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The Value of Examinations

Too often, we who have to take examinations see no value in them. We think of them only as the main occurrences of several fearful days which are to be dreaded for weeks. We think of them as some form of entertainment for the teachers, as if they look forward to making out the tests and reading the numberless papers.

Examinations are good for several reasons. Seeing a course as a whole is a valuable asset in learning any subject. Few of us would take the time to review the semester's work at the end of the time unless we had to. An examination of the course gives us this chance to review and see the relationship between the various parts of the course. When a six weeks' test is over we rarely go back to this material until the time comes for the final examination. If we didn't have them we should not retain in our memories nearly as much as we do because of this general review.

We pay for the privilege of learning, but without examinations we should not get all we pay for. In studying for an exam many forgotten statements are recalled and when related to some other fact are remembered.

Too, examinations give us another chance. If we have not been doing well all along, we have a new chance to prove that we can do better. If we have been doing all right and do not need another chance, we should not mind taking the examinations. All of us can do better than we have done and examination week gives us a chance to do our best.

All of us should learn how to distinguish between important and unimportant material. We have to do this in studying for our last test on each subject. If we can't tell what is important and what is not, we shall find ourselves in a tight place. Learning to pick out important material is certainly an advantage to be gained by studying for examinations.

Before taking an exam, in studying for it, and while taking it we have to use our minds to the best of our ability. Concentration is vitally important in studying at all times, but in studying for exams and taking them, we have a limited time and have to concentrate in order to retain the material we need and to answer the questions correctly and to the point.

In taking an examination we have to express ourselves clearly and briefly because we have only a short time. Any chance we have to practice clear thinking should be appreciated.

These are only a few of the many reasons why examinations are given for us, are advantageous to us, and are not given to make us have a dreary and unhappy week.

Founders' Day

On Friday, February 4, we shall observe Founders' Day. Do we really know any of the facts concerning the founding of Meredith? The North Carolina Baptist Convention founded Meredith. A charter was granted in 1891, and students were first admitted in September, 1899. The name was changed in 1905 from the Baptist Female University to the Baptist University for Women, and in 1909 it was changed again—to Meredith College, a name given in honor of Thomas Meredith, a distinguished Baptist leader.

We are thankful to be a part of such an institution as Meredith and to observe Founders' Day again. We shall be looking forward to this occasion, when Governor Broughton will speak to us.

Neighborly News

Why do we tear our hair and bite our nails,
And give forth with such shrieks and wails?
It's not Sinatra, the over-rated nightingale,
But, rather, these exams that make us pale.

All of this burning of midnight oil and cramming of last-minute details should produce some good results, if you live through it. At Wake Forest, the number of honor students this year has nearly doubled in percentage. This year's percentage of honor roll students has increased over last year's by almost a hundred per cent.
Old Gold and Black.

Wake Forest enrollment figures for this quarter reached 356 as compared with 448 students last quarter.
Old Gold and Black.

At State, approximately 850 students have registered for the winter term, a decrease of 150.
The Technician.

In case you're interested in seeing a basketball game at State, these are the games to be played in Raleigh:
On January 22—Navy Pre-flight.
January 26—Carolina.
February 1—Duke.
February 10—Davidson.

For the last two years Saint Mary's girls have gone military with about one hundred and thirty girls taking part in the military training. Girls chosen from each squad has been trained as company commanders, company sergeants, platoon sergeants and squad leaders. Lt. Arthur Kaltenborn is the director of the training.
The Belles of Saint Mary's.

State College has been granted a charter for the establishment of a Sigma Xi Chapter, America's highest honor society in the general sciences. The requirements for membership are met by professors and instructors who have made noteworthy accomplishments of original research in the general sciences. Students who have clearly demonstrated their ability to follow scientific research independently are eligible. The South has only 11 chapters, out of 88 in the nation, with three in North Carolina—at Carolina, Duke, and State.
The Technician.

"I didn't raise my daughter to be fiddled with," said the pussy cat as she rescued her offspring from the violin factory.
The Lenoir Rhymer.

Mary had a little swing
It isn't hard to find.
Everywhere that Mary goes
The swing is right behind.
The Technician.

Worship

The religious education class is writing a series of editorials on worship. This is the first in the series.

