

# Chapel—Noisy?

Ever have trouble hearing the number of a hymn that is to be sung in chapel? If you do not, you either sit near the front, have exceptionally perceptive auditory faculties, or know how to read lips. Year after year the Social Standards Committee presents a program on the proper behavior for chapel. Each year there is a slight improvement the day of the program and sometimes the following day; but after that it seems that we completely disregard such pleas.

The minute a chapel speaker announces, "Let us stand and sing . . .," his words are stifled by the zipping sound of the hymnals as they are jerked from their resting positions. Since no one hears the number of the hymn to be sung, there is a constant buzz which fills the auditorium as people lean to and fro to ask the people around them on what page the hymn is to be found. Finally, about half way through the song, the entire group discovers the right page and lustily finishes the hymn. One must admit, however, that few songs have the distinction of receiving such a marked ending as do the hymns sung by our student body. Where else is the ending of a hymn accompanied by a general clatter of books as they are dropped into the racks? Certainly we are more careful in church. Why, then, do we not act in our own worship services in the same way we would elsewhere? It takes no more effort to lift a hymn book quietly from its resting place and to return it in a similar manner than it does to jerk and drop it, and certainly our chapel services would be greatly improved if we could join in the singing of the entire hymn.

L. K.

# Today's Battles For Freedom To Be Fought By Choices Of Values

The recent event of Miss Lisa Sergio's return visit to our campus awakened us to unusual interest. It is therefore not only permissible but important that we consider the qualities that inspired us.

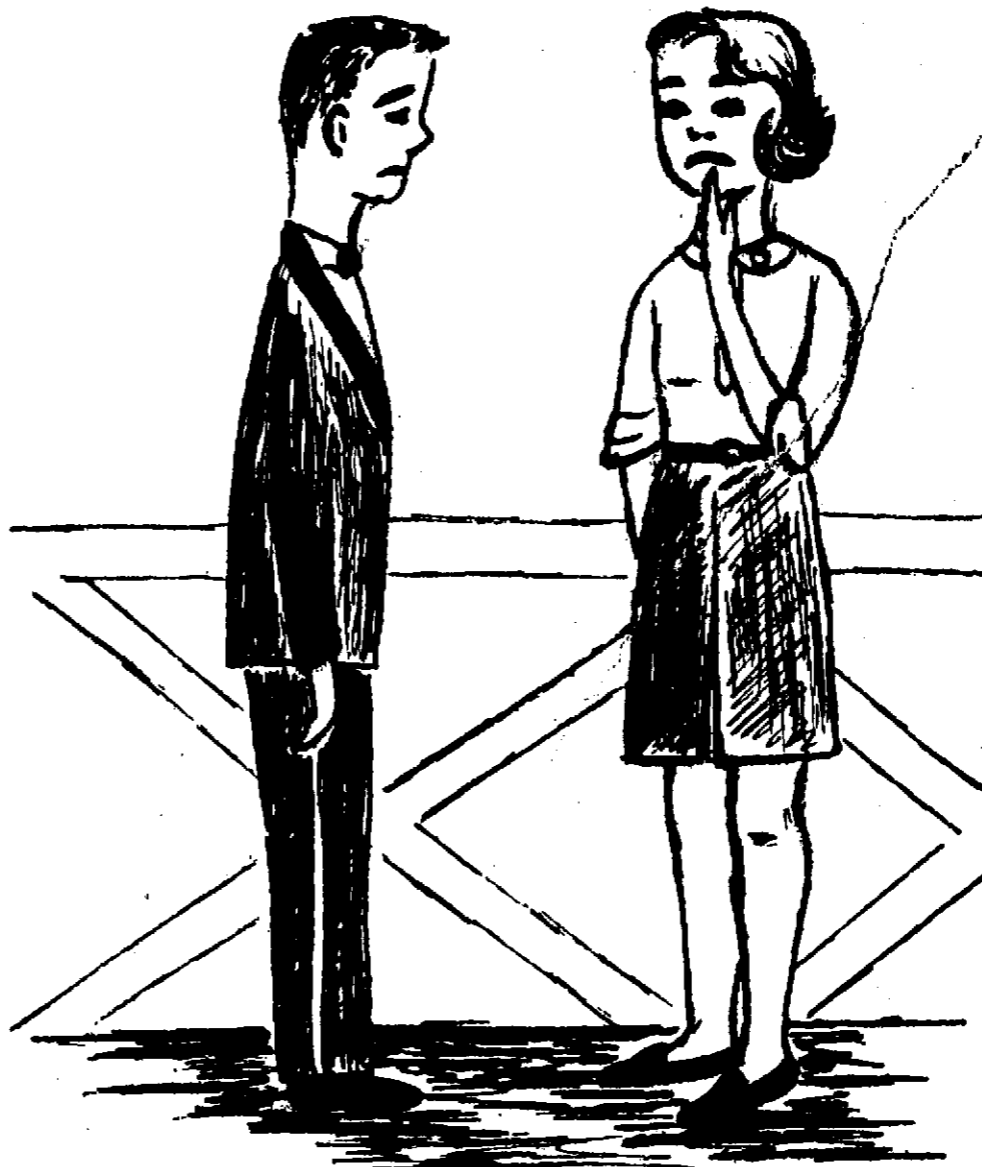
We assert readily her command as a speaker and her dynamic personality. We praise her amazing knowledge and her unbelievable perception. These are things that only a few of us will ever possess in a measure equal to hers. She has moved us to concern; but we say, there is little we can do. Our country's ideals and their preservation in the world are things determined by senators and ambassadors. We are looking forward to personal happiness with family and community life instead of public careers.

But are we hearing the heart of her message when we stop at that? Miss Sergio indicated that the women of nations are the people who build its ideals, not with speeches and legislation, but in the classroom teaching and at the family dinner table.

It is past time for Meredith girls to see that there is no evasion for us on this campus of involvement in the events of the present struggle for freedom. We either help or we hinder by the very way we live our personal lives. The rest of the world looks at our leaders, but it looks harder at our way of living. It is our responsibility to show that democracy works, not just as a frame for capitalism and its material products, but as a frame for life that is warmly and humanly happy.

Let us not fool ourselves in interpreting this responsibility to be happy. Look-alike Villager dresses, two party dates for the weekend, nor even making Dean's List will convince an African or Indian girl that Americans are happy. Should we let these be our own criteria?

H. J. M.



*But I thought you said the dance was tomorrow night!*

MOVIES

## "La Dolce Vita" Shows Man Searching for Life

*La Dolce Vita* is a restless story of a man searching for the good life, a man who began his search with a wish to live life in its fullness. He is not a bad man, not wholly without reverence or principles; though the intensity of his searching has led him to reject all concrete standards for both.

The movie is composed of rapid shifts in scene and mood, presenting Marcello, the main character, as he moves from experience to experience, woman to woman, answer to answer. His work as a third-rate newspaperman carries him to whatever is sensational or weird; and his private life is one of fitful partying and transient desire.

From every woman he seeks love, that highest manifestation of human happiness; yet, though he finds women to love him, he finds no fulfillment in any one love. The over-sensuality of his relationship to Maddalena, a woman of rather animal-like beauty, leaves him still searching. The fairy-tale fantasy of his interest in an American movie star is squelched by the down-to-earth anger of her husky fiancé. Most of all he rebels against the dependent, demanding love of his mistress, Emma, finally rejecting her in a violent quarrel.

The only life that seems to him well-chosen is that of his friend, Steiner, who, among his beloved family and a few artistic and intellectual friends, has set up an ivory tower-like existence away from the ugliness of the common world. It is, therefore, with sickening loss of his own hope

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## GROUP CONSIDERS JUDICIAL BOARD POSSIBILITIES FOR MEREDITH SGA

By VELMA MCGEE

"We are dedicated to an expansion of the Student Government of Meredith College—not a revolution or a replacement.

"We are concerned for the reputation of the College, outside the school and among her students; for the growth of leadership and of progressive legislation engendering a more meaningful Honor Code; and for the betterment of student attitudes."

This is the stated purpose of the present committee, composed of S. G. Council members and members of the Student Body at large, which has been working on an expansion of the Student Government Council. Betsy York, serving as chairman of the committee, presented a detailed plan of the suggested set-up to the Council at their first meeting in October. The system was accepted, subject to minor changes as proposed by the committee, and will next be discussed with the Faculty Committee.

The basic structure for this new system as it now stands is the following: a Legislative Board, consisting of twenty-six members; and a Judicial Board, consisting of fifteen members; and a Student Govern-

ment Council or co-ordinating body, consisting of five members from both boards.

The present set-up places too much responsibility on a few leaders within S. G., hurting their academic work and depriving other students

of direct work with the Council. Also, the Council members are unable to visualize what they could do for the school because they are so weighted down by judicial matters.

BOOKS

## Meredith Religion Professor Writes New Book on Marriage

Dr. Roger Crook, religion professor at Meredith and author of *No South or North* and *The Changing American Family*, is adding another book to his credit. The title is *Let's Get Married* and is a handbook for engaged couples who are planning for their marriage. Until now there has been no book of this sort on the market.

Such topics as the following are discussed in the book: the meaning of marriage, the legal regulations, the purpose of an engagement, the problem of doubts coming up after the engagement, the conference with the pastor, the planning of the ceremony itself, and the beginning of a shared life.

To see how many questions or problems are discussed in these various topics, one need only pick a chapter as, perhaps, planning the ceremony. In this chapter Dr. Crook discusses the music, the meaning of

the ceremony, the ceremony as a worship service, the problem of pictures being taken during the service, and the choice of service.

In addition to the chapters, there are also two appendices. One contains copies of several marriage ceremonies such as the Protestant Episcopal service, the Methodist, the Presbyterian U. S. A. and the Presbyterian U. S., and the Lutheran. The other appendix has a chart of the law requirements of each state pertaining to getting married. This chart is helpful in learning about the requirements of blood tests, the length of the waiting period, the cost of the license, and other such details.

The contents of the book grew out of two things: the questions which students planning to get married asked Dr. Crook and the questions which he wanted them to ask but they did not. The book will be promoted primarily as a gift for ministers to present to couples who are planning marriage.

Dr. Crook did considerable research before writing the book and then spent a year and a half in the actual work. Before sending it to the publisher, he asked a Baptist, a Presbyterian, a Methodist, and an Episcopal minister to read it and give him their critical evaluation, thereby seeing the opinion of men of different religions.

At the present there seems to be no other one book on the market containing information which *Let's Get Married* contains. Certainly every girl getting married, thinking about it, or just plain hoping will want to have a copy of the book. The material in it will be of immense value for all concerned—remember, this is not a book on the etiquette of a wedding, but one answering many of the problems and questions about the wedding. The book will come out soon after Easter, 1962, will be 96 pages, and cost approximately \$1.95.

## MERE DITHER

By RACHEL DAILEY

Late dawns, cool winds that whistle through the cracks of windows, grass not quite so green, not quite so tall as before. Fall comes quietly. There is no breathless day when voices shout, "Fall is here!" or "Summer is gone!" There is no time when brown arms change their bareness for sweaters warm . . . all at once in unison. But somehow, all who laugh and walk in golden sun-glow of three o'clock, and all who tread at night the cobbled walks, and all who rise in crispness to morning bells feel that the intangible has come, not entirely, but with a coy hesitancy, awaiting true fulfillment at a later date. And when the day comes when the summer goes and never turns to touch the air again, nor to warm the concrete blocks, and all are sure that it is really gone, then no one will remember it is Fall, or say "At last, it's come!" or write a lyric to the Autumn time, for Winter comes as soon as Summer ends, and Fall, you see, lies somewhere . . . just between.

## To Our New Sisters

Dear New Sisters,

We want to congratulate you on your wise choice of a society and would also like to extend to you a warm welcome. We hope that you will soon feel a part of us and grow to love your society as we do.

Knowing that the societies can do much for their members, we also realize that each of you can do much for your society. We are sure that each of you wants to be a loyal member, taking a responsible part in all of your societies' activities. Your spirit and enthusiasm are also necessary to make your society the best possible.

Again, we extend to you the hand of sisterhood and are looking forward to a most rewarding year.

Sincerely,  
C. P. and Sandi

P. S. Congratulations to the winner!



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