

### You Are a Leader

Is there any girl at Meredith who has not pictured herself as the movie queen of Hollywood or a woman senator or, to get nearer home, most popular on the campus or chairman of the winning stunt or president of a major organization? No, of course not. We have placed much importance on those in such positions because they seem to us to be the most successful and popular people. If asked who our leaders are, they are the ones we point to.

In just two weeks we will go to the polls to select the people who will fill these positions on our campus. The importance of this election and your place in voting and exercising careful judgment is well understood. What I would like to bring to your attention is your place after the election is over.

When you drop your ballot in the box, you are giving your support to a candidate not only to win an election but also to carry out his duties in the position acquired. You will have to assume your share of the responsibility and do your part of the work to the best of your ability. The leaders in this school are not the ones who hold offices; they are all the people who possess and use the qualities of leadership. Dependability, initiative and enthusiasm will make you indispensable to the organizations you belong to, and they will make you an outstanding leader.

### Let's Fall In Love

I don't know why the emphasis is always on the men when we say, "A young man's fancy turns to love in the spring." Maybe it's because a girl's fancy centers on love the year around! At least, we find that, no matter what the season, our major topic of conversation is men.

I say "men," because that is where our minds turn when we mention love. If we ask ourselves why we love a certain young man, we can, no doubt, name many of his good qualities; but can't we apply these same qualities to another person with whom we are not in love? We become aware of the fact that love cannot be described or defined. It seems to be unpredictable and spontaneous.

Sometimes we forget that we are capable of giving this unselfish love to everyone—to parents, friends, associates. Love is not something of which to be ashamed or embarrassed. It is to be shared with all people.

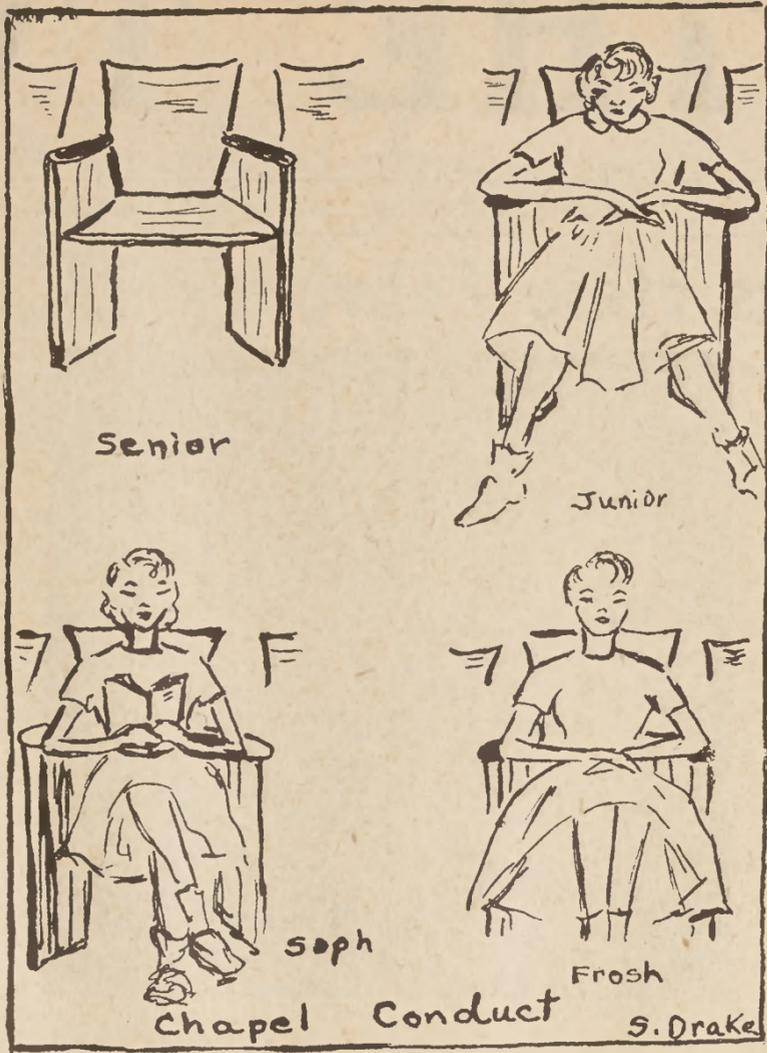
Spring is a glorious time of the year: the sun shines, the flowers grow, and the air is fresh. It's easy to take a deep breath and feel that the world is a pretty good place after all. It's fun to let our hair blow, and it's easy to laugh. But most of all, it's an easy time to be happy and radiant and to express our Christian love for all people.

### INSTITUTE MAKES CONTRIBUTIONS

Raleigh's Sixteenth Annual Institute of Religion is being held each Monday night through February at the United Church.

An outgrowth of a Sunday evening discussion group fifteen years ago, the Institute has been making a distinctive contribution to the religious and intellectual life of this section of the state. While it was initiated and is still sponsored by the United Church, the Institute has become a community project, supported by members of both Protestant and Jewish faiths, and "dedicated to the free discussion of religious values and their relationship to the total community." It has brought to its platform some of the most outstanding personalities in the fields of religion, education, and politics.

