

# Probing

Dr. Hollis Summers, in his lecture on Monday night, asked a very important question dealing with where a writer stands in relation to the reader. We would like to rephrase the question and ask where each Meredith girl stands in relation to the world.

There are several possible vantage points from which to view the world. One could stand in the world, feeling its pulse, watching its crowds, wrapped in its problems, its crises, its change. One could stand outside the world and watch it from an isolated plane, conscious of all that goes on and yet removed from it, unfeeling. One could stand fairly close to the world and view it objectively, deciding on a few issues which might affect one personally, but failing to become involved in its real essence. Or one could stand with one's back to the world, oblivious to all that is happening, or possibly, sometimes peering over one's shoulder to see that it is still there, but not caring what is there.

It is in this last category that much of the Meredith community falls. We are so interested in fulfilling our traditional roles as women, being feminine, belonging to the right bridge clubs, the smart set, getting our hair fixed on time, that we neglect our minds.

At Meredith, as Sue Ellen Moody so aptly stated in her column in the last issue of THE TWIG, intellectual life is in danger. In fact, this part of life is nearly non-existent. Is it because we wish to please our teachers that we spend our time doing just what we are expected to do, reading just what is required? Is it because we think that appearances are so important that we spend much time learning to be perfect ladies, balancing our tea cups on our knees, and smiling prettily when we meet a new face, not caring what sort of mind might lie behind that face? Is it because of our backgrounds, mostly Protestant, small-town, and southern that we are what we are? Is it because of ourselves, because we are so wrapped up in petty goals that life holds little else except a husband and children?

Each of these things, our teachers, our backgrounds, and we ourselves are partially to blame. Each one plays its fractional role. We are not advocating non-conformity in dress or manners. These are superficial things and are irrelevant. We are not asking you to give up your womanhood. One can have all that woman stands for and exercise her mind also. We have examples about us in our professors and in those who visit the campus.

Let's reevaluate ourselves and see if there is a world outside this small one here. Let's try to bring the world to Meredith and take Meredith to the world.

Ann Nooe

# Nhu's Reception

Recently, the ambiguous reception of Madame Nhu at State College made us appreciate the fact that Meredith College would possibly have treated the visit of a foreign dignitary in a different manner. Not that we agree with what she is saying, but when, in this country, should a dissenting opinion be accompanied by discourteousness and thoughtlessness?

We regret the fact that only State College Student Union representatives were present to greet the foreign visitor—she was not only a guest of the Student Union, but also of the city of Raleigh. We are also ashamed of the hissing Madame Nhu received as she was presented for the evening address. Though her visit was unofficial and though she has antagonized journalistic circles, we feel that the right to express her ideas should have afforded her a genuinely warm greeting from officials and laymen in this locality.

We would like to think that Madame Nhu would have received a more courteous reception if she had accepted an invitation to speak at Meredith.

