

### Expanding - For What?

Several students have been asked to help at dinners and luncheons recently in connection with the Meredith Expansion Program campaign in Raleigh, and all of us will be called on later in the more wide-spread Expansion Program. It is important that we accept our responsibility in this vital stage of the life of our college as we seek financial support for new and improved facilities for an ever-growing student body.

However, perhaps there is a more important kind of expansion program that we as a student body should concern ourselves with than new gyms, new infirmaries, and new student activities buildings. This expansion lies in the area of the intangibles. It involves accepting the responsibility which Meredith has entrusted to us as her students to safeguard the heritage that is ours while we are here and to expand her influence as we become alumnae and go out into society to use what she has given us. What are some of these intangibles firmly rooted in the heritage and tradition of Meredith? The quest for knowledge, which, if it is to be of real use to us and to our society through us, must be expanded to wisdom and understanding; the quest for spiritual values and meanings, which for many of us has begun here, but which must not stop with this first growth, as it is an ever-demanding and ever-expanding quest; the appreciation of beauty and meaning in art, music, and nature, which must not end with our final grade in Art 31, Music 26, or Biology 1-2; a sense of honor and high moral character practiced as we live under an Honor Code must be expanded to include all our lives—those are but a few of the intangibles which lie in the heritage of Meredith and which must be expanded in our lives here and after graduation if Meredith is to achieve her purpose through us, her students.

S.R.

### Valid Demands

In all phases of campus life new persons have assumed positions of responsibility. These leaders have been elected by the student body or appointed by elected officials. At this point as preparations are being made for another year of living together in a college community, it is usual to make new resolutions, to clean out old files, to enlist new workers, and to ask some questions.

The "Campus Comedy" for this issue of THE TWIG can lead us in several directions of thought. These new leadership groups on our campus are supposedly service groups designed to lead the entire student body. However, it is pertinent that we ask ourselves if we are capable of being led. The "Campus Comedy" suggests that the student council should cater to student wants. Such a line of action is possible only if the students know what they want and if they want the right things.

The possibility also exists that the purpose of the student council, as well as that of the other major campus organizations, is to create wants within Meredith students. Perhaps we are too placid and undisturbed to have aspirations beyond fervid hopes for a good bridge hand, sunny weather for a beach week end, or at least a B minus on a history quiz.

It has been noted that the more aware a person becomes of the real life issues which must be confronted by every individual—either in a negative or a positive way—the more that person is disturbed. Until we as responsible and mature persons become disturbed about important and meaningful realities, we cannot have any wants deserving serious consideration.

S.L.

### Dissertation Under A Hair Dryer

(Dedicated to the many Meredith girls who seem ALWAYS to have this problem)

To dry or not to dry seems to be the question. Whether 'tis easier to stay here for hours And slowly dry, Or to have the hair singed off one's head And leave in an hour.

To warm up, to perspire, to become red — there's more! For with that burning feeling There comes the thought Of the skin on the neck burning. To get baked, to get broiled, to get FRIED, And still stay seated? While the hot air pours through Both ears and meets in the middle, One must decide . . .

Yes, 'twould be easier to spend a day And keep one's hair, Than to hurry And have no hair to dry! CARROLL HICKS.

### Seen Around Campus

Student teachers drifting into Play Day with wistful looks. Sunburned, sun-tanned, and man-tanned faces. Miss Donley singing off-key. People coming in at 12 o'clock on FRIDAY night! Much activity to prepare the campus for May Day. Dr. Canaday losing two out of three games of checkers to Dr. Campbell. Enthusiastic tennis players out on the courts before breakfast. Reducing sessions in second Brewer parlor following after-dinner walks around the campus. Dr. Wallace conducting a marathon Chinese checker game. The new TWIG staff staring fixedly at bulletin boards in an effort to conjure up news. The religion faculty monopolizing the patio area. Bermuda shorts, madras skirts, and circle pins — especially in Play Day cheers. Dancing girls (Horrors!) frolicking in the court.

### ed. notes

It is with mixed feelings that the new TWIG staff assumes its responsibilities for the coming year. We follow those who have done well, and for this reason we feel inadequate to succeed them. At the same time we feel a sense of gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Meredith student body.

We have hopes of making a vital contribution on our campus, but this goal can be accomplished only with student co-operation. We sincerely solicit the support and suggestions of each Meredith student.

Thorndike in *The History of Medieval Europe* makes a comment concerning the twelfth century which sounds strangely familiar. "Indeed, one writer of the time, William of Conches in Normandy, complained bitterly that education had already become too popular, that many were teaching without adequate preparation, that most students took easy courses with popular professors instead of with the truly profound and original scholars, and yet that every teacher's time was so much occupied with classes that he had scant leisure for research and publication." Could there be a twentieth-century parallel??

The student body, as well as the general public, is invited and urged to visit the Meredith College art gallery in Joyner Hall before May 6. Susan Sanderlin is now displaying her senior exhibit, which consists of paintings and drawings. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from eight in the morning until five in the evening.

### Summer Jobs Appeal To College Students

As evidences of spring and summer become more apparent, we face that ever-popular question of "What can I do this summer?" Summer jobs seem to offer the answer for many of us, for not only do these jobs pay off in cash, but they also pay off in valuable experiences.

