

GIRLS - BEWARE!

Beginning February 28, Meredith students, we are going to have to be extremely careful about where we go and what we do. They are out to get us! THEY are not the police or highway patrol, but the people who are organizing and presiding over our 1962 elections. These people are going to try to capture us in all sorts of ways this year, so we are really going to have to be on our guard. From the information obtained by a spy in the group known as the Nominating Committee, some information has leaked out, and we will be able to take precautionary measures to prevent being trapped.

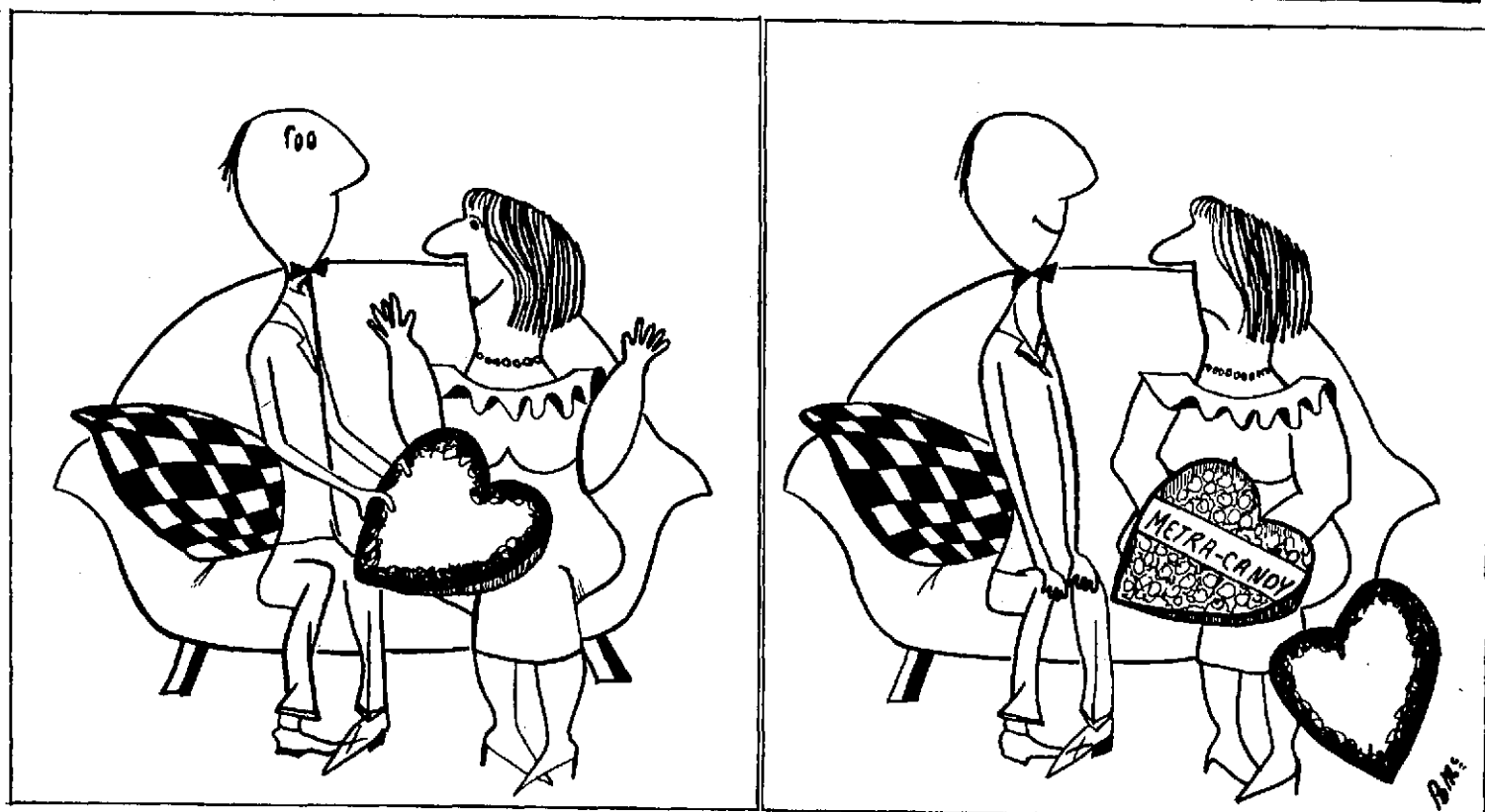
The first thing to watch out for is the straw ballots. They will be given out on February 20 in chapel. *Don't even look at them*; you might get interested enough to fill them out. Just leave yours in the box with the hymn book so you can say you've lost it. If something happens that you forget to leave it in chapel, however, throw it away as soon as you get to a trash can. For those of you who are really forgetful and get all the way to your room with your straw ballot, you can choose one of two things to do with it. The first is to throw it away there. The second is to have a little fun with it by filling in absurd names like Superman or Donald Duck or Rock Hudson. Even more fun than that is to fill in the blanks with all your friends names. The Nominating Committee isn't really serious about the thing anyway; they just need something to keep them busy for a few days and are making you fill out the straw ballots to give them some work. For goodness sake, don't get serious when you're filling them out!

