# Purely Personal

Tsh! Tsh! Has Avis broken a wing, or has a wing broken her heart? Peggy must have her family's approval on that Clemson pin she's sporting. Neil, we knew you worked in the laundry, but what's this we hear about a "baggage car"? Did you get by with that Naval Pre-Flight exam, Vivian?

Are the Yanks coming South, south of the Mason-Dixon? At any rate there seems to be a lot of rejoicing in a certain room in Jones. Frances Wallace seems to be singing "I don't Want to Walk Without Hugh." Anyway he's registered at State, but he seems to be coming to Meredith.

Say, girls, are you ready for Halloween? We know Dot Boone is cause she's got her Tom.

Hattie, how did you feel coming in at two o'clock in the morning? Incidentally, Meredith rules help give him the old brush-off.

We sho' do like that convertible that's been sporting Horty around lately. Wonder why Lois has such a keen interest in High Point? That's an awfully pretty class ring she's wearing.

Would someone tell us why Veronica's face lights up so when the Army Air Corps is mentioned? Could it be the reflection of a "Sparkler"?

How's chaperoning, Theda? You seem to be mighty popular!

Well, Bobbie Dean, the home-town boy finally came, huh? It must have been wonderful not having a chaperone.

By the way, Mary Lib, was that trip to Goldsboro very fruitful?

It appears that Capitol Square is a good hang-out for marines. How about it "Lib" and "Trudy"?

It must be "Sand" that Lucile has in her eyes?

Dr. Christenberry's little red lunch box is just too, too! Let's hope he has room enough for his pimento sandwiches.

"Peek," are you right sure that cider was sweet?

It's no fun waiting for quiet-hour at Peace to end, is it girls?

Janie are you right sure it's a brother at Wake Forest?

They tell me Snow is really good at writing love letters. Wonder where she learned?

## It Began In 1651

It all began in Siena in Italy in 1651, and so in modern times Palio combined with Stunt Night is the unique contribution of Meredith College to the records of original college ideas.

In response to a request in 1935 for an event for both students and alumnae, which would be unique and picturesque and which would promote class rivalry, Miss Marion Warner, then head of the physical education department, Miss Ida Poteat, "Beloved Miss Ida," and Dr. Helen Price, present head of the department of classical languages, all of whom had witnessed the original Palio in Siena, suggested something derived from it. The result was the Meredith Palio, combined with the traditional Stunt Night.

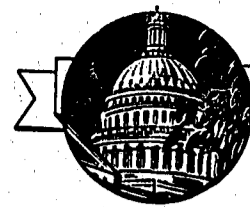
The name Palio comes from the Italian for the banner which was awarded to the winning horse and rider in a race which was the main feature of this Italian Palio. Meredith does not absolutely duplicate this Palio since the original is in celebration of the Catholic Feast of Assumption and has been traditionally observed by devout Catholics.

At Meredith the girls parade just as did the inhabitants of Siena. The class groups correspond to the groups from the city wards; and each class has its race horse and rider as did each ward, and they compete for the banner prize in the main event. Each class marches with its horse, rider, ensign bearers, leaders and such, all costumed, just as the people of the wards did. Of course, the mumming is present since it was an unquestioned part of all festivals of this nature.

The actual race course at Meredith has just as bad curves as the original at Siena, according to Dr. Price; and she relates also that the placing of the spectators is much the same. Perhaps the biggest difference is that Meredith treats with a humorous touch what is a matter of reverence to the original participants.

This year for the eighth annual time Palio and Stunt Night will be observed next Saturday. Big things are to be expected if the doings of the art department, managed chiefly by Clayton Charles, department head, are any evidence. It has been rumored about that the winning horse and rider will be awarded a banner as a prize, just as the originals were thus rewarded, instead of the usual tin cup. This ability to change and improve year by year is cited by Dr. Price as being Meredith's advantage.

Next SATURDAY is the BIG DAY, and EVERYBODY will see EVERYBODY ELSE at PALIO and STUNT NIGHT!