What is worship? "Tuning in with God in the spirit of love, praise, and adoration."

How do you worship God? Jesus said God is a Spirit and they that worship Him should worship in Spirit and truth. Elements that come into worship which strengthen our belief in God and draw us into closer fellowship with Him are adoration, confession, trust, and self-dedication. Through these elements comes a sense of peace and inner adjustment that sends us out with confidence and a new sense of worthfulness.

When do you worship? Chapel is our opportunity for daily worship. To make this a truly meaningful service, we must first realize the actual purpose of this period—worship. We must enter into it in a spirit of quiet and meditation, realizing that to receive some benefit we must put something into it. We must realize that the elements of worship are found in our hymns, our prayers, our meditations, and our directed thoughts.

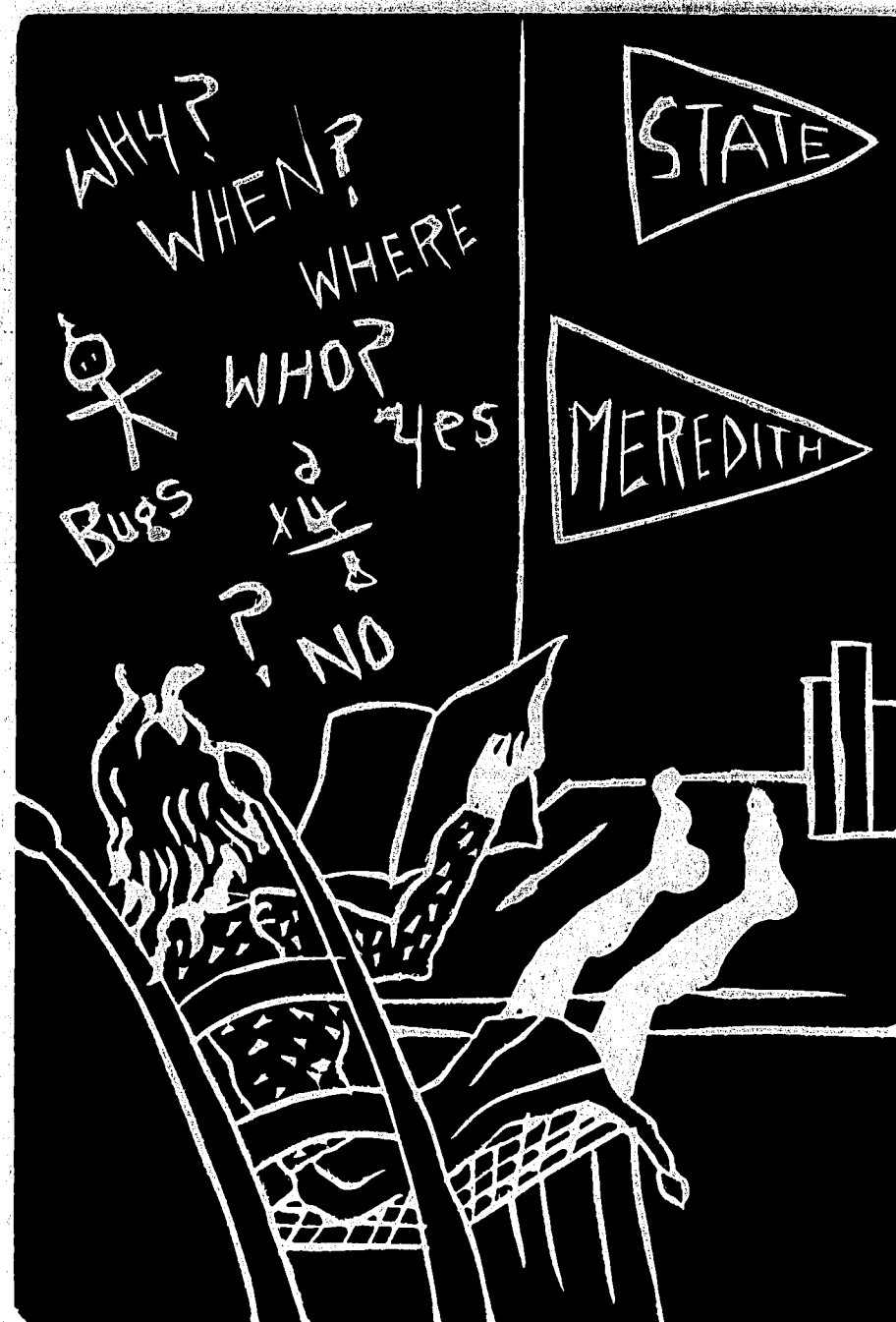
Worship is the outreach of the soul to God. Do you truly worship?

