

Chapel Chats

A glance through the back issues of THE TWIG shows that at least once a year some kind of plea is made for an improvement in chapel behavior. In a college situation such as is ours, it would seem that such a plea would not be necessary at all.

The fact that chapel is required gives us no excuse. Whether we are required to go or whether we go of our own accord is not the issue as some seem to think. The basic problem lies in our attitude toward those people who are giving of their time and interests to speak to us. Certainly we have enough personal integrity to be courteous.

As is the case with almost any series of programs presented to a large group, there will be days when the topic does not appeal to our own personal interests. This still does not give us a reason to be impolite, to talk, to read newspapers, to study, or to eat.

If we have become so caught up in our highly intellectual pursuit of knowledge that we cannot enjoy a simple but informative talk, then education for us has been a waste of time.

Chapel can be a vital experience in our day-to-day lives but whether we let it be or not, the least we can do is to be polite.

N. W.

Past Weeks More Valuable

The week of April 1-5, was entitled Vocational Information Week on the Meredith College campus. As a result guest speakers were featured in chapel, representative of various professions from law to remedial reading instruction, from interior design to social work. The speeches were very interesting, as well as being presented in an appealing manner, for the most part. Despite this fact, though most entertaining, the chapel periods were not relevant to enough of the student body to justify them.

The various departments had their individual programs at 4:00 or 4:30 p.m., a time which is not convenient for members of the student body who have labs, P. E. classes at this hour, or jobs.

This being our third Vocational Information Week at Meredith, we feel that the way in which it has been conducted in years past was better suited to the students' needs. By using the chapel periods for programs in the various departments and by allowing the students to choose those which interested them, there was greater value to be derived.

ANN NOOE

Spring Is Vivacious

Spring is the season of cotton dresses, of yellow and white flowers, of sunny days and starry nights—the season just before summer. . . . And life is wonderful, and full, and free—that is, if you live in a castle, on a million tax-free dollars a year, with *no responsibilities*. But, unfortunately or fortunately, as the case may be, few of us live that way.

Spring is the season when we should clean house, gather together all those little things that we have neglected or put off, and really realize our responsibilities. The deadness of winter is gone; the summer heat has not yet come. It is a time for action!

Spring, however, is also the season of laziness and romanticism, when many of us live in a dream world, which has none of these responsibilities, when work is merely something we must finish, when other people are necessary evils.

Spring is the season praised by poets, and certainly it should be! Everything seems to awake, to blossom at the sight of spring. Isn't it a pity that so many of us seem to resist the normal vivacity of the season?

K. W.

Moody's Moods

By SUE ELLEN MOODY

In article XIV, Section 2, of the Meredith College Constitution we find the significant statement that, "All business meetings of the Association and its governing bodies shall be conducted according to ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER for parliamentary procedure. According to the dictionary definition of parliamentary procedure, we have rarely in the past three years conducted a business meeting of the entire Association according to the stipulation contained in our constitution. Therefore, the majority of the meetings held on Thursday have been unconstitutional.

Why was this article included in the Meredith constitution? Obviously to provide a procedure for orderly and democratic Student Government meetings. The failure to adhere to the constitution has resulted in chaotic meetings, "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." If we were to conduct our meetings according to the constitution, there would be no logical way for us to waste time. We would be forced to accomplish that which we are supposed to be doing, i.e., carrying on a business meeting.

The definition of a business meeting seems to indicate that any discussion concerning the student body is in fact a business meeting of the Association. If we do not feel that this is correct, there should be a specification in the constitution as to what type of meeting is implied when it states that ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER is to be used.

Granted, it will be difficult to adjust to such a procedure at first, but practice makes perfect. Throughout our lives we will be members of bodies which use this procedure. Let us join the rest of the democratic bodies, and conduct our meetings according to our democratic heritage and our Meredith Constitution.



LINDA EVANS

Daughters of Alumnae Prove To Be Following Tradition

By FRANCES GARRETT

Meredith alumnae translate their interests frankly or subtly into a similar interests in their daughters at Meredith. Interests of mothers and daughters often coincide in the choice of a major. Two members of the Granddaughters' Club who have chosen the same major that their mothers chose are Kappie Weede and Peggy Pruitt. Both Kappie and her mother, Mrs. Kate Covington Weede of the class of 1937 declared majors in English. The English major was selected again by mother and daughter in the example of Peggy Pruitt and her mother, Mrs. Margaret Bullard Pruitt of 1937. Mrs. Nellie Norris Branch, of the class of 1932, majored in art and earned a teaching certificate

with which she has taught the fourth grade. Her daughter, Laura Branch is also planning to teach the fourth grade. Martha House and her mother, Mrs. Mabel Andrews House of the class of 1927, chose similar majors in math and chemistry, respectively.