## CAPITAL to CAMPUS

A. C. P.'s Correspondent Reports from Washington



Wake Forest, Oct. 30.—Pictured above is Beth Perry, Wake Forest College senior from Durham, who is the first president of the Woman's Division of the Wake Forest College student body. She also has the distinction of being the first co-ed to register at Wake Forest after its trustees voted to admit women on the junior-senior level. She is president of the College Little Theater, and has been selected to appear in the current "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." She is the sister of Russell Perry, fullback for the Wake Forest College football team. Ed. note—Beth Perry attended Meredith College from 1939 to first of 1941-42 session.

## Collegiate Creams

College is a four-year loaf baked in your old man's dough!!

(Sez who?)

"Love Unrequited"

Oh heart, oh me

I love he

But he loves she

And she ain't me

So me and he

Ain't we!

—Pointer.

"If the children in America read Mother Goose, what do the children in Germany read?"

"Pappa Gander."

—The Log.

"How did the lightning bug feel when he backed into the fan?"

"Delighted—no end!"

Blessed are the censors, for they shall inhibit the earth!

The best place, still, to look for sympathy is in Webster's.

Conversation in Italy

Optimist: "We're going to lose the war."

Pessimist: "Yes, but when?"

Inefficiency: Looking both ways before crossing a one-way street.

—Orange Peel.

"I never kissed a girl in my life."  
"Well, don't come buzzin' around me. I'm not running a prep school."

—Penn Triangle.

If every boy in the United States would read every girl's mind, the gas consumption would drop off fifty per cent.

—Wataugan.

"What are those cops watching?"  
"That revolving door. It's been going around with the wrong people."

—Owl.

"That's the guy I'm laying for," muttered the hen as the farmer crossed the yard.

—Pointer.

Herliky: "I'm not under the alco fluence of incihol, but thinkle peep I am."

Seeley: "I'm not half so thunk as you think, but fool so feelish I don't know who is me."

—Yale Record.

The wettest week in Washington history is also a week of the greatest historical significance to American colleges. Strong currents also are running through Congress and administrative offices. The bill to draft 18 and 19-year-olds is about to be passed; the senators are wrestling with it right now.

That bill may determine whether you continue your education and, if you do, what shape it may take during the remainder of your years, or months, in school.

By the time you read this perhaps you may be able to prompt us on some of the points, but here's the way the picture looks now:

Most teen-aged college students won't be called into military service until the end of this school year. This is particularly true of competent students, especially those taking scientific and technical courses.

After this year, when inroads on college teen-agers are likely to be relatively heavy, the question of who shall remain in school will be a stickler. The draft bill itself isn't likely to lay down strict stipulations on this matter—it will be left to administrative decision.

Broadly, administrative officials will base their decision on two major considerations: the course a student is taking and his scholastic record.

England's policies are a key to what may happen to students here. Although there has been about a 25 per cent drop in overall enrollment in Britain, scientific and technical departments of the colleges are crammed with students. Obviously, the drop has occurred in liberal arts courses.

And obviously, these same courses will suffer in America. Officials in the Office of Education here believe that American arts colleges haven't done all they should to cope with that inevitable situation.

These officials feel that some educators are slow to recognize the inevitability of the drop-off in enrollment and, consequently, are slow to prepare for it.

First, say the officials, these educators should expand their curricula, and quickly, to include additional science courses, courses in physical education and the like. In short, courses that tie in more closely with prosecution of the war.

Conversion, in many cases, hasn't been thorough and it hasn't been prompt.

Second, arts educators should devise a plan right away for keeping their best students—scholastically speaking—in school. The need in this war for trained, educated men and women is as great as the need for front line fighters. It is highly important that the "right" students remain to study. Recommendations of the arts colleges will probably determine which are the "right" students, even though final decision will, theoretically, be up to the government.

## Y.W.A. MISSION STUDY COURSES TO BEGIN NOV. 10

The Y.W.A. Mission Study Course is scheduled for November 10-13 at 6:50 each evening. Tentative plans are that we shall have the following:

Mr. Bunn Olive, of Raleigh, teaching *China Rediscovered Her West*.

Miss Vivian Nowell, from our own campus, teaching a book on Africa.

Mrs. Albert Drake, of Hendersonville, teaching a book on South America.

Plan to attend one of these.

The man who said one-half of the world does not know how the other half lives never was on a rural phone line.

—Pennsylvania Guardsman.

Said a young thing to her mother: "It isn't fair. At night you tell me I'm too little to stay up, and in the morning you say I'm too big to stay in bed."

—The Log.