

## Note of Thanks

Today brings to a close Religious Emphasis Week 1963. As we pause to evaluate what has been done and to consider the insights and concepts gained, it is appropriate that we express our appreciation for the hours of planning and organizing which preceded this week. To Carol Cox, chairman of Religious Emphasis Week, to Mrs. Miriam Prichard, advisor to the Baptist Student Union, to each speaker who has been concerned enough to share his time and thoughts with us, and to the countless others in the background who have contributed their efforts and abilities to bring us a week rich in opportunity, goes a sincere thank you!

N. W.

## TRUST IS MUST!

The honor code at Meredith College is designed to discourage any dishonesty as well as to encourage honesty among the students of the college. In most cases it is considered a sufficient discouragement. Usually students are not required to sign the honor pledges on examination blue books; the faculty trusts the students. The staff of the dean of students does not deem it necessary to call each home for which the student has permission to visit; the administration trusts the students.

Why, then, do the students place no trust in themselves? Why is it that, during required lectures and concerts, a committee is sent to every floor of each dormitory in search of wayward students? It seems a bit ridiculous to have an honor code and not to take advantage of it. Certainly the plan is inconvenient to the girls acting as the *policewomen*. To be even more practical, is it not true that a girl who is sufficiently dishonest to purposely avoid a required lecture by staying in her room will also be dishonest enough to leave the campus since rooms are being searched? Let us hope that Student Government will join the faculty and administration in looking at situations such as this one with a more practical as well as trusting eye.

K. W.

## Straw Ballots Are Used

As election time draws near, it is necessary to examine an important phase of our election procedure—the straw ballot. In the past students have seemed indifferent to the importance and purpose of the straw ballot. Are we truly indifferent, or just plain ignorant of the straw ballots' function?

Many of us have wondered how and to what extent the ballots are used by the nominating committee and have been disgusted by the pat answer given to these questions, "the straw ballots serve as a guide." Rejecting this explanation, we must investigate further and find the true answers to these questions.

It is important for us to take the straw ballots seriously, if they are to be used effectively. The nominating committee does place great value on the straw ballots as they nominate candidates. The chairman of the committee reads the names of the girls with the highest number of votes and these names are considered first by the committee. Thus, the will of the majority is placed before the committee, which in turn carries out that will in all cases possible. It is not necessary for us to fill out each blank, but it is necessary for us to consider each blank thoughtfully for the straw ballots are used.

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## Baptist Leadership Suffers Great Loss

On February 1, 1963, the Christian South was shocked to learn of the death of one of its most ardent disciples, Dr. Douglas M. Branch, general secretary of the Baptist State Convention.

The death of Dr. Branch is mourned by ministers, laymen, newspapers, and magazines throughout the South. The *Biblical Recorder*, magazine of the Baptist State Convention, devoted in its February 9 issue, the front cover and greater portion of seven pages to the recognition of Dr. Branch and his great achievements. In a tribute to the great leader as general secretary of the Baptist State Convention, the *Durham Morning Herald* made the statement, "Dr. Branch was an ideal choice for the post he held, and his conduct of the office was a continuing demonstration of the wisdom of his selection for it."

Dr. Branch served in many capacities during his lifetime. He graduated *cum laude* from Wake Forest College, served as pastor of Mt. Moriah Church, Wake County, Cary, Scotland Neck, and Rocky Mount, and held offices in the State Baptist Convention.

The students of Meredith College, sharing the grief and sympathy of the Christian South, wish to express their sorrow at the death of Dr. Branch. They recall his visits to the Meredith Campus and feel a deep,

## Opinion Poll Reveals Desire For Sunday Study Space

Members of the political science classes in sections 21a and 21b asked 305 Meredith students six (6) questions concerning the use of the Meredith Library on Sundays, the use of another building for study purposes, and the services of the Bee Hive on Sunday.

It should be noted that about 35 per cent of the student body was polled, e.g., 305 of the 880 student body. This poll includes some day students.

The following questions were asked:

"Would you use the library on Sunday if it was open?"  
Yes: 248. No: 57.

Reasons listed why library should be opened on Sundays:

1. Noise in dorms because of visitors and students who do not wish to study.

2. Teachers make assignments which require studying on Sundays and the use of the library holdings, particularly the "Books on Reserve."

3. The library is a quiet place to study.

4. Social engagements on Saturdays require that students use the library on Sunday to complete assignments.

personal grief. Dr. Carlyle Campbell, president of the college, perhaps best expresses the general feeling with these words, "Dr. Douglas Branch was an esteemed personal friend, a genuine friend of Meredith College and all it represents. For his effective denominational leadership, North Carolina Baptists will remember him with affection and gratitude."

