

A WORD TO NEW STUDENTS

Welcome! You have heard this word countless times since your arrival at Meredith. Now your college newspaper would like to add its word of welcome. We're glad you're here.

Naturally you will face problems and become discouraged at times, but we hope that you will soon become adjusted and come to regard these years at Meredith as the happiest in your life. In becoming a student here you are afforded many opportunities to grow mentally, culturally, spiritually, and socially. Take advantage of these opportunities.

THE TWIG is your newspaper. The staff aims to present to you throughout the year accurate newscoverage of campus events and personalities. However, we need your help. If at any time you have ideas for improving THE TWIG, let us know. We shall welcome and print all letters to the editor.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Tomorrow morning classes will be merely incidental. Most of us will be thinking only of chapel and its results. Who will win this year? The Phis or the Astros? We will begin counting new members as they come into the dining hall for breakfast, and class time will be taken to compare notes on who is winning. At chapel time new girls will find their way into the auditorium through the maze of clapping, shouting, back-slapping society members. When the societies have sung praises to their respective "mothers," the result of Rush Week will at last be known. The winners will scream in deafening triumph; the losers will smile and say, "Maybe next year."

What then? When all this is over our societies are forgotten for another year. Their meetings are unattended, and their halls grow dusty. No one remembers or cares whether you are an Astro or a Phi. What were we so excited about during Rush Week?

Before the end of the year someone will be complaining about the societies never doing anything. But what can the societies do? The presidents can't work miracles alone. Maybe we all expect too much for nothing. We're all filled with society spirit now. Let's not let it die.

And speaking of spirit, just what has become of our Meredith spirit? Have we given all our loyalty to State and Carolina? We've outlawed Palio because it took too much of our time. What next?

WE DO SO HAVE SPIRIT!

About a week ago the fate of Palio was decided. Worthwhile arguments in chapel about having to wear those silly little costumes and wanting to make eligibility this term had been tossed about and the student body voted overwhelmingly to discontinue the traditional festival.

Now, according to the instigators who ousted Palio, all is well. Everybody's got school spirit again. No more embarrassing parades that reveal our Sydney Greenstreet figures. The four class vice-presidents aren't going to lose any friends this year and everybody's health is insured against the hazards of 7 a.m. drill. Furthermore (and this appeals most to our heroic natures) there won't be one cent of wasted money. The school that spends absolutely nothing for dances and athletics has also done away with Palio for the highminded purpose of building new classrooms. Yes, we've thought deeply about the matter. We've exercised our freedom of speech and we've started a lot of people thinking. And because Meredith's Student Government is founded on democratic principles, nobody stood in our way.

We're sincerely proud that Meredith students have the voting power that allows us the right to exercise our personal feeling. We aren't particularly concerned, now, about whether or not Palio was continued. We are worried primarily about the promises of class



NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

By ANN IPOCK

Everyone has noticed the beauty treatment Meredith received this summer. It seems as if "The Angel Farm" is not the only school which had a face-lifting! The girl students of Appalachian State Teachers College have really struck it lucky. They have a new modern dorm complete with new blond finish furniture. No wonder the girls of A. S. T. C. have nicknamed their new dorm, "The Swank Hotel." Greensboro College gals are not so lucky as we are because only G. C. upperclassmen have redecorated rooms.

Over in Deacon Hollow the students are making gala plans for that all important Homecoming which will be held on Saturday, November 1. The Deacon Deacons will tackle N. C. State at Wake Forest that afternoon with the Homecoming dance also on the calendar for that night. State, Carolina, and Duke also have similar plans.

Suppose when you say Phi or Astro you had to say Emerson or Irving?

unity. In our humble opinion the class unity was all right while Palio was in effect. So far we've noticed no change—except that now there is no combined class project to work toward. We're just wondering if Palio was responsible for any dissention within the classes that might have developed, as some would have us believe.

In the determined fight against Palio, something else riled us up. The first week of school our freshmen and transfers became pretty disillusioned if they accepted the arguments about Palio that worked around to our "lack of school spirit." If they honestly were worried about the testimony in chapel that "State has no spirit and Meredith has less," we refer them to the evening meal the night before when one table spontaneously started singing the Alma Mater. Soon, faculty and students were all standing, singing out the words as if they really meant them. If, at that moment, any one of you doubted that Meredith has school spirit, ask Miss Lu who stood in the doorway with tears in her eyes. She'll squelch your slightest doubt.

M. B.

That's exactly what Greensboro College students do. Their 1952 rush week is now a thing of the past with the Emersons defeating the Irvings.

Here is a bit of poetic philosophy received from the "Northeastern News," Northeastern College, Mass., and it is reprinted here with the comment not to be another Studious Sal.

Now, Studious Sal from Southern Cal—

It must be admitted, was quite a gal; She knew her math and physics, too, And with each year her knowledge grew.

With angles obtuse and circles round, Sal could cover academic ground. Latin, Spanish, even Greek, She did a semester in less than a week.

Her marks were known throughout the school, And Sal would never break a rule. Though promise of work was right nearby, Down in the mud was her chance for a guy.

In social circles Sal wasn't advised, So she went to a doc to be analyzed. She wanted to know, and she wasn't coy, "Why the heck can't I get a boy?"

"You're terribly smart, your chem is great," The doc replied, "but before it's too late, Forget the stuff that comes in books, And use your brains to improve your looks.

"When you are with Einstein out in space, It's clear you overlook your face, Instead of reading Roman tales, Why not polish and trim your nails?"

"Instead of looking for calculus tips, Why not paint and shape your lips? Go out of doors, acquire a tan, For after the sun will come a man."

So Sal did what the doctor said; Now she wishes she were dead. Although dates each night have become her rule, Her marks dropped so low, she flunked out of school.

Letters

Dear Students,

"Mademoiselle" magazine is now accepting applications from undergraduate women for membership on its 1952-53 College Board.

Girls who are accepted on the College Board do three assignments during the college year. Assignments give College Board Members a chance to write features about life on their campus; to submit art work, fashion or promotion ideas for possible use in "Mademoiselle"; to develop their critical and creative talents; to discover their own abilities and job interests.

College Board Members who come out among the top twenty on the assignments win a "Mademoiselle" Guest Editorship, will be brought to New York next June to help write, edit and illustrate the August College issue. They will be paid a regular salary for their month's work, plus round-trip transportation to New York City.

While in New York, each Guest Editor takes part in a full calendar of activities designed to give her a head start in her career. She interviews a celebrity in her chosen field, visits fashion workrooms, newspaper offices, stores and advertising agencies.

November 30 is the deadline for applying for membership on the College Board. Applicants write a criticism of "Mademoiselle's August 1952 College issue. Successful candidates will be notified of acceptance on the College Board early in December; the first College Board assignment will appear in "Mademoiselle's" January issue.

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