

Is Orientation Worthwhile?

After several days of tests and meetings and classes, most new students find themselves questioning the value and the objectives of an orientation program. If these questionings produce thoughtful analysis and fruitful conclusions, they are valid and welcome. If, however, they degenerate into mere grumbles and complaints, they are of no avail.

The orientation procedure of any college is carefully planned to aid new students in becoming adjusted to new surroundings which are known intimately by the persons directing the program. Such an undertaking necessarily is begun under the shadow of several problems. It is almost impossible for a person to become oriented to any college campus within a few days. It is difficult for one group of people to accurately anticipate the needs and desires of another group. Any move from one home to another is a serious transition, and unique problems arise when this is a transplanting from home to a college situation.

Despite these basic problems Meredith's orientation program has proved to be highly successful in view of its effect upon students' future college lives. It is hoped that during these first days new students will be able to begin learning their classmates and the upperclassmen who are on the campus, that they may learn their way around the college and learn important facts about life at Meredith while Meredith learns some things about them, and that they may become adjusted to a way of life somewhat different from that of home and high school days.

It must be remembered that the program's effectiveness is largely dependent upon the attitude and co-operation of the new students. Also, orientation does not and cannot end with the beginning of classes. Adjusting and growing is a continual process which should not halt even when a student departs as a college graduate.

THE TWIG NEEDS YOU

This publication carries the inscription "Newspaper of the Students of Meredith College." Perhaps the claim is presumptuous, for to be the newspaper of the students of this college, it must receive the support of the student body expressed by active participation, interest, and concern on the part of each Meredith student. Such support cannot be forced or enticed. It must come as a result of an understanding of and a commitment to the purpose for which this paper is designed.

A college publication to be worthy of its existence must express the spirit and life of its campus. THE TWIG, thus, is a part of Meredith and must have a purpose within the framework of this school. It is not a high school gossip sheet. It is not merely a reporter of campus news. It is not entertainment.

THE TWIG should inform students about all areas of campus life. It has an educational function in that it should convey the purpose of Meredith and the place of individuals within her being. It has an artistic function in that it should be a means of literary expression and newspaper craftsmanship. It has a unifying function in that it should tie all segments of the academic and social life together in a sense of mutual understanding and interaction.

These lofty ideals are of no value simply as ideas or as sentences on a piece of paper. Their value is in their actualization consciously and unconsciously by Meredith students. To each new student THE TWIG offers anew a challenge and an appeal. Your participation and interest is needed and desired. Student opinion in the form of letters to the editor is invited. Student expression in the form of working on the staff of the paper is encouraged. Student concern in the form of suggestions to the editorial staff and critical and appreciative reading of the paper is eagerly welcomed.

You are Meredith. Without her students she could not exist. By giving her life, you have an obligation to enrich and expand her being. One of the most fruitful and rewarding ways this obligation may be discharged is through student publications. Thus, THE TWIG presents herself to you not only to serve you, but also to demand from you a material and a spiritual contribution.



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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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THE CITY OF RALEIGH INVITES YOU TO . . .

TAKE PART IN ITS COMMUNITY LIFE

As the capitol of the state and the home of several colleges, Raleigh is in a unique position to offer students a wide selection of cultural opportunities which provide a valuable and enjoyable educational medium.

The Raleigh Little Theatre, whose home is on Pogue Street, is the thriving project of a group of local citizens interested in amateur dramatics. However, the productions of RLT often take on a more professional than amateur character. The Theatre offers each season a number of well-known plays ranging from light comedy to serious drama.

Various Musicians Perform

Another civic enterprise is the Chamber Music Series presented in the Meredith auditorium. This program through the year brings talented groups of musicians to the city and offers a music medium rarely available in small towns or even cities of comparable size to Raleigh. The Civic Music concerts also receive wide support and merit it for their variety of musical presentations which include programs by symphony orchestras, opera stars, pianists, vocal groups, and ballet companies.

In the Spring the Raleigh Oratorio Society, which makes its headquarters on the Meredith campus and is directed by Mr. Edwin Blanchard of the Meredith music faculty, presents various oratorios. The North Caro-

lina Symphony Orchestra also visits the city as a part of its spring tour program.

Art Museum Is Active

Supported by the state, the North Carolina Art Museum houses an amazing and valuable collection of works of art from all periods of art history. The Museum is open daily to the public, and guided tours may be arranged for groups. Besides its own permanent collection, the Museum also makes available for public viewing special showings of other art collections. Lectures by authorities on different artists, movements and periods in art history are a part of the Museum's program. Sunday afternoon chamber music presentations are also sponsored by the Museum. The Hall of History is another project of the state which is of public interest and open daily.

During the time when the North Carolina General Assembly is in session, persons interested in governmental processes may attend meetings of the legislative bodies. The state governmental buildings and the legislative chambers are open to the public.

Institute Attracts Lecturers

Of great value to the general community life of Raleigh is the annual Institute of Religion sponsored by the United Church. For six consecutive Monday nights during the winter, the Institute brings to the city

lecturers renowned in various fields, such as literature, government, religion, social welfare, and education.

The Friends of the College Series is a program of musical and dramatic presentations sponsored by a group of persons on the campus of North Carolina State College. Its programs are presented in Reynolds Coliseum, which is also the scene of many other cultural events throughout the year, as is the College Union on the State campus.

Schools Are Cultural Centers

Within a radius of a few miles are the lectures, plays, concerts, and exhibits on the campuses of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, Duke University in Durham, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

Numerous opportunities are also present on the Meredith College campus. Through the school year the Meredith Chorus, the Playhouse, and the Dance Ensemble present concerts, plays, and recitals. The entire student body is privileged to hear lecturers and musicians brought to the campus by the faculty committee on concerts and lectures. In the spring semester students in the music department present their junior and senior recitals, and often the department presents faculty members in recital. Art students also exhibit their work in the college art gallery.

PATRONIZE ITS BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS

The well-dressed Meredith girl is an enthusiastic supporter of Raleigh's downtown shops. For shoes she consults Brittain's with its three shopping areas. On the balcony are found casual and less expensive shoes and the main floor offers the finest styles in dress shoes. To match pert and youthful clothing, the Capezio Cellar at Brittain's carries the latest capezio fashions. Located on Fayetteville Street, Brittain's is across from Jean's and MacJoseph's, two of Raleigh's dress shops.

Jean's is stocked to outfit the college girl from head to toe. With a little money in the pocketbook, one can have a delightful time selecting the most flattering styles in Jean's luxurious surroundings. MacJoseph's large windows attract immediate attention to its smart clothing lines. For reasonably-priced apparel and a wide choice of fashionable separates and dresses, MacJoseph's is a must on anyone's list.

Several blocks south on Fayetteville Street from these shops is Mother and Daughter, which carries a wide variety of moderately-priced women's fashions. Especially appealing to college girls are Mother and Daughter's evening dresses and bridal styles.

Anyone with wedding ideas in her head would also be interested in the wares of Johnson's Jeweler's. "Catering to brides," Johnson's offers excellent consultation services on the matter of diamonds and a wide selection of china, crystal, and silver patterns.

For wedding pictures or other portraits, Waller Studio is a popular choice. As the photographers for the *Oak Leaves* individual pictures, Waller's is accustomed to photographing Meredith girls in their most flattering poses.

Also in the downtown area are two of the city's nicest theatres, the Ambassador and the State. Both theatres are comfortably furnished and offer the first runs of the latest motion pictures.

On Hillsboro

Occupying a renovated dwelling house on Hillsboro Street is Randolph's hair styling establishment. Specializing in hair cutting and styling, Randolph's has created many new looks among Meredith students.

In the business area across from the main buildings of State College are several places which cater to college trade. Sembower's Bookshop

carries quite a wide selection of paperback books as well as hardbacks. Many books needed in college courses for texts and parallel reading may be found in inexpensive, but well-bound, editions.

Next-door to each other in this area are Varsity Men's Wear and the Varsity Theatre. As its name does not imply, Varsity Men's Wear has a carefully chosen line of casual clothes for women in smart styles. The Varsity Theatre renders a valuable service to its college clientele by the showing of operas, films of Shakespearean plays, ballets, and foreign films.

In The Village

Always convenient for Meredith shoppers, Cameron Village now has an added attraction to its promixity — one may wear socks there! Almost any type of store may be found in the Village, but some are of special interest to college girls.

For music lovers the Stephenson Music Company offers a large record department, a wide variety of sheet music, and almost any musical instrument one might desire to inspect. The Village Theatre is an attractive community theatre where first-rate motion pictures play. Offering every imaginable drug-store commodity, the large and new Village Pharmacy and the Kerr Rexall Drugs also have nice eating areas.

Two popular places in the Village are Willett's Village Beauty Shop and Mitchell's Hair Styling. Willett's is located on Cameron Street and has a staff of fourteen trained stylists. Mitchell's, which is over Boylan-Pearce, an attractive department store handling a varied range of merchandise, offers a pleasant and comfortable atmosphere in which its stylists give individual attention to each customer.

A favorite of Meredith girls is the lovely new Burton's in the Village. The decorating scheme and attractive appointments in the store add interest to its chic fashions. Smart styles for every occasion from a picnic to a wedding may be found at Burton's.

AND ENJOY ITS CUISINE

For a quick snack, for a suite party, for a coffee break, for a big dinner date — there is a place in Raleigh. The city provides a variety of eating places to suit any occasion, mood, or pocketbook. Take a look at Raleigh's restaurants:

Gino's — The Italian restaurant where college students gather in droves for Sunday night suppers, for quick get-aways from school, and for delicious — but inexpensive — dinner dates.

S&W — The downtown cafeteria where a day of shopping may begin or end, and the Cameron Village cafeteria where there is a friendly, pleasant atmosphere for congenial get-togethers.

Hofbrau Restaurant — The home of continental foods, located in the Village, charming with a good atmosphere and soft lights.

Villa Capri — The favorite of those students who relish pizzas delivered to their door and of those who want more than a sandwich for Sunday night supper, but want it in walking distance — just across Hillsboro east of Meredith.

Reinlyn House — The home of the Sunday evening smorgasbord and the delicious weekday dinner, located in Glenwood Village off highway 70.

Ballentine's — The Village's newest addition complete with a lovely garden and offering elegance in the Confederate Room or spacious comfort in the cafeteria.

Steak House — The perfect place for a special dinner for two or for a large group (only requirement: money and a big appetite).

Roy's — Meredith's neighbor at the city limits "where Meredith and State chat and chew" — inexpensive and within strolling range.

College Inn Restaurant — The place to enjoy a special evening in a dimly-lit atmosphere of luxury — located on highway 64 behind State College.

Drive - ins — Long Meadows, Finch's, Johnny's, Charco-Burger, and others scattered around the city to offer quick service and snacks for people on-the-run.

SEEN AROUND CAMPUS

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of bridge trying to count trumps while mastering the art of finessing.

Bulletin boards already crowded with first-of-the-year notices.

Glad looks, mingled with surprise, flashing across freshmen faces as Miss Josey greets everyone by name.

Faculty and staff members dreamy-eyed after European summers.

A new crop of boy friends' pictures and high school class rings.