Corresponding Offices

Meredith mothers and their daughters have often held corresponding offices while at Meredith. Marion Welch, president of the sophomore class, is preceded by her mother, Mrs. Marion Fiske Welch, who was president of her junior class and president of Student Government in 1929. Laura Branch, president of the Granddaughters' Club, follows her mother, Mrs. Nellie Norris Branch, who was secretary of her senior class and May Queen in 1932.

Several members of the Granddaughters' Club have mothers who were quite active in their classes. Mary Register is preceded by her mother, Mrs. Mary Lee Register, who was president of the Student Government Association of 1932. Bruce Tull follows her mother, Mrs. Bruce Gore Tull, who was secretary of her freshman class, treasurer of the Astrotekton Society her junior year, and president of the Athletic Association in 1931. Margaret Strickland's mother, Mrs. Margaret Buggs Strickland, was secretary of Student Government her junior year and editor of *The Oak Leaves* in 1933. Mrs. Gertrude Bostic Pope, mother of Ann Pope, presided over the International Relations Club in 1930. Mary Baldwin's mother, Mrs. Frances Barnhill Baldwin, was vice-president of the Student Government of 1929. Mrs. Louise Craven Godwin, mother of Betty Godwin, was chief college usher in 1929. Gene Davenport's mother, Mrs. Eugenia Thomas Davenport, was vice-president of the Astros in 1920.

Related Interests

Related interests between mother and daughter are seen further in other members of the Granddaughters' Club. Nancy Ellis Williams writes for *The Acorn* and reports for THE TWIG. Nancy's mother, Mrs. Eleanor Edwards Williams, of the class of 1937, also wrote for THE TWIG and was science editor of *The Acorn*. Kappie Weede is associate editor of THE TWIG; her mother, Mrs. Kate Covington Weede, was also on the TWIG staff. Betty Garvey, like her mother, Mrs. Geraldine Gower Garvey of the class of 1924, is a member of the Meredith College Chorus.

As Meredith girls, we are interested in the remarkable parallels between the interests and activities of past Meredith girls and those interests of their daughters at Meredith.

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor:

"I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." Rev. 21:6

How ironic it is that the fountain in the Meredith court which bears the above words is, except on days when the trustees or alumnae are on campus, nothing more than a dry receptacle for trash! The beautiful symbolism which the women of the W.M.U. doubtless had in mind when they gave the fountain to Meredith is meaningless when, day after day, the fountain remains dry.

I am aware of certain difficulties connected with its operation. Obviously, it would not be feasible to turn on the fountain in freezing winter temperatures. Moreover, I have heard the reason usually advanced for not operating the fountain every day: the minerals in the water develop a rusty color on the center pillar. It seems to me, however, that the beautiful sound of falling water would more than compensate for rust which might accumulate during the year, and surely it would not be too expensive to clean the fountain once a year! Furthermore, is it not destroying the original

purpose of the fountain to let a matter of appearance interfere with the deeper beauty it could give us all?

Those of us who were here when the fountain played continuously have many pleasant memories of walking by it both day and night and enjoying its music. To me it seems not only regrettable but also wasteful that such an opportunity for beauty and enrichment on our campus is ignored.

Frieda Farmer
Class of 1964

Sunbathing Creates Several Problems

Legislative affairs of the recent meeting have been concerned with sunbathing and some of the problems created by it. Students must wear bathing suits or shorts to sunbathe in, and sunbathing around the pool is not allowed until the pool opens. After the pool is opened, students may sun inside the pool fence, never outside. If breezeways are full, students may take sunbaths in the hollow behind the home management house or between the tennis courts.

The legislative board also discussed the recommendation that two call downs be given after an accumulation of three consecutive D's or F's on room check and another D or F during the trial period of two weeks with daily room checks. The board voted against the recommendation, leaving the matter in the hands of the judicial board as a flexible policy of that group.

Students are reminded that any call down can be appealed if the girl appears before the judicial board within two weeks after the call downs have been recorded.

At 6:30 p.m., April 11, twelve Meredith girls will leave the Raleigh-Durham Airport for New York, where they will spend the Easter holidays. Read the next "Twig," April 25, for an account of their trip. The girls who are going are Martha Rivers, Betty White, Brooksie Bell, Jeanie Hutcherson, Jo Ann Stafford, Jo Tankard, Crystal Harkness, Ellen Young, Mary Ann Britt, Judy Elliott, Ruth Ann Knott, and Kathy Smith.



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