## Exam Errors Have Comical As Well As Tragical Side

By ANN RIVERS

Students are always making mistakes on exam papers, but sometimes their errors, though tragic gradewise, turn out to be funny in view of the context or subject matter covered. These comical mistakes fall into several categories.

The largest of these categories is in the "intelligent guess" group of wrong answers. For example, on a golf exam, when asked to complete the statement, "A curve in the fairway is a .....", one student wrote, instead of the proper answer, a dogleg, that it was a "chicken wing." On an oral health education exam, one student said that mid-wifery was the mid-section of a wife!

### Children's Literature Exam

On a children's literature exam, students used almost every color in the rainbow except yellow in describing the birdie's bill — referring to the rhyme "The Birdie with the Yellow Bill." When asked what happened to the old woman who lived on the hill, students answered "She went to jail," "She found a husband," "She jumped over the moon," or "if she hasn't gone, lives in a still." Asked to complete the statement on a religion exam, "indigenous Christianity is when .....", a student said it was "when a Christian becomes indignant about something."

### Misspelled Words

Another category of wrong answers which are often hilarious, is that of misspelled words. For example, on history exams, students frequently refer to the Japanese

Shogun as the "shotgun!" A unique error was made by the girl who spoke of the "Confusion" (Confucian) philosophy in China. In discussing the fact that vowels were added to the Hebrew alphabet one student declared that "bowels" were added to that alphabet. Another girl may have come up with a good idea when she stated on a sociology exam that women should be "idle-ized."

### Final Category

The final category is that of mistakes made when students simply think of the wrong word in identifying something or perhaps get their subjects confused. On a history exam, a student discussing the feudal system, said that the lower classes did not like the privilege of the nobles to hunt "peasants" in the forests! In child psychology, a prospective teacher asked to list some emotional traits which should be developed in children, wrote "emotional stigma" instead of stability. Perhaps the best example of this category was that error made by the student who, apparently, was thinking about biology while she took her religion exam. In answering a question concerning Gomer, the wife of Hosea, she referred to that individual as "Gonad!"

THE TWIG staff welcomes all letters to the editor from students who wish to express publicly any opinion or student concern. These letters should be placed in THE TWIG room on the first floor of Brewer Dormitory or brought to 208 New.

"Which hours would you use the library?"

2- 4 p.m.: 2  
2- 5 p.m.: 73  
2- 6 p.m.: 93  
2-11 p.m.: 2  
7-10 p.m.: 22

"Would you prefer a building such as Joyner or Hunter open from 6 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday for study purposes?"

Yes: 128. No: 31.

"Would you use the Bee Hive on Sunday from 4-6 p.m.?"

Yes: 255. No: 16.

"Why would you use the Bee Hive?"

Reasons: 1. The cafeteria is closed and the need for a place to secure something warm to eat. 2. The drink machines are always empty by Sunday evening; moreover, change is not available for use in the machines. 3. During inclement weather it is too far to walk to the restaurants on Hillsboro.

The following are college's library hours on Sunday:

Wake Forest: 2-11 p.m.

Duke University: 2-11 p.m.

Wake Forest: after church and in the evening.

UNC: 2-11 p.m.

Davidson: after church and in the evening.

UNC: Woman's College at Greensboro: after church and in the evenings.

N. C. State College: 2-11 p.m.

East Carolina College: after church and in the evenings.

Chowan College: 1-6 p.m., providing a student worker will open it.

Figures were not available for the following colleges according to the survey made: Agnes Scott; Salem; Mars Hill; Campbell College; Wingate College, apparently, kept its library closed on Sundays.

## Letter To Editor

Dear Editor,

The chapel behavior of Meredith students is becoming simply atrocious, and it is time that we, as supposedly mature young women, do something about it. When people are seen reading newspapers during the discussion of a vital campus concern, or eating in chapel, or laughing and talking unnecessarily, it is clear that some action has to be taken.

While it is true that chapel is required for all Meredith girls, this fact gives us no excuse for acting like pouting children. It seems that even before the program has begun, we have turned off our ears to everything being said.

Much time and effort is given to make chapel an effective part of our campus life. The majority of our chapel speakers are concerned men and women who do have something to say to us. But whether they appeal to us or not, we should give them the attention and respect they rightly deserve. If we are dissatisfied about the calibre of these programs, why simply argue among ourselves? This only creates more antagonism, and nothing is done to make them more effective. If criticisms are honest and constructive, I am sure that Dr. Mac and his chapel committee would welcome them.

Is there an answer to this problem? It seems to me that it lies within each one of us. We will all have to take the responsibility of preparing ourselves each day. If we continue to have these attitudes and actions, we will not even deserve to have the numerous freedoms which are now ours on this campus — because if we cannot conduct ourselves in a mature and responsible way in the chapel situation, how in the world will we act in other situations?

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Class of 1963