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Meredith College is an accredited senior liberal arts college for women located in the capital city of North Carolina. It confers the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Music degrees. The college offers majors in twenty-one fields including music, art, business and home economics.

Since 1921 the institution has been a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The college holds membership in the Association of American Colleges and the North Carolina College Conference. Graduates of Meredith College are eligible for membership in the American Association of University Women. The institution is a liberal arts member of the National Association of Schools of Music.

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A MODEST PROPOSAL

Ever since we saw the College Calendar for this year we've been commenting and hearing comments on the matter of having to resume classes after Christmas holidays on January 2. It is generally agreed that we would rather go home a few days later in order not to have to come back for Friday classes on January 2. Why can't we continue classes through December 20 and then be allowed to resume classes on Monday, January 5? We would rather spend our time at home after Christmas than before Christmas because members of our families will in many cases be home only then, and we would of course like to be with them as much as possible. We also think that it is inconsiderate to be asked to give up a weekend at home just for two day's classes. Weekends can be rather lonely anyhow, and they could be especially so right after such a long holiday period. For those of us who do not have Saturday classes the present plan will mean coming back three days early for one day's classes. For nearly everyone it will mean leaving home on New Year's Day, going wearily to classes for two days, and spending a very lonesome weekend at Meredith while most other college students are still at home. For still others of us the present plan only means that we will take double cuts in our classes and stay home anyhow.

Of course, as long as we all sit back and complain to each other without doing anything about our complaints, things will stay as they are. Why doesn't somebody do something? We can think of no good reason for not changing the dates of our holidays, therefore we believe the present dates to be merely an oversight. It may not be too late to remedy this oversight.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

Gloom hangs over the Carolina campus. The reason? The prospect of Saturday classes has arisen. Students and some faculty members have petitioned this announcement made by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees in the hope that the Committee will reconsider its decision.

You know those windows that you can see out of when you're inside, but nobody can see you from the outside? Well, the restroom in the new girls' dorm at Alabama Polytechnic Institute is equipped with such windows—only they were installed backwards by mistake.

Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, is making plans to move. The architects who planned and directed the restoration of colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, have been employed to draw plans for the University's new campus, five miles north of the Greenville business district, on Highway 25.

East Carolina College has changed

the names of two major publications, the annual and the newspaper. East Carolina and Buccaneer are the new names of these publications. The reason given for the recommendation for these changes was that the names Teco Echo and Tecoan were coined names, chosen when the college had Teachers in its name. In April 1951 the college name was changed from East Carolina Teachers College to East Carolina College, and the students have been discussing this issue of name changing ever since.

The Carolina Playmakers are holding tryouts for the second of the five major productions scheduled for this season. The play, Gogol's The Inspector General, requires a cast of 15 men and 4 women. The Furman University Theater Guild has just presented The Last Warning by Thomas Fallon. Campbell College played host to The Grass Roots Opera Company who presented the English version of Donizetti's Don Pasquale last week.

Letters

Dear editor,

It seems that everyone is always talking about the absence of school spirit in connection with almost every campus activity. There was little support of our hockey team, for example, and there was much discussion about spirit along with the palio ruling. From the attendance records of our clubs and society meetings, one would believe it to be more fashionable to be absent than to be present. Yet it is these organizations which endeavor to improve school spirit through various campaigns and projects throughout the year.

Tonight the Meredith College Playhouse is presenting its first production, "The Heiress." To those of the audience it will probably merely signify a curtain rising on an hour of entertainment. For those of the cast, however, it is the culmination of weeks of hard practice full of those sleepless nights with extra light cuts for studying. They like to act and put on a good show for our benefit, but they need our support. It was certainly not all glamour and gait at those practices.

Just like any other project, there was a great deal of work to be done, but with the proper attitude and spirit, it was accomplished. An audience can either make or break a production, so I'd like to personally invite everyone to attend the play. Let's show the cast and its director that we appreciate their efforts and that we do have that much-talked-about school spirit!

Becky Calloway.

To the editor:

As the authoritative head of the paper in our Meredith College community, you must feel as does one deliberate follower, that news is your aim! Lest we stray from the standard meaning, let us consider Webster's idea on the subject: "news 1. A report of a recent event; tidings. 2. Matter of interest to newspaper readers." This clearly allows a distinction between student-bites-dog news in the journalistic sense and the rather historical recording of the periodical cultural cohesions which have functioned with undeniable regularity for the past few decades on our campus. A column adequately entitled "Campus Bulletin" would suffice for this information.

Reporting isn't especially valuable even to your English majors if this type of unimaginative copy is to be the essence of their newspaper experience. Such is a contradiction in terms — indeed, a newspaper without news!

However, the freer use of photography in the editions of late has added greater "interestingness," which is the drawing card for widespread readability. And readability, obviously, determines the effectiveness of your publication.

Having discussed your aim, it is only fair that I state mine. I have thoughtfully submitted this recommendation with the hopeful idea of creating a greater reading unity of the one periodical publication of life on our campus. Our paper is a reflection of us. Lets make it live !!!

A.O.

Bobbye's Banter

Hang on gals, we've less than a week to go before Thanksgiving holidays! I can't wait for the vacation to come and go, so I can talk to some of the freshmen about "how different home is now." Of course some of the frosh have been home for weekends, but this longer periods of time will give them time to circulate and find things somewhat different. It was a strange feeling to me to go home and hear people say "how well you're looking!" or "my, you've really gained weight" and "how do you like school?" These were questions I'd always asked other girls, and now they were smiled at me.

Remember my book mentioned in the last issue? Well, I've just added another chapter, it's called "How to Get Even with the World" or "Monday Morning Tests." This chapter spends half itself describing the fiendish chortles and twisted grins possessed by the demon-teachers as they gleefully write the test on the board or hand out the printed evil words. I might add here that, upon publication, you will have to see me personally to obtain a copy, since I don't think the Bee-hive could carry it without being branded "Subversive," and besides, I'm particular who gets a copy. Sorry, copies will be restricted from faculty, Baptist State Convention, and trustees. Oh yes, speaking of trustees, I'm going to begin on a book about them after I finish this one. Some topics I'm considering are: "Banquet in the Dining Hall as Onlooking Students Drool" and "Shh-Day in Johnson Hall." I'm thoroughly convinced that I'll be the world's greatest author, if I don't get assassinated first!

Do your ears ring? Teeth vibrate? Hair stand on end? Face flinch? Body cringe involuntarily? Don't be alarmed, it's only after effects. It happens everytime someone gets pinned, engaged or married. Which reminds me, Congratulations to Lib McRae, Kappy Stanfield and Rusty Morrison. And do you know there are quite a few girls getting married Christmas? I've heard about Phyllis Nottingham, Sally Wise, Jean Wrenn, Mary Jean West, Edith Bradley, Kathleen Thomas, Kappy Stanfield and Becky Edge.

I finally figured out what it is with this Korean mess. Somebody never did straighten out the Russian calendar, and they think it's Thanksgiving all year round. Well, they're surely making like turkeys . . . gobble, gobble, gobble! There was an item in the paper the other day captioned "Ike Raps Red Propaganda." I surely hope it won't be long before they can revise the caption to "Ike Wraps Reds." Surely would be a nice Christmas present, all done up in red, white, and blue with a U. N. Christmas seal upon it!

The U. S. Atomic Commission won't comment on the rumor that an H-bomb has been tested in the South Pacific. Well, thanks anyway, I'd just as soon not hear it.

Do you read the ads in THE TWIG? You ought to. Never can tell what you'll find. As hard as the business staff works to get the ads and as well as the Raleigh Merchants co-operate, they'd like a little response to their efforts.

Here's another of Dorothy Parker's sad tales:

The sun's gone dim, and
The moon's turned black;
For I loved him, and
He didn't love back.

Into love and out again,
Thus I went and thus I go.
Spare your voice and hold your pen—
Well and bitterly I know
All the songs were ever sung,
All the words were ever said;
Could it be when I was young,
Someone dropped me on my head?

I tell you, girls, it's a hard life!

