

Students Can Help Expansion Program

For many months we have watched with interest the growth of first an idea, then a plan, and finally a reality on our campus. We have heard faculty, administration, and alumnae talk about the Meredith College Expansion Program, but we could not quite grasp our own parts in this program. A recent chapel talk, however, has made the importance of the expansion program to Meredith College quite clear. More important, it showed us the importance of our college and of our present student body to the communities in which we do live and will live in the future.

A Meredith College bulletin on the expansion program quoted the following purpose and policy as restated by the Board of Trustees in 1954: "The purpose of Meredith College is to develop in its students the Christian attitude toward the whole of life, and to prepare them for intelligent citizenship, home-making, graduate study, and for professional and other fields of study." The plan of expansion was launched during this school year in an effort to insure that Meredith College will continue to lead among colleges of her caliber.

An intensive drive for funds was begun in Raleigh and Wake County recently; and other areas will be organized later. We, as a part of Meredith, can do a great deal more to show the citizens of our state the kind of contribution our college is making than can any number of brochures. We participate in many churches, for in the present student body all major church denominations in the United States are represented. We participate in cultural activities, often sponsoring or even presenting them.

When the citizens of our area have been challenged to raise funds to support our college and to improve our facilities, should not we serve as well? What we do and say gives an impression of the whole college. This is the best medium for the portrayal of Meredith to those around us.

L.H.G.

WHAT ARE YOU FOR?

In a recent issue of *Foreign Affairs*, New York's Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller warned the American people about being misled by false choices.

The risk is that a people can become so obsessed with what they are against that they may fail to articulate—per-even to know—what they are for.

Far too many people in the world today, it seems, fall into the category of those who know only what they are against.

All nations are against destruction by atomic or hydrogen bomb; all nations are against foolhardy threats and broken promises—but no nation has any concrete programs to offer as substitutes. All Christian peoples are against useless suffering and against persecution; all true Christians are against dishonest business practices and discrimination—but far too seldom does a Christian group advocate positive actions in relation to world or local affairs.

Bringing this problem down to a chosen level, we can see that college students too are guilty of this same error. We as young people are willing to go on record as being against an honor code in name only, against unfair discrimination because of color or creed, against the acceptance of mediocrity as the norm. We as college young people are *against* countless other things. Have we, however, failed to set up opposing aims: do we know what we are for? And, more important, are we willing to work to fulfill our purposes?

Disapproval, if based on a solid foundation of opposing principle, is to be encouraged. But disapproval alone can be of no value. We must all take time for some serious thinking, for a thoughtful examination of basic presuppositions, and we must determine to move toward a positive solution of our problems, large and small, not expecting the impossible but planning to make definite progress. We should not be afraid to be against; but we must find some things to be for.

M.A.B.



MEMBER
Associated Collegiate Press
EDITORIAL STAFF

Editor.....Mary Ann Brown
Associate Editor.....Lois Haigh Gibbon
Managing Editors.....Peggy Ratley, Faye Lee
Feature Editors.....Amy Bell, Carol Park
Music Editor.....Anne Sharpe
Sports Editor.....Anne Britton
Columnists.....Cynthia Denny, Nancy Shearin, Nancy Whedbee
Photographer.....Linda May
Reporters—Toula Bellios, LeDhu Gillespie, Joy Goldsmith, Libby Green,
Donna Hollamon, Mary Carolyn Hawkins, Sally Holbrook, Suzanne Leath,
Norma Lockaby, Ellen Macdonald, Marilyn Maner, Janet Moore, Ann
Travis, Beth Wood
Faculty Sponsor.....Dr. Norma Rose

BUSINESS STAFF

Business Manager.....Corinne Caudle
Advertising Manager.....Carolyn Jones
Circulation Manager.....Linda Jenkins
Mailing Editor.....Mary Jo McDonald
Chief Typist.....Barbara Booth
Advertising Staff.....Betty Orr, Nan Owen, Betty Stanford, Larnette White
Typists—Jeanelle Baker, Fay Corbett, Mary Louise Hudson, Stephanie Leslie
Scott, Louise Parrish, Elizabeth Webster
Faculty Sponsor.....Miss Lois Frazier

Entered as second-class matter October 11, 1923, at post office at Raleigh, N. C., under Act of March 3, 1879. Published semi-monthly during the months of October, November, and April; monthly during the months of December, January, February, March, and May.

THE TWIG is the college newspaper of Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina, and as such is one of the three major publications of the institution—the other two being *The Acorn*, the literary magazine, and *The Oak Leaves*, the college annual.

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.

Subscription Rates: \$2.95 per year

THE TWIG is served by National Advertising Service, Inc., 420 Madison Ave., New York 17, New York.

Music Notes

By ANN SHARPE

Recitals are the news from the Music Department during the month of April. Gail Newton, Clara Brinson, Janice Morgan, Glenda Pressley, Gigi Padgett, Joan Cope, Becky Scott, Phyllis Rollins, and Mary Lee Lassiter are all hard at work on the pieces that they will perform. Support your friends by attending these recitals.

On Tuesday afternoon, the organ class visited the recently-rebuilt organ at First Baptist Church. Dr. Cooper designed this organ, and we were impressed by the wide variety of stops and the beauty of the instrument. Margaret Hurst and Sylvia Cooper played for us, as well as Dr. Cooper and Miss Haeseler. We are planning to visit more church organs in the near future.

