

# Students Disturbed by Recent Chapel Conduct

As far as conduct is concerned, Meredith girls are praised for their over-all presentation in public as well as on campus. Chapel conduct reached its peak of rudeness last year and has been so much improved that it has ceased to be a problem. Yet many were disturbed and embarrassed because of the conduct during the service in which Mrs. Bonhoffer spoke. As soon as the first bell rang, a general restlessness became prevalent. Students began turning to look at the clock and a few even left the auditorium. It is understood that some of those leaving had to catch buses, but it is known that all who left did not. Yet those leaving were not completely to blