

Smile—You'll Live Through It

"I've got to do some *real* studying tonight so I'd better go to the library." How often have you heard or said this? If you try to study in your room, neighbors come in to visit, the radio somehow gets turned on, you suddenly remember the dirty clothes that need washing and so on. But haven't you also heard or said this? "I can't get a thing done in the library!" Girls whisper about everything from history to Saturday night's date, people do more walking and getting up and down than studying, and there seems to be no elbow room at the crowded tables.

With exams approaching, studying is taking a more important place in our daily schedules. Whose fault is it that we can't study in our rooms or in the library? The reason seems to be two-fold. We ourselves don't try hard enough to concentrate on our work, and the other fellows are not very considerate toward us. But just remember that to every other person at Meredith you are "the other fellow."

Straighten your shoulders! Exams won't strike back if you're prepared. And they won't be nearly so painful if you smile.

Big Show

Some North Carolina history will be made in Raleigh during the next three or four months, and Meredith students, as well as those from other colleges located in Raleigh, can have ringside seats, as compared with students in other institutions not so fortunately located.

The General Assembly, described by one feature writer as "North Carolina's biennial extravaganza in oratory and debate," opened in Raleigh on January 5.

Fifty Senators and one hundred-twenty Representatives from every section of the state are here to make new laws and change old ones. In the process, some valuable time and public money will be wasted on trivia, but matters of importance to every citizen of the State will be considered and discussed, rejected or enacted into legislation which will effect us as individuals and either enhance or detract from North Carolina's reputation among the states.

Meredith students will want to be informed as to what is going on, and will enjoy the drama of the "Big Show."

The Intellectual in America

In the January issue of *Mademoiselle*, Randall Jarrell discusses the current status of "The Intellectual in America." He says, "Most of us seem to distrust intellectuals as such, to feel that they must be abnormal or else they wouldn't be intellectuals."

Today, "when politicians attack or make fun of men like Dean Acheson, they use again and again, as one of their most effective points against him, the fact that he has—gone to Harvard. Can anyone imagine their English or French or German counterparts being able to use Oxford, the Sorbonne or Heidelberg in this way? Nor is it a question of party: plenty of Democrats would have done the same thing to a Republican Secretary of State."

This attitude is not confined to politicians. Mr. Jarrell says his young daughter was telling him one day about a boy whom the other children considered odd, different. When he asked: "How's he so different?" she answered, "Lots of ways. He—wears corduroys instead of blue jeans."

"Forgive us each day our corduroys," says Mr. Jarrell. "Intellectuals are more like plain Americans than plain Americans think; plenty of them *are* plain Americans," Mr. Jarrell says, "And if they're complicated ones, different, is that really so bad?"

The irony of all this, as Mr. Jarrell points out in *Mademoiselle*, is that we're all intellectuals about something. "If you're one about salmon-fishing, why look with resentful distrust at somebody who's one about quartets or Sanskrit?"

Mr. Jarrell's thesis is that "the man who will make us see what we haven't seen, feel what we haven't felt, understand what we haven't understood—he is our best friend. And if he knows more than we know about something, that is an invitation to us, not an indictment of us. And it is not an indictment of him either: it takes all sorts of people to make a world—to make, even, a United States of America."

—From *Mademoiselle*

MISH'S MESSIN'

Well, I suppose that you, like everybody else, are running around madly trying to learn all you can in these last few days before exams (horrible word!). Never have I seen so many studious people (and I use the term *studious* loosely). I always view examinations in about the same light that Jimmy Durante probably would: "What a revolting development this is!" And then there are people like my intellectual (?) suitemate who just came strolling in and offered these words of wisdom: "Well . . . you can always say they're better than Christ-mas 'cause they come twice a year!" (That girl has got to go.) So there you are . . . two sides to every question or idea or just about anything. Personally, I'm inclined to give Jimmy Durante a pat on the back and go look for another suitemate!!!

One thing's for sure, though . . . you'd better keep quiet during exam week or you'll be practically a social outcast. Now that's at least one thing *everybody can do*. We certainly should respect those who are studying — especially the people living on the first floor halls where there's so much traffic all the time.

Now that the legislature is convening, here is a joke I like:

"And now, gentlemen," continued the congressman, "I wish to tax your memory . . ."

"Good heavens," muttered a colleague, "Why haven't we thought of that before?"

The new TV station of the Consolidated University of North Carolina should prove a great advance in education in this state. Everyone from the schools involved that knows anything about the station gets very excited when discussing all the possibilities now available. What I'm leading up to is the following: I hope that it won't be long before Meredith will have proper facilities so that we will be able to take advantage of such an educational program. If a program concerning our college is to be presented, surely there will be some way for us to see it. We should indeed consider ourselves lucky to have the chance to participate in such an enterprise and it is to be hoped that we will not fail to recognize and take full advantage of such an opportunity.

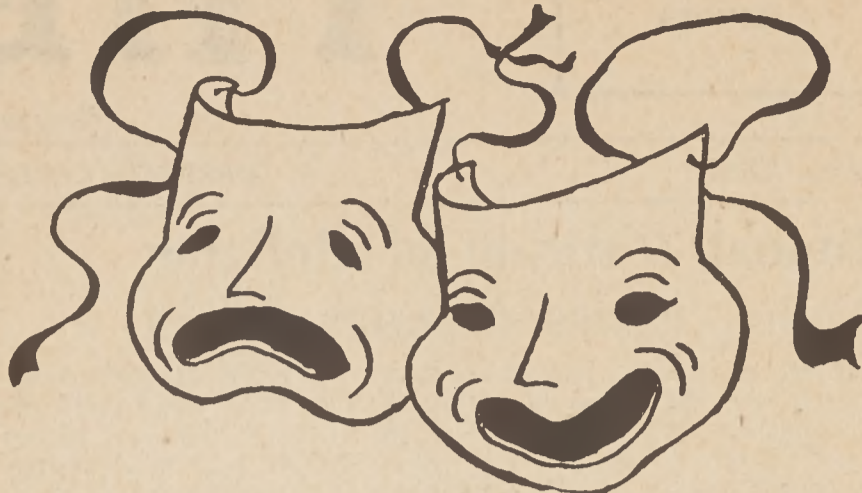
Home Ec Girls Learn About Home Life in Italy

At the meeting of the Home Economics Club on Thursday, January 6, the members were very fortunate in having with them Mrs. Landis Bennett who spoke on home life in Italy and showed slides of many beautiful Italian homes. Since Mrs. Bennett and her family had spent most of 1935 in Italy, her talk was based on her own experiences. Her description and slides showed Italian homes less conveniently arranged than ours and equipped with few modern utensils. There are no vacuum cleaners, washing machines or other appliances which are considered a must in everyday life in our country. Since there are no refrigerators, marketing must be done every day. She gave a very vivid description of the colorful Italian market place. Everyone was especially interested in hearing about Italian food.

Mrs. Bennett told about sewing, which in Italy is usually done by a designer or seamstress who uses no pattern but merely looks at a picture of the garment and makes it. She showed us a dress which had been made by an Italian seamstress, and the club was amazed at the intricate hand stitching which had been done.

There were slides made by Dr. Bennett herself, which gave the girls

CURTAIN CALLS



Recently, the Eta Nu chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, the national dramatics fraternity here on campus, tapped four seniors into its fold. They are Becky Calloway, Betty Ball, Anne Jane Barbrey, and Pat Allen. The initiation of these novices was one of great formality and was one that these four girls will never forget. Alpha Psi Omega marks a milestone for them, you may be sure. It is the realized goal of almost four years' work in the PLAYHOUSE. Alpha Psi Omega was glad to welcome Pat Woodworth, a transfer from Campbell, who was a member there.

Speaking of the PLAYHOUSE, the meetings are really tops! We've been having some wonderful programs lately, and at our last meeting Miss Neblett (who spent Christmas in New York!) gave us the scoop on some of the latest Broadway plays, among them *Dear Charles*, *What Every Woman Knows*, *Peter Pan*, *Quadrille*, etc. Anita Hiatt, Kitty Holt, and Barbara Churchill.

reviewed several plays for us. Barbara and Kitty gave a dramatic skit on that Broadway hit, *Fanny*. Barbara Jean Deans was in charge of the excellent program. Well, is anybody planning a trip to New York in the near future? If so, you would do well to see some of these current hits of the Great White Way.

NEWS FLASH!!! The Carolina Playmakers will present the roaring comedy *Arsenic and Old Lace* at our own Jones Auditorium on Wednesday, February 23, 1955. It is to be sponsored by the Tyner Education Club here on campus. Why not begin making plans right now to see what happens when two old maids get murderous ideas in their wee little noggins???

Tickets will be available soon at the price of \$.75 for students and \$1.25 for adults. Watch the bulletin boards and the papers for more news about *Arsenic and Old Lace*. It's going to be quite a play, I understand. —Pat Allen.

CAMPUS ANECDOTES ANT TROUBLES

In an attempt to keep those homemade cakes and cookies from the ants, two girls were discussing their methods of attack. One told the other, who had just received a box of food from home, to put it on a stool and put the stool in the bathtub. She thought silently of her own success in drowning ants. "They will never get to it," she assured her.

Imagine her surprise when invited to sample the cake the next day to find her orders carried out to the letter except for one small omission—no water!

TELEPHONE TROUBLES

Bess was in the library when the phone rang for her. Ernestine, her roommate, knowing that Bess did not want to talk to a certain persistent young man, went to take the call. A flirting male voice said, "Well, hello-o-o." She answered coolly, "Who is this, please?" to which the male replied cockily, "Bess, this is your boy-friend." Determined to get rid of this wolf once and for all, Ernestine stated emphatically, "This is *not* Bess, and I have a boy-friend. Now, who is this?" An amused voice replied, "This is Bess' father."

STATE COLLEGE COMMENTS

The TWIG has been recognized by State College's *Technician*! Each week the *Technician* takes headlines from papers of other colleges and gives its own comment about them. Several weeks ago, the following headline and comment appeared: "And from Meredith College's TWIG comes this two-column head: 'Witches, Ghosts, and Meredith Students Enjoy Fun and Frolic.' *What's that old saying about people being known by the company they keep?*"

1,200 MEN AND A GIRL

Lawrence, Kansas.—(ACP)—Mighty strange things happened out

a better idea of the appearance of the Italian homes and villages.

Following the meeting a social hour and an informal visit with the guest were enjoyed.

in Kansas at yearend. A pretty, blonde freshman coed at the University of Kansas here didn't know what to do, because as many as 1,200 men students ganged up at 1:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in front of her classroom building to cheer and whistle as she walked by.

"She caused mass near-riots," the *Daily Kansan* said.

Two photographers for *Life* Magazine followed her about the campus taking pictures for a possible picture story, the newspaper said, but she would not discuss the matter with reporters.

S.G.

The chaperonage of Meredith freshmen has been slowly going down the drain, as well it should, think many of your student government representatives. Both faculty and student councils are concerned about the growing discontent of both the chaperones and the chaperoned and have worked jointly and separately for several weeks to discover a more workable plan. However, now that chaperone season is over and we're all reasonably calmed down, the council members would like nothing better than to exchange ideas with any of you who will. So find out from them what has been happening in those meetings and give them your two-cents' worth!

The first week end of last month saw Velma Smithwick, Patty Melvin, Ruthe Tyson and Becky Calloway Dukeward-bound to meet with other student government council members from North Carolina and Virginia colleges. They tell us that "Academic Freedom" and "Negro-White Integration" were the principal areas of thought, the latter having been especially well handled by a panel group of both Negro and white students and administrators. Talk with them about it; they've been keeping it all to themselves!



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