

Editorials

Are We Giving Enough!

The school session begins again for another nine months of concentrated effort leading toward our ultimate goal, and whether we are entering Meredith for the first time or returning for the final year we are all somewhat absorbed in the osmosis of education. Hurriedly we explore one avenue of knowledge after another picking out sections to be digested and to become part of the total picture and part of ourselves. We grasp idea after idea in our quest to become an individual united in purpose. But what about Meredith? What happens to her while we are so busy with ourselves? Certainly Meredith does not sit back giving and giving without receiving something from each young woman housed within her walls. True, we leave some part of ourselves with her upon our departure whether we remain one year or four. But do we return even a small portion of what she has so graciously given to us?

It can certainly be said that alumnae of past college generations have willed to Meredith their talents, their fame, their undivided loyalty, and the monetary tokens of their appreciation. We, the present students of Meredith college, have a debt of gratitude to pay also. Should we not begin to repay our alma mater now? Should we not begin by being more appreciative of the efforts of countless members of the faculty and administration, by taking extra care of the rooms in which we live, by using the brick walks rather than the grass, and by refraining from criticism until the facts of a situation are thoroughly examined. Meredith has given much to us—let us give a little to her in return.

Academic Honesty Is Not Enough?

Last Sunday the new students signed a pledge which reads:

I understand the principles and responsibilities of self-government group living, and I realize that I am pledging my full co-operation in maintaining our honor system. I promise that by personal action and attitudes I will uphold the principles of the honor code of Meredith College.

Those newcomers to our community have already learned and will continue to learn about our honor system—its privileges and responsibilities.

Academic honesty is a responsibility which Meredith girls have always taken seriously. The honor code at Meredith works as far as academic honesty is concerned. But should not the implications of the honor code be carried further than academic honesty?

Two areas where we fail in living up to the ideals of the honor code are our actions in the library and our social behavior. Few of us would consider cheating on a quiz, yet how many of us would walk out of the library with a book which was not checked out? How many would go to an unapproved fraternity party?

Academic honesty is not enough. True honesty must apply to every area of our lives.



I missed my English conference!

Fraternity Rush Instigates Mass Confusion Among Frosh

By CARROLL HICKS

Tension and excitement filled the air in the halls that week-end as hasty preparations, and some improvisations were finished. And suddenly, just about eight o'clock, the halls reverberated with sounds of laughter, loud talking, and the clicking of shoes (a *thud* on lower ceilings!) as freshmen poured forth from their rooms.

Bits of conversation could be heard as girls hurried by: "Who do I sign out with?" "Is that what you're wearing?" "Oh, no, I'll have to change!" And forward they marched down to Johnson Hall *en masse* to be swept away to fraternity rush parties. However, this excitement was not unknown to many of the upper classmen who were beginning their fall social life (hoping it would last to winter at least!) and to others who were dating to these houses for the first time.

Of course, there existed nothing in Johnson Hall but confusion. Groups of boys stood or sat in various areas of the room watching groups of girls in wrap around skirts, weejuns, madras shirts, etc., as they passed by and wondered if those girls or others were their dates. Several girls had blind dates, and all they knew was that the boys were tall. Therefore, they walked up and down estimating the heights of various boys until they found the tallest ones — unfortunately they weren't the right ones! And then there were the freshmen who forgot whether they were going to the Sigma Chi, Phi, Pi, or what was that Greek name or was it an initial — K, KA, KAT, TKA, TEKA, or something. Upperclassmen who had gotten groups of girls to go where they were dating rushed around frantically looking for "their" girls. The poor girls at the reception desk nearly collapsed as every one seemed to think that these people knew exactly where anyone was!

The cars drove off, in a steady stream, as the second and most important phase of the journey began. So on everyone arrived at their expected parties, and the big night commenced. Music, the universal language, put everyone at ease (that is, if twisting ever puts anyone at ease!) Noise, noise, noise filled every area of the houses as combos played louder and people shouted above them. In some houses the dance floor sagged somewhat from the pressure of everyone dancing on a floor which had been sanded over and over for years. Most any fast dance was done with

only the greatest difficulty because of the small area for dancing. Often times dates ended up with other people due to this confusion. Eventually, however, all good things must come to an end, and so did the parties.