#### Missions Opportunities Are Available

For those who wish to work away from home during the summer, the Home Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Convention employs a limited number of students for ten-weeks service as missionaries in various fields under the direction of the regularly appointed missionaries. Among the areas in which students serve are city and rural missions, pioneer fields, mountain areas, and migrant areas.

#### Camp Jobs Attract Students

There are also many opportunities for work as counselors in camps and religious assemblies such as Ridgecrest, Glorieta, Caswell, and Fruitland.

Resort jobs are always popular. There are many attractive opportunities for this type of work in the national parks, such as Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and King's Canyon National Park in California.

#### Sales Positions Are Open

Those who wish to find employment near their homes should not overlook the sales positions which are open in the summer. Also, some companies which may be interested in hiring students on a full-time basis after graduation use the summer as a trial period.

Since competition is keen in many of these positions, it is wise to get an application in early.

### STUDENT WRITERS TO ATTEND DAVIDSON CONFERENCE

Meredith students have been invited to participate in a Writers' Conference to be held at Davidson College, Saturday, May 7. The conference will feature student readings, discussions, and criticism of work in creative composition being done at various colleges. It is hoped that such a conference will become an annual event in this area.

#### Poet Speaks

Several teachers of creative writing will be available for criticism and consultation with students. Mr. William Meredith, poet, professor at Connecticut College, and instructor at Breadloaf, will be featured on the program.

#### Best Writing Published

The best short story and the best poem from the conference will be printed in the first issue next fall of *Scripts 'n' Pranks*, the Davidson College literary magazine. All Meredith students interested in this program may consult the English department for further details.

### MERE DITHER

By MAY

With the initiation of Mere Dither, I should like to make apologies now to its predecessor, *The Eyeball* (Nancy Whedbee) for whatever may happen to these tidbits of typical Meredith life under new title and authorship.

The morning after Play Day I caught sight of a freshman day-student with a worse-than-usual case of sore muscles limping toward class. Wishing to be sympathetic, I asked what truck hit her. She pulled herself a tortuous inch higher and answered with a simultaneous grin and grimace that her condition was the triumphant result of an afternoon of broadjump challenges — a total of forty points which, of course, led to ultimate victory for the day students.

To history students who are naturally anxious to add extra pages to their required collateral (or to anyone who likes to laugh), I recommend Richard Armour's *It All Started with Eve: An Uninhibited Account of Famous Women of History*. I guarantee that even Dr. Wallace will be amazed at the little-known facts you can recite to her from its pages. For instance, Mr. Armour tells us that Cleopatra "was a striking brunette, as anyone discovered who angered her." This is footnoted by, "Most of the women in that desert region had sandy hair." The author makes apologies to Clio, the Muse of History, but certainly needs to make none for the enjoyment he affords his readers.

Seen at the Oberammergau Passion Play rehearsal was Mrs. Roger Crook using her full lung capacity in a mob scene. Knowing Mrs. Crook, however, I am sure it was just an act.

The rosy glow Meredith campus has taken on with the coming of sun and sunburns brings to mind these words of the Bard, "Can one desire too much of a good thing?" Ah, well, *As You Like It!* (Iv, i, 124.)

### Language Clubs Select Leaders

The two language clubs on the Meredith campus have elected officers to serve for the year 1960-61. La Tertulia Spanish Club chose Mary Lou Allen as president, Quincy Stewart as vice-president, Nancy Turner as secretary, and Anne Britt as treasurer. The following committee chairmen were elected: refreshments, Nancy Holden; publicity, Ida Carol Senter and Dianne Journigan; and entertainment, Donna Hollaman.

Clara Lou Peacock will lead Les Amies Francaises next year. Anne Travis will serve as vice-president. Judy Avery is secretary-treasurer; and Juliana Yancey is in charge of publicity.



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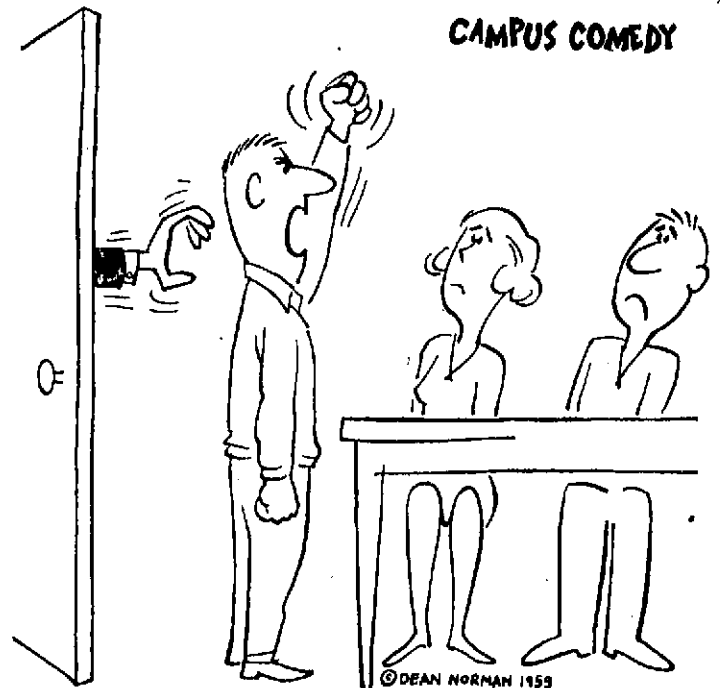
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