Although junior and senior recitals are in the spotlight at the present, many of the music students are performing in the Thursday afternoon student recitals. These recitals are open to all students, so come and hear your classmates play. On April 7, Margaret Hurst, Glenda Pressley, Sylvia Cooper, and Nancy Carr were on the program.

Scenes around the music building: students challenging teachers for play day activities . . . Julius carrying chairs . . . Joan and Becky doing a rain dance . . . Dr. Cooper punning . . . SAI pledges working hard . . . the chorus at work on the spring concert.

ed. notes

More of the senior class is getting plans "settled" for next year. Education majors are signing teaching contracts or haunting superintendent's offices. Prospective graduate students are wondering if they know "enough." Maybe we'll make it. . .

There has been some staff disagreement as to the "punch line" of this issue's Campus Comedy. Some feel the humor lies in the similarity of the two students to the Smith Bros. (of Smith Bros. Cough Drops), whereas other people seem to think the idea of anyone so "far out" as these two students bothering with so mundane a thing as cough drops is hilarious. Take your choice, or try another idea. We don't want to be arbitrary.

A recent copy of the Breneau *Alchemist* carried the following front page banner head: "The Senior Class Challenges the Junior Class To FIND THE SPADE!" The challenge was emphasized by a large black "You'll NEVER Find It!"

A similar tradition was popular in Meredith's past: the senior class would hide a shepherd's crook for the juniors to find and the juniors, finding it, would in turn hide it for the seniors. The class in possession of the crook at the end of second semester was the winner. Many complicated rules applied to "crooking," and the experiences which have been told about crook-hunting make it sound tremendously exciting.

The time has come for the old staff to step aside and let the new people take over the runnings of this newspaper. Those of us who will not be working on THE TWIG again can look back on our work with feelings of pride for the few things we did right, and disappointment and chagrin at the many things we did wrong.

Putting out THE TWIG takes a great deal of work by many people. Such work is worthwhile if THE TWIG can fill its responsibility on the Meredith campus; with student support, it can. We wish, therefore, for the new staff the support of the student body and for the editor a year of staff co-operation, articles in on time, a complete absence of misspelled names and incorrect dates, and days at least 48 hours long. Good luck!

BACK OF FINALITY...

By NANCY SHEARIN

Back of this spring of endings and beginnings,
Back of the real and hurtless world of
A hundred thousand peanut-butter crackers,
Lost bobby pins,
Dog-eared books,
Dirty socks and chipped nail polish and "lights-out";

Back of the real and lovely world of Charco-burgers and twisted straws, Cheesey moons and back-seat murmurings,
Answered questions and sudden understandings,
Violets and daffodils and lace and tea,
Keys and golashes and ice-scraped knee;

Back of the real and weepful world of
Weary scholars and weary lessons learned too long,
Too well;

Seen Around Campus

Term paper flurries: freshmen with amazed we-got-them-done looks and upperclassmen with determined if-they-can-do-it-so-can-we expressions.

Flowers, breezeways filled with sun-bathers, tables on the Bee Hive patio — signs of SPRING!

Tennis equipment and bicycles being used more and more.

Girls entered in horse shows trying to make sure they establish sufficient rapport with their mounts. People practicing for Play Day. We are going to have some good stand-on-your-head challengers.

Student teachers making May calendars while their suites chorus, "But it's still April!"

Iced tea on the supper tables. Convertibles with the tops down. Lots of activity taking place on a Campus usually hard hit by Spring fever.

Quotations Selected From Focus Week

(Contributed by Dr. John M. Lewis)
Rev. W. W. Finlator:

Honest doubt is often the forward of deeper faith.
The dark night of the soul comes just before the dawn.

Dr. Raymond Brown:

Everything nailed down is coming loose.

Every security of man is insecure. There is no way on our terms by which we can settle the ultimate questions of life.

He knew all the little answers of life, but none of the big questions. Some people lock themselves in themselves and can never get out. We become real persons when we have a great care.

Christianity is not a philosophy to

Back of surrendered dreams that could not endure
An education;
Back of regrets that would not be regretted
Because we were too young . . .

Back of it all:
The science and the art,
The song, the brick, the sermon,
The chicken and the beans;
Back of the known — the not necessarily so—
There is a truth — an April truth — a reason
For the being and the learning and Even for the endings . . .
Back of finality is faith.

Back of what we face-to-facers cannot see,
Still looking at the sun,
There is a better light just flickering in the canyon of a soul.
Back of the real endings of it all—
The tears,
The speeches,
The engraved honor on the scroll,
The goodbye and the boxing up of books,
There is an endlessness that we will never see
Until time's master, sweetheart or inquiring child,
Requires it of us — requires more than we have
And gets it out of light we did not know was ours.

Back of this spring of endings and beginnings,
Back of the April and the May,
Back of the real, yes, back of the everything,
We are most grateful for the truth we will not know
Until tomorrow . . .

The truth yet unrevealed of:
Learning and unlearning
Seeking and finding
Dreaming and waking
Asking and receiving . . .
Being answered by an open door
Before we dared to knock.

be studied but a life to be lived.
What we love most tests us and molds us.
In a real home a person is never lonely.
Marriage is giving yourself away to someone else.
If you want to get married and stay married begin now to develop patience.
Marriages fail because people fail; people fail because they forget God.
Christ calls today for bridge-builders, not fence-menders.
Make your Christian faith more than a hobby.
I would rather wrestle with a big idea and get thrown than wrestle with a little idea and pin it.
Every man's life is a journey into night or light.
The point of view with which you look at the world is more important than the way the world looks at you.
Don't let the world make you just another domino in the box.