Secondly, if you can't stay locked in your rooms, which would be the best way to escape being contaminated, be sure not to look at any bulletin boards. They are going to be covered with information about all sorts of things like who is going to be running for elections, where to register and vote, and what time to register and vote. It would be best to walk with your eyes closed because that Committee is known as being sneaky and will probably try to stick some posters all around so that we're bound to see them if we've got our eyes open.

Third, stay in class or some other obscure place on February 28, March 1, March 8, and March 22 from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. If you remain uncaptured on the first two dates, you won't need to worry about the last two, because you will have kept yourself from registering and will have the excuse that you are not able to vote. However, if you slip up and get forced into registering, you had better be extremely cautious on the last two dates, because you will be eligible to vote and they will try their best to make you go ahead.

Whatever you do, do not vote! No matter how many of the other things you do during those straining twenty-three days, **DO NOT VOTE!** If you do you will miss out on all the fun of elections. The greatest time of all will be the night when the winners are announced. That's when you can come out of hibernation. Then you can really gripe because the candidates that you wanted to win did not. And it certainly will not be your fault, because you did not vote for the candidate that won. No, sirree, you had nothing to do with those girls being put into office. Now, you see, by a few precautionary methods you have learned how to have something to talk about for months.

L. K.



BETWEEN THE LINES

(ACP) Often there's more between the lines than on them in a collegian's letter home. Barbara Page offers this interlinear translation in the Park College **STYLUS**:

Dear Mom and Dad:

Sorry I haven't written but I have already been caught up in the old college grind (rush parties, club parties, dorm parties). In fact, I often find myself studying until 4:00 in the morning (I don't start until 3:30). I find my studies present a real challenge to me (I'm flunking).

All the students here are wonderful, and I have made many new friends (she is a real doll). . . . You will be glad to know that my math teacher said it was a pleasure to have me in his class (he thought I was a visitor). I really love it here but I sure do miss home, especially both of you (please send money).

Your loving son,
(lots of money)
Frank

CONTROVERSY OVER HONOR CODE NEEDS CONSIDERING

By **VELMA MCGEE**

Certainly every Meredith student is aware, at the present time, of the existing controversy over the Honor Code. Several aspects of the Meredith standard have been criticized, and there are many points to consider.

Questions Are Being Asked

Should the Honor Code operate only academically? Can a girl be expected to turn in a friend for committing an offense? Everyone must admit that a student should be mature enough to abide by the rules of the college in which she enrolls. However, there are offenses; and can a girl be expected to turn in someone for something she herself does not believe to be wrong? This is a question which must be considered seriously.