Millie Pearce



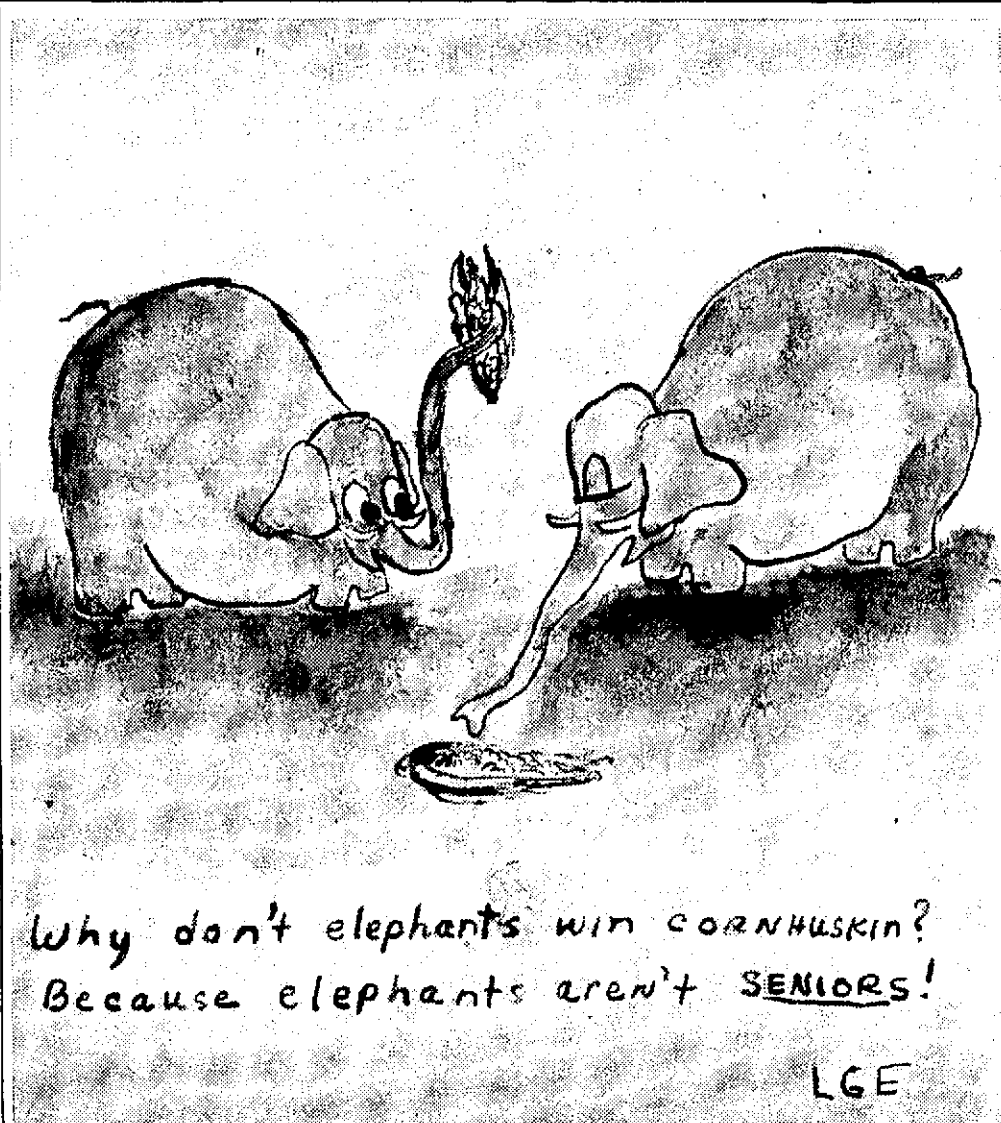
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# Letters to Editor

Because of the number of activities scheduled in the area this fall, the Meredith Playhouse has found it necessary to cancel the November 1-2 performances of two plays by James M. Barrie. The organization sincerely hopes that the students will be interested in and participate in the production of a Shakespearian comedy to be given March 13-14.

Margaret Rackley  
Playhouse President  
Class of 1963

Dear Editor:  
Many students frown upon the idea of a "required lecture." I must say that if all such programs were as entertaining as the one given on our campus Monday evening, there would be no complaints.

The Meredith College student body, I think, enjoyed every word spoken by Dr. Hollis Summers Monday evening. The lecture presented us with helpful information through an original rendering of the old subject of contact between writer and reader. His use of "the voice" was very effective, in that Dr. Summer's tone is quite pleasant in itself. One minute his audience laughs, while the next minute, not a sound is heard except his own recitation of a poem.

Furthermore, I think it quite impressive to the student body that Dr. Summers remained on campus for two days, thereby allowing us to know him as a person. If possible, I think that all such lecturers should be invited to remain at Meredith for two days. To meet the lecturers personally is a special treat to the students.

I would like to thank the lecture committee for their trouble in acquiring the good speakers.

Carol Andrews  
Class of 1965

Dear Editor:  
There is often something said in chapel about double dating to Ridgewood because there are no lights behind the college, and it is safer to travel in pairs. Why aren't there lights on the road to Ridgewood? It seems to me that they are needed there more than in the court or in the front of Johnson Hall where the danger is so much less. Of course, lights are needed in these areas, but I feel that they are also needed on the Ridgewood road. Even if girls return before 7:30, it is quite dark by this time, especially in the wooded area. Perhaps there is a reason that

there are no lights in this area or perhaps the need for them has not been brought to the attention of the administration. I think that they are needed, and I would like to see them placed there or to hear some defense as to why not.

