

Editorials

Honor System?

The honor system, which is the basis of student government in many colleges and universities, is being questioned by those who live under it. On our own campus we hear that the honor system doesn't work at all, that it works in academic, but not social matters, or that it works in all areas.

Just recently the *Raleigh Times* carried a three-part article discussing the U. N. C. honor system. While the faculty and the leaders of the Men's and Women's Council say that the system works, the editors of the *Daily Tar Heel* feel that the system is "absurd." Walter Dellinger, Men's Council chairman, stated that more and more students are reporting infractions, therefore the system must be a success. How could this observation classify the system as a success? It sounds more like an increase in infractions or an increase in insecure people who gain a false sense of security by reporting their fellow students.

Clofelter, editor of the *Daily Tar Heel*, expressed his opinion that a system under which the student is responsible only for his own conduct might be more effective. Since honor is a matter of personal concern, this suggestion might be the answer not only to the Carolina honor system but also to the one which we at Meredith have.

No one, unless he is blind or lives the life of a recluse, could say that the Meredith honor system is one hundred per cent effective. One reason for this defection is the idea that everyone else is responsible for reporting our actions, so if we don't get caught, why worry. We have failed to make clear that each person is responsible for her own conduct.

Let's take another look at honor. What is it? Is it drinking or not drinking, single-dating or double-dating? No, these are simply rules and not principles of honor. If a new system cannot be worked out whereby the social and academic aspects of our campus are separated, as will be our civil and social duties when we leave college, then the name of our honor system should be changed to read the Social Rules Code or something comparable.

ANN NOOE

What About Equality?

"Are all men equal in the eyes of God?" When asked this question, Mr. John Jones, average American citizen, will answer "yes." "Are they equal in the minds of men? Do all people, regardless of race or color, have the same opportunities, privileges, and responsibilities?" When confronted with this question, many people stop, think, and answer "I don't know." Others, who are more bold, say "of course not." The main controversial question that faces us today is whether the Negro should be equal with the white man. Integration is a problem that the world has not been able to solve. The United States has not been able to, witness the Mississippi situation. Will Meredith College be able to solve it?

Since the Board of Trustees announced their decision with regard to the integration problem, many different opinions have arisen on our campus. A letter was sent to the Trustees by the B.S.U. stating that Meredith students welcomed the decision. Loud protests then came from both segregationists and integrationists who felt the B.S.U. was not qualified to make such a statement. The "rebels" considered the letter invalid because the student body was not consulted.

The B.S.U. letter, although it received much criticism, served a good purpose, for it brought out into the open the antagonisms, misunderstandings, and differences of opinions on our campus. It forced us to consider the question seriously. The problem has not been solved, differing opinions still exist, but a step was made by this vote. Will Meredith be able to carry out integration successfully? The answer to this question depends on you.

CLAIRE BOLTON



MEMBER

Associated Collegiate Press

EDITORIAL STAFF

EditorDianne Simmons
 Associate EditorNancy Williams
 Feature EditorJean Hege
 Managing EditorAnn Nooe
 Copy EditorsEllen McPhaul, Nicky Childrey
 ColumnistsBetty Hooks, Barbara Jones
 PhotographersVicki Johnson, Kappie Weede
 Reporters—Claire Bolton, Nell Cox, Penny Pittard, Anne Mintz, Millie Pearce, Sandra Sue Horton, Susan Ross, Libby Bullard, Carroll Hicks, Frances Garrett, Ann Brock, Ann Rivers, Carol Andrews, Faye Autry, Nancy Armstrong.
 Faculty SponsorDr. Norma Rose

BUSINESS STAFF

Business ManagerAnne Pope
 Advertising ManagerBetsy Stem
 Circulation ManagerMartha Ballou
 Mailing EditorMary Belle Pate
 Chief TypistBrenda Clark
 Typists—Mabel Puckett, Dianne Bowers, Ann Dewitt, Ann Carper, Jane Willis, Billie Parker
 Advertising Staff—Martha Spence, Libby Bullard, Nancy Dail, Sarah Ramsey, Norma Baker
 Faculty SponsorDr. Lois Frazier

Entered as second-class matter October 11, 1923, at post office at Raleigh, N. C., under Act of March 8, 1879. Published semi-monthly during the months of October, November, February, March, April and May; monthly during September, December, and January. THE TWIG is the college newspaper of Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina, and as such is one of the three major publications of the institution—the other two being *The Acorn*, the literary magazine, and *The Oak Leaves*, the college annual. 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.

Subscription Rates: \$2.95 per year

THE TWIG is served by National Advertising Service, Inc., 420 Madison Ave., New York 17, New York.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students Voice Dissatisfactions

Dear Editor:

There is much discontent evident on our campus, and thus far nothing has been done toward voicing these gripes. I think it is time something constructive be done in meeting the needs of the girls at Meredith.

One of our biggest needs is more space for studying. The new addition to the library last year was a great improvement; however, there is still not adequate space available. It seems to me that we are not getting full use of our classroom buildings. The seniors have the study rooms in the new dorms. Although, the music building is open, it is difficult to study because of the noise and of the lack of heat on Sundays. Therefore, I would like to see the classroom buildings made available at night and on Sundays for studying. Here, one may ask the question, "Why more space when you have your own dorm room?" The greatest reason is that the halls are too noisy. Why you can set your clock by the sudden noise that springs up on every hall when study hours are over at ten o'clock. Then you are constantly interrupted by visitors who may linger even when you're knee deep in homework or quizzes. Of course, there often arises the problem of your having to study and your roommate not having to study. What do you do when your roommate wants to turn on the radio, the library is crowded—or not open—and the music building is either noisy or cold?

