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## Student Council

At a college as well as elsewhere, there are people who work and never receive the credit due them. Though the Student Council receives some credit, it does not receive nearly as much as is due it. We fail to realize the time and thought that this group gives to the school. Let us think for a minute of the time they spend in checking cards, which is a relatively small part of their job, and we will begin to see how tedious and time-consuming part of their work is. These girls also meet every Monday night. They do not meet to make some rule that will bother us, but they work to help us and to do all in their power to make us happy here. Another phase of their work is chaperoning. Too often we think of chaperones as nuisances, but in reality they are rendering us a service.

The girls on the Council are not spies; they do not use a microscope when they check cards to try to detect flaws. They do not try to follow us when we are in town to see that we have our hats on our heads; they do not check to see if we do this or if we don't do that. They work for us rather than against us. Every student should think of the Student Council members as friends and not as some awe-inspiring personages who go around spying and snooping. We ought to feel free around them. (The Twig staff hasn't yet called on the Council to write the gossip column.) They work for us; let us support them and do our utmost to show our gratitude by living up to the Meredith honor system to the very best of our ability. That is what they want for their reward.

## Palio and Stunt

Palio and stunt both proved to be unusually successful this year in that a large number of girls participated. One of the purposes, especially of Palio, is to enable all Meredith girls to take an active part in some activity of their class. Practically all students took part in Palio and thus helped their class and themselves. By looking at the stunt programs, one might surmise that relatively few girls had anything to do with stunt, but fortunately this is far from being correct. Making costumes, setting up scenery, writing the script, and numerous other jobs have to be done by members of the class before a good stunt can be given. These jobs give every girl an opportunity to help and cooperate with her class. The fact that many students had a part in Palio and stunt shows that Meredith girls are loyal to their class as well as to the college.

It is good to have a friendly spirit of rivalry among the four classes. Such a spirit is prevalent at Palio and stunt. Each class wants to win, but there is a good spirit among the losers. Meredith Palio and stunt together offer several prizes because of their many features, as the races, songs, and yells as well as the actual Palio idea and the stunt. Practically every class receives some recognition, so no class feels too disheartened if it does not get first place.

This year many alumnae and town people were present to witness the events. The alumnae, "bound together in loyalty," set a good example for future alumnae. As a whole the day was successful and the spirit was excellent. This spirit of loyalty and cooperation should continue through the year!

## Neighborly News

Congratulations are in order for the seniors and freshmen, and, also, to everybody who took part in a very successful Palio and stunt day. Such stimuli really set off that spark of class spirit.

We've been so interested in the doings here at Meredith that we almost forget our "neighbors," so let's see what they're doing.

The effects of war on colleges can be seen in decreases in attendance in all men's colleges such as State and Clemson. At Clemson, attendance has decreased from 2,300 cadets of last fall to about 700 this fall, the majority of which are below draft age. Of course, you know the situation at State!

In the wake of all this, the army has taken over dorms for C.T.D., A.S.T.P., V-12, and A.F.S. units. Speaking of A.F.S., the unit at Wake Forest will be completely moved by the middle of January 1944. The school will return to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, where it was located before coming to Wake Forest in 1942. There have been reports that a pre-medical A.S.T.P. will be established at Wake Forest after the A.F.S. leaves, but this is not official.

*Old Gold and Black.*

This reminds me of instructors in such units. In the column, "It Can't Happen Here," or "Famous Misstatements" of Furman University's paper was this:

"This phase of physics is terribly dry, and I know you men wouldn't like it, so we will talk about something else for the period." Dr. Christenberry.  
*Furman Hornet.*

Speaking of A.S.T.P.'s, they will receive an official insignia in November. The insignia will depict the sword of valor against a lamp of knowledge, the sword and lamp being dark blue on a yellow, octagonal-shaped patch. There are more than 100,000 soldiers participating in this program at 209 colleges and universities in the United States.

*The Flat Hat (William and Mary).*

Girls are also doing their part in colleges toward winning war (which is a very extensive subject). They are organizing various units to do war work or work to replace those in war work. A Victory Corps has been formed at Stratford College under the sponsorship of the physical education department to do various manual tasks around school made necessary by a shortage in regularly employed labor. They do domestic chores and war work, gardening, and work on athletic fields, in addition to drilling.

*The Stratford Traveller.*

At William and Mary, a Wams Corps has been organized to promote war effort on the campus. It consists of five hundred and five co-eds.