No one would think that a little drive to Meredith from any fraternity house would be a long or involved process. However, a drive in from *all* the houses at once can be rather upsetting. And so it was! Cars were lined up almost to Hillsboro Street unable to move any further. Some daring boys parked their cars on the middle strip down the drive. Others left their cars immovable while they rushed dates up to the doors. Between 11:45 and 12:00 Saturday night, Meredith looked like the scene of a mass rally. By 12:02 the drive was practically deserted except for one or two stragglers who couldn't get close enough to hike to the door earlier.

And so, another rush season invaded Meredith's peace and tranquility(?), and another group of girls had survived. Having bleary eyes, blistered feet, tired legs, Meredith girls settled down to another rushed year! The confusion of the week-end was well expressed by a freshman writing home: "Dear Mother and Dad, Guess what? The fraternity had their rush this week-end, and they rushed me!"

Kappa Nu Sigma Recognizes May With Scholarship

The Kappa Nu Sigma, Meredith's honorary scholastic society which "seeks to encourage and uphold high scholastic excellence on the campus," has awarded the Helen Price Scholarship this year to Carol May.

The scholarship, consisting of one hundred dollars, is named in honor of Helen Price, a long time sponsor of the society. Awarded each year to the freshman having the highest average in her class, the Helen Price scholarship remains alive through the contributions of former members of Kappa Nu Sigma.

The 1962-1963 recipient, Miss Carol May who claims Charlotte, North Carolina, as her hometown, is a sophomore whose major is sociology. Carol is an active member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh and is an avid supporter of her society — Phi.

GLIMPSES

By BARBARA JONES

Bustling crowds thronging unceasingly into Johnson Hall . . . an anxious mother scurrying to and fro with last minute instructions on the use of that steam iron . . . perspiring but proud fathers and boy-friends lugging bag after bag of seemingly unimportant but absolutely vital items . . . a big sister and a roommate who both adore pizza . . . friendly smiles and cheerful hellos. A test or two and—

We're here!

Hearty greetings exchanged between old friends while struggling to get into the new dorm . . . pins and diamonds galore . . . tidbits of summer news . . . half-filled score cards for bridge . . . memorable summer jobs . . . rested faces (where?) . . . gushing tubs and some puny showers . . . cars and fraternity parties and—

We're back!

Various clubs with eager participants and worthwhile projects . . . chapel hymn-book grabbers. Class rings . . . traditions rich with meaning to those who make them so . . . an ever open door through which one may explore and attain his fondest dreams . . . the honor code . . . cherry blossoms in the spring—

We are Meredith.

New Activities Begun By S.G.

By BETTY HOOKS

Student government business this year has been spotlighting new students. Members of the legislative and judicial boards have taught handbook training classes for freshmen and transfers.

These classes were held five times, and ran from September 8 until September 18. A test which all students are required to pass was given at the last meeting. Any girl who fails to make a score of 70 or above must continue to be tested until she passes. Topics covered ranged from a study of the new student government organization to such subjects as penalties and house regulations.

In connection with the new student training, handbook classes will be held on upperclassmen halls. These meetings are "refresher courses" for old students, in addition to a study of the changed S. G. system which now exists.

During the summer, Sandra Butler, representing the Student Activities Board, wrote several well-known entertainers about the possibility of their performing at Meredith. The expense of hiring these entertainers, such as Ferrante and Tiecher and the Brothers Four, was too great; however, the board is still working on ideas for student entertainment.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As the time approaches for the anticipated rush week, we, the presidents of the two societies, would like to bring again to all the students of Meredith College the main purpose of this event — the establishment of a firm and warm sisterhood, which makes each girl not only a student of this institution, but also a member of one of our societies.

Many times in all the excitement and anticipation of "rush week" girls forget the primary purpose of the societies and force the week to be one of confusion and frustration for our new girls. We would like to discourage these needless feelings before they arise, and to suggest to new students our hope that they will join the society of their choice.

In order for new students to engage in "rush week" happily, we would like to remind old society members of their basic part in the fulfillment of our ambition. We hope that they will remember that this

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