Opinions Must Be Discussed

Our school has an Honor Code on which it operates. With this code in existence, it is the duty of the students and the Student Government Council to uphold those things for which it stands. When the time comes that members of the student body feel there are mistakes within the Honor Code, these opinions must come out into the open and be discussed. Perhaps then a change for the better will come about.

Honor Code Must Be Supported

Whether this change needs to be within the Honor Code or in student attitude must be decided. It does not mean much for our school to uphold a standard in which it does not believe; and the Honor Code as it now stands or in a new form must be supported by the entire student body.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I have read, as I am certain most of us have, the letter from "An Interested Student" — who, it seems, was not "interested" enough to sign her name.

She begins, "We of Meredith . . ." We — not I — but a vague, non-descript, scatheless we that can neither be openly questioned nor pointedly challenged. In using *We*, she implies unanimity, complete accord. In using *We*, she asserts that you and I affirm, acclaim, and endorse her opinions. In using *We*, she declares that Meredith, *in toto*, without protest, echoes unquestionably her views.

Listen, now, to the voice of dissent!

I will not argue with her emotional appraisal of the incident on the bus, for this, basically, is not the issue but merely an effect stemming from it. The South is acutely aware that it faces serious problems, problems that are infinitely complex. But the South is not being allowed to work her problems out. She is being constantly attacked by outside forces which have no idea and care less how to help. They are able only to condemn.

The Negro is being ruthlessly used. He has become a political tool in the hands of a faction which has no real desire to help him but is merely employing him as a means to their end. He is being promised equality when in reality there is no equality. You and I here at Meredith become endowed with different potential, that none of us are equal in ability. How then are we to be *made* equal to our neighbor — whether he is black or white. America is based on the concept of liberty, but we will never obtain liberty and equality. For we can readily see here at school that where

we are free, we are not equal and if we are forced to be equal, we are not free.

The Negro has been duped. He has been led to believe that his only hope for betterment lies in the complete integration and amalgamation of the races. When, however, achievement replaces apology; when contribution replaces dissipation; when morality replaces lewdness; when character replaces delinquency; when accomplishment replaces deterioration; when desert replaces demand; when effort replaces wantonness; when ambition replaces complacency; when, if ever, the Negro thus proves himself worthy, it is my prediction that he will thereby so generate his own racial pride that he himself will prefer segregation.

I must say this. I too would have stood or taken my seat on my suitcase had I been on that bus, for this is what I believe. But I do hope along with "An Interested Student" that ". . . Meredith students as thinkers will think a second time before they join the majority. . . ." Look intelligently, objectively at the problems of the South. Do not condemn. Assist!

Susan Frye

Dear Editor:

It has come to the attention of most Meredith students of the desire for a change in the Student Government Council. This desire, however, appears to be based on ignorance of the situations involved in the government. There is room for serious doubt as to whether anyone outside the Council knows the story of the things which have been under question, and yet this desire remains. If this is based on ignorance, however, there can be no at-

tainment of good for the Council — only degradation. If it is based on honest and sincere concern for the betterment of the Council, then it could easily become one of the greatest achievements in the Meredith government. The one question which arises here, therefore, is: where has the organization for the fulfillment of these plans gone?

As some know, this same thing essentially happened last year, yet those who felt the need for the reform organized themselves and their plans until they could be presented to the Council. This past action has resulted in the submission of plans for the Judicial and Legislative Boards. This too is good for Meredith, and it was done by a group of students who saw the need and acted accordingly. Whether or not their plan is accepted, Meredith's student-run government is all the stronger for the action.

It is the privilege and duty of each student — whether individually or as a group — to present ideas of this nature to the Council — but only after serious consideration and a development within themselves of the sureness of their action. From this point derives the progress of Meredith College, the Student Government in particular.

The Council, as well as the Honor Code, is a thing to be cherished by each student, and should this respect for and the following of either of these ever be lost by even a few, then it is either time for reform or the maturing of the people who question. This is something which those who wish change must answer; yet, it should also be answered by those who condone or oppose the action, in short, by every member of the student body.

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