*The Flat Hat.*

At Vassar, the girls called off their class rings and a prom in favor of war savings.

*Associated Collegiate Press.*

Of interest to former Mars Hill girls is the effect of war at Mars Hill. The former pastor, Mr. William L. Lynch, left last week to enter the Naval Chaplain School at Williamsburg, Virginia.

*The Hilltop.*

Wouldn't it be nice to be a calendar and have a date every night!

*Flat Hat.*

Love makes the world go 'round—with that worried expression.

The man who wrote "Home, Sweet Home" must have been in college.

*Creek Pebbles (Campbell College).*

She calls me maple sugar; she thinks I'm her sap.

*Lenoir Rhymean.*

For every woman who makes a fool out of a man, there's one who makes a man out of a fool.

*Los Angeles Collegian.*

Then there was the Scot who learned braille so he could read in bed without burning the lights.

Then, too, there was the Indian who slept with his head to the fire to keep his wigwam.

*The Lantern (Limestone College).*

An optimist is a fellow who looks in a cuckoo clock for eggs.

*Lenoir Rhymean.*

A pessimist is a man who wears suspenders and a belt.

*Contributed by a faculty member.*

A philosopher is one who instead of crying over spilled milk, consoles himself with the fact that it was 4/5 water.

*Jackson Journal.*



Cartoon by Mary Elizabeth Bryant.

## Tattle Tale Grey

GUEST COLUMNIST  
Miss Fels Naptha

Look what I got the other day:  
N. C. State College

Dear Columnist,

We have a bit of hot news for the *Watagan*, but since it is not printed this year, we decided to share it with you.

First, it seems that Bobby Mayfield (one of the Meredith girls) is having a time trying to make up her mind. Will it be the president of the Sigma Chi, Ben Greene, or the president of Sigma Nu, Ike Tull? We're all a bit curious. Will Ben's Ion-g—car influence her?

Sincerely yours,  
a casual observer.

There's an epidemic for which there is no serum. Why don't they quarantine these people who get engaged? I'm afraid (?) it might be catching. Latest victims of the plague are Peck and Pitt. Well—if it's a plague all I've got to say is, "Plague take it!"

Are dreams suppressed desires? What senior dreamed that she died and went to (censored) and all the faculty were there having a tea party?

He got his discharge papers one day and was here the next. He wouldn't let her cut classes, but she was down in the parlors with him writing five hundred word themes. Who? Why, Helen Evans, of course.

Wandalee Wilson seems to have a retiring nature. Reports say that she loves the interior of her closet so much that her roommate obligingly helped her stay in there for two hours.

During breakfast "Lanky" had been vigorously scratching her nose with her left hand. Finally she thrust out her phalanges and exploded, "I can't stand it any longer! Won't somebody please notice what I've got!" So that's what happens to alumnae?

Nancy Gates knows how to make that Carolina man come often. She just forgets her purse in his pocket, and he has to come back over the next day.

Gals, wasn't stunt and Palio day wonderful? Wasn't the whole weekend exciting? I know Ann Ray and Tink will agree. Evidently Dick and Izzie liked the festivities too.

I hear that Margaret H. couldn't see much of stunt for a corsage that kept getting in the way of her nose.

Did you see that cute addition to the McCurdy family giving Palio the once-over Saturday afternoon? Here's hoping some day she'll be in there marching with the rest.

Remember Beth Perry? Seems she's gone and did it. She's now engaged to be Mrs. Bill—uh—Upchurch.

By the way—does anybody know whether "Z" is a Phi or an Astro? The Wake Forest Deacons must not get around much any more, because last Saturday we had to make our own. But at least we made him big enough for all.

The administrative staff is getting awfully horsey about now. Remember "Blue Benson" and "Carlyle" the other day?

Now since we've dragged out a good percentage of the dirt around here, things ought to be a few shades whiter. Give the credit to Fels Naptha.

## New Library Books

The present collection of new library books should prove especially attractive to Meredith readers. Among the newest books are: *Between Tears and Laughter*, by Lin Yutang; *Kate Fennigate*, by Booth Tarkington; *Paris Underground*, by Etta Shiber; *So Little Time*, by John P. Marquand; *Thunderhead*, by Mary O'Hara (author of *My Friend Flicka*); *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, by Betty Smith; *Katherine Christian*, by Hugh Walpole; *But Gently Day*, by Robert Nathan; *Journey Among Warriors*, by Eve Curie; and *They Also Ran*, by Irving Stone.

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