Beverly Chewing  
Class of 1965

Dear Editor:  
Since there is so much emphasis put on studying at Meredith and so much emphasis put on health, it seems ironical to us that only seventy-five watt light bulbs are used in the overhead lights. We realize this may be due to the wiring or to the light fixtures; but, nonetheless, we feel something should be done. We either ruin our eyes using the seventy-five watt bulb or risk our necks climbing on desks and chairs to put in a higher watt bulb. Both methods are bad and should be eliminated.

We are aware that a study conditions committee has been formed to improve studying conditions and facilities on campus. We hope the committee can work with the administration to improve the lighting in the rooms.

Kay Hall  
Dorothy Burroughs  
Class of 1965

## Check Is Outlined; Committees Formed

One of the latest policies originated in the executive council, announced to the legislative board, and passed on to the students by their hall proctors is the procedure for complete dorm check after hours. After the SG President calls the dorm president, the hall proctor's suite, each girl taking one fourth of the hall, awakens all girls, who must stand outside their rooms and be checked off. The hall proctors then report at the sign out desk to the dorm presidents, who report to the SG president.

Members of the house rules committee, which is presently working on rules stated in the handbook on room check, are as follows: Donna Dull, Margaret Simmons, Judy Riley, Joyce Ellen Stainback, and Dottie Bullock, chairman.

A committee has been formed to work on providing better study facilities on campus. Members include Kay Taylor, chairman, Cindy Swayne, Nell Cox, Judy Elliot, Martha Branon, Penny Pittard, and Donna Haverstock.

# Moody's Moods

By SUE ELLEN MOODY

Every day, between 10:25 and 10:55 a.m., five days a week, the entire student body meets in Jones Auditorium for chapel. Attendance is required for all resident students and most non-resident students. It is known that one question has risen every year for the past three years concerning chapel, i.e. "What is the purpose of chapel?" If one has an answer for the question, one should then ask, "Is this purpose being accomplished?"

Let us suppose that chapel is for the benefit of the students. We can see that there is a need for an assembly of the Student Government Association, for open-voting is the quickest process for presenting rule changes requiring the approval of the students and for allowing discussion of the changes. Others would say that speakers from different organizations are beneficial, for they make us aware of the various functions of our society. However, there is one aspect of chapel which has been recently criticized by a great number of students. The need for a short religious service three times a week has been questioned.

Every speaker who comes to Meredith is not interesting to all students, but this would be true in any case. However, when twelve different speakers per month are needed for chapel, it seems that a lesser number will be found interesting to the majority of the students. This is not to say that either the chapel program speakers or the planners are at fault. The required number of speakers itself makes it impossible to have every program well planned. Would it not be better to have fewer speakers, thus affording more time for preparation, and a more selective group of speakers? It has been said that the chapel programs are worship services, and that the quality of the speaker should not affect this service. Ideally this is true, but we are not in an ideal situation. The atmosphere of the auditorium is not that of a church. Even though God is present and made manifest throughout all the world, He is more easily known to man when the physical surroundings are conducive to worship. If the physical surroundings are lacking at Meredith, let us then strive for more prayerful and thoughtful sermons. Would it not be better to let quality take precedence over quantity? Is it not possible that then the services would be worshipful, rather than numerable?

# SG Officers Plan Meeting

The planning session for the April student government conference was held the weekend of October 11-13, at Longwood College in Farmville, Virginia. Attending the conference were Lura Penny and the other officers of the Southern Intercollegiate Association of Student Government. Meeting with Lura, who is the treasurer, was Ellen Lee, president from the University of South Carolina, and Judi Shaffer, secretary from Coker College. The theme chosen by the group for the upcoming conference is "Integrity—Me, Myself, and I." The theme is centered in the life of the student on campus and the role of student government in the outside political and social life. To carry out this theme, speeches for the conference include such subjects as student environment, the cultural aspects of campus life, and the role of the student in civic and international affairs after graduation. Lura commented that the planning conference manifested a concern in the "role of student government in life now as well as later. The conference also offered an opportunity to discuss matters in each school directed toward a better understanding of campus life."