MADELINE LATTA.

SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATIONS

First Semester, January 25-29, 1944

Class	Hour of Examination	Day of Examination
11:00 MWF	10-12	Tuesday, Jan. 25
11:00 TThS	2-4	Tuesday, Jan. 25
12:00 MWF	10-12	Wednesday, Jan. 26
12:00 TThS	2-4	Wednesday, Jan. 26
2:00 MWF	10-12	Thursday, Jan. 27
8:30 MWF	2-4	Thursday, Jan. 27
8:30 TThS	10-12	Friday, Jan. 28
9:30 MWF	2-4	Friday, Jan. 28
9:30—		
TThS; 3:00 TTh	10-12	Saturday, Jan. 29
3:00—		
MWF; 2:00 TTh	2-4	Saturday, Jan. 29



Cartoon by Mary Elizabeth Bryant.

CONSULTING THE MUSE

By Your Olympian Correspondent

Your gossip columnist received a visit from Erato the other night. Erato, you know, is the muse of love poetry. She had been chatting with Dan Cupid up in the Elysium shades, and had quite a few juicy tid-bits for this column. I thought you might be interested to have these bits of news in her own words, but I can't promise you that I have always remembered them correctly. I have tried to fill in when memory failed, and you know poetry just ain't my field.

Apparently, Cupid wasn't in a very good mood when he was talking to Erato. It seems that—well, maybe I'd better quote Erato's own words:

"Dan Cupid is vexed and enraged; He thinks that a war should be waged, For it seems that he's found, On your own college ground, One young female who isn't engaged!"

Well, naturally I didn't want Erato to think that we were falling down on the love angle here, so I started right in and told her about all of the girls who received diamonds during the holidays — Helen Evans, Jean Brooks, Cleo Glover, Hilda Wilson, Janie Allen, Lib Carter, Lib McNeil, etc., etc., etc.

I didn't tell her about Miss Cameron's, because I don't believe Cupid had anything to do with it.

I did tell Erato about two weddings — about how after a WORRELL-wind romance Carolyn Kenyon changed her name to Mrs. Lt. I added that Mrs. Warren Clifton Wallace (our own "Pitt") is now living in Charlotte.

Erato said, yes, she thought we were doing pretty well. Then she told me about something I had missed. I'm going to have to start going to dinner. It doesn't pay to go by the menu—a lot of things go on in that dining hall besides eating.

For instance — well, here's what Erato told me:

"There was a screaming in the dining hall
The girls upstared from their push-backed chairs
Gathering as chickens at the housewife's call
They laughed, forgetful of their many cares
When asked what all th' ado was 'bout
They op'ed their mouths and shout-ed out:
'Oh, Daphne Pope is wed, wed ere her prime!
Young Daphne Pope, and hath left a friend
Who would not wed in turn'."

And 'though Erato quotes that "Love is Blind," I hear that Peggy Brewer still had a yen toward red hair.

Another item is Claire Van Sant's long distance proposal. Will she say "Yes" via la telephone?

Erato doesn't approve of V.P.R.'s ideas of courtship. Here's the way she described a recent evening rendezvous:

"There they were in the midst of the wood,
With the full moon silvering the ice-hung trees
And shining pale on the breast of the snow;
There they were, a man and a maid,
And five other dames and a sled!"

By the way Erato informed me that if you walk through 3rd floor Jones and hear sighs over BLUE RAIN it'll probably mean that Betsy is still thinking of Ray, Don of her William, and Isabel of Peck. I heard too that the freshmen fans of the Air Corps and the Infantry on 2nd floor Stringfield wage a constant warfare.

Erato's all right, but I think she's hepped on the subject of love. The rest of the drivel she told me isn't worth repeating.

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