There has been some mention of reasons why opening the classroom buildings is not possible.

One is that the girls would not be adequately protected. I cannot think of many girls who would study completely alone in the buildings at night. If we could have the buildings opened on the stipulation that no one study there alone, I believe the student body would agree to this stipulation. Another reason is that we should not study on Sunday. If the music building is opened, why cannot the classroom buildings be opened . . . and heated? A person would have to be very naive to think that girls do not study on Sunday; and because we do, we need a place to study.

I have voiced my discontent, and I would like to see some action taken on the matter as I am sure most of the girls agree that we need more space for studying. There is no guarantee that this plan will work, but I think it should be tried. Would you not like to see the classroom buildings opened and heated at night and on Sundays for studying?

Linda Thomas
Class of 1964

Dear Editor:

What is a sacred cow? Well children, it is something established by tradition and hence unquestioned. No one dares change it for "things have always been done that way." Do not think that our generation is so progressive that we too are not hindered by such archaic modes of thinking. I should like to list a few institutions on our campus I consider in the "sacred cow" category.

Rules are a pet peeve of everyone, and Meredith is no exception. Some

rules are necessary to have an orderly society, yet others are so unfounded that one questions their existence in the handbook. Look at your handbook sometime and ask yourself if they are the type of rules you would actually list for 700 supposedly intelligent and well-mannered women. Consider especially those rules concerning wearing socks downtown, wearing shorts to Ridge-wood, and wearing a scarf in class, chapel, or in the dining hall. Are these rules necessary; are they logical; and do they give one the impression that one is now being treated as an adult? This may be answered by the famous cliché—Meredith has certain standards to uphold. Well, I for one would like to know what standards we are upholding, social and fashion standards, or intellectual standards? One doesn't have to be a slob to be an intellectual or even to have a few smarts, but then one doesn't have to uphold fashion and social standards to be considered an upholder of a standard. I bet Mrs. Kennedy isn't told when to wear her shorts, but she upholds standards!

Also, the current upset about societies has brought to mind the question of competition. What is so wrong with competing? Are we all supposed to be "sugar and spice and everything nice?" To quote Goethe ". . . he who is not irritated is dead. . ." Competition shows interest and concern and a desire to do something, to act. We need to let our feelings out once in a while, otherwise we will all get ulcers!

Sue Ellen Moody

S.G. Recommends Changes in Rules

By BETTY HOOKS

At the first November meeting of the legislative board, the faculty committee was present to discuss two major recommendations which the board was preparing for faculty committee action. Those recommendations concerned one o'clock privileges and the freshmen double-dating requirements.

One O'Clock's

Since the meeting, the faculty committee has approved the one o'clocks, on the condition that the legislative board rework the entire section in the handbook on special permission. One o'clock privileges will be similar to alternate dates, but will be given for more occasions. As yet, no final action has been taken on elimination of the freshman double-dating rule.

New Ruling

The legislative board has also passed a new ruling on failure to sign out upon leaving the college or taking a privilege on campus. Previously an offender warranted two call downs for this violation, one for failure to sign out and one for failure to sign in, which would be impossible if one was not signed out. Now a student who fails to sign out and realizes her mistake upon returning, may report herself immediately to her hall proctor and will be allowed to sign in and out, thus receiving only one call down for failure to sign out when she left. If one signs in and out without reporting to her hall proctor, she is guilty of falsification of college records.

Eccentrics Are Categorized In Groups and as Individuals

By ANN RIVERS

Are you living among a group of eccentrics? At first glance, one would think that we Meredith girls are normal, well-behaved, sensible people. But, after a while our oddities, neurosis, or whatever you choose to call them begin to peep out and falsify the surface picture of "normality." There are several categories of eccentrics here plus a few individuals who cannot be classified. Some of their unusual traits have been noticeable since the beginning of the year, while others have just recently appeared.

First Category

First of all, we have the people with an acute fear that something or somebody is "out to get them."

Dorm Clocks

Stemming from complaint about dormitory clocks from those who have been late, a discussion of the problem was carried on by board members. It was decided that cards are checked by the clock in that dorm; therefore, it is the student's responsibility before leaving to set her watch by the clock in her dormitory.

Church Regulation

The legislative board committee is still working on a recommendation for no required Sunday school and church. They are working with three members from the B.S.U. and with several people from the Raleigh churches. Also, the group is writing letters to other schools in North Carolina.

In this category are those girls who look in their closets, under their beds, and behind their doors every night.

Then we have those with an abnormally strong mother-complex. These girls feel a need to lavish love and affection on various pets. To this group belongs the girl who keeps her goldfish in the suite's bathtub, the one who maintains a roomful of pet flies (she can't bring herself to kill them!), and the one who is going out tomorrow to buy some turtles.

Budding Capitalists

Another category includes those girls who, according to Freud, might be called budding capitalists. These girls have a great urge to collect anything and everything from drink bottles to old programs and tickets stubs. Furthermore, these things must always be arranged in an orderly manner.

Some girls seem to have a flight complex. Every week-end they flee away from here to destinations unknown—leaving their cares and problems behind.

Persecutors

Lastly, we have a few persecutors in our midst. These enjoy torturing their friends by short-sheeting beds, squirting girls with insect or hair spray, and hiding their pillows and blankets in rooms on opposite sides of the campus.

These groups are only a few of the more eccentric types on campus. Take note of their characteristics, and then watch your roommate—she may be a psychiatric case in disguise.