Meredith students will wish to take advantage of these opportunities to get firsthand information on events and trends in the nation and the world.



### SHOULD RUSSIAN COLLEGE EDITORS BE ALLOWED TO VISIT U.S.?

(From A.C.P. Parade of Opinion)

A.C.P. presents three editorials from student newspapers on the question of visas for Russian college editors to visit in the United States. If these editorials present a one-side viewpoint, it is because the opposite side has not been presented in any of the college papers we have read so far.

#### Invite Russian Editors to U.S.?

Letters recently circulated by student councils from Swarthmore and Oberlin colleges proposed inviting Russian college newspaper editors to the United States to let them see American life firsthand.

Last year U. S. college editors, including the Minnesota Daily editor, made such a tour of Russia, and came back with first hand views on the everyday affairs of the Russians they met. The speeches they made, the articles they wrote, proved fresh and valuable.

Two U.C.L.A. students, when an invitation to the Russians was discussed at their student legislature, expressed the fear that college editors would only spread propaganda about communism here. If Americans are actually afraid that Russians could convince students that Russia is the better country, our system is already dying.

Of course, there are barriers to be considered before an invitation could be made. Would our government ever admit tourists from Russia? Would they be allowed to speak here?

The American editors who visited Russia last January reported that some college editors they met there were adult non-students, hired by someone to run the school publications. Perhaps a college student editor does not even exist in Russia.

But the proposal is certainly worth support. We might learn by meeting them, that as people, citizens of the United States and the U.S.S.R. are not very different. Few of us have ever seen a Russian.

—Minnesota Daily, University of Minnesota.

#### U. S. Denies Russ Visas

An interesting international situation has arisen during the last few months involving the United States government, the N.S.A., and some

Russian students who are interested in touring the United States.

The problem has arisen as a result of visits paid the U.S.S.R. in the last two years by American students. It seems that now the Russians would like to return the visit made by the Americans. The visa applications from the Soviet students were the first received in years, but were denied by the U. S. government.

The visas were refused on the basis of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, which states that any person who has at any time lent support, been a member of, or subscribed to, a totalitarian government, be denied entry into this country. While the N.S.A. congress last summer passed a resolution urging the removal of these clauses, at

## MISH'S MESSIN'

Now that exams are over, it is quite logical to assume that most everybody has made drastic resolutions concerning the amount of work they'll do this second semester. Let's hope that these resolutions don't go the way most New Year's resolutions go — right out the window; 'twould be better for all of us if more time was spent at the books.

I'm sure we all profited by Religious Emphasis Week and heartily thank our speakers and leaders for the guidance they gave. All too often, though, there are many industrious workers whose names are never known, but without whom the task would be a failure. Certainly, that is the case with our Religious Emphasis Week. Let's hope that all their planning and forethought will not be forgotten overnight, but that we will be stronger spiritually through having participated in such a week.

I am subscriber to a college magazine from another school (through the efforts of a certain friend), and this publication has very good jokes — of a quality higher, I'm sorry to say, than most schools. So, I'll borrow some jokes from them.

Here's a definition of matrimony (evidently written by a boy) "Matrimony is an institution of learning in which a man loses his bachelor's degree and a girl gets her masters." Or another: "Men are as honest and truthful as women — that's why girls are so suspicious of them."

My roommate, who has seen *Arsenic and Old Lace*, says it is real cute and funny. She's been trying to tell the plot to us, but every time she starts, we stalk out 'cause we'd rather see it for ourselves — and I hope you will, too.

I just love English jokes and this one really "slays" me. My suite, who don't react as violently as I do, still admit it's pretty good;

Sedgewick: "Terribly sorry you buried your wife yesterday."

Wattlewood: "Had to—dead, you know."

Well, so long—be good and I'll be seein' ya.

the same time it rejected the idea of students from Russia being admitted to the country for tours.

The basic reasons for the disapproval of the plan to encourage the state department to allow students to enter this country were: (1) A

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### CURTAIN CALLS



Spring is on its way and so are plans for the PLAYHOUSE'S spring production. It is to be Sidney Howard's gay comedy in three acts, *The Late Christopher Bean*. After reading the play, I discovered it to be one full of clever lines, wit, and folksy charm. It's going to be a show that everyone will enjoy, I'm sure.

If you would like to share your talent with us in acting, do come to the try-outs. You might be successful in landing a role. And, if you're "hep" on applying grease paint, working lights, costuming, being a publicity agent, gathering props, or what have you, watch the bulletin board in Johnson Hall for a list of these committees and sign up. It's lots of fun putting a play together—

it takes unusual effort and a lot of work! But, on opening night, you are more than repaid for your hours of toil when you see the finished product — one that holds part of you.

Just a word again about the Carolina Playmakers. . . . The group will be here February 23, at 8 p.m., with that hilarious comedy, *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Marion FitzSimons and Eva MacKenzie, both of Chapel Hill, will appear as the two dear old ladies who do some "bumping off" (MURDER, in other words!) for charitable reasons! Sounds like a real hit! The Tyner Education Club is sponsoring the Playmakers this year. Let's all turn out for this show that's sure to give us the laughing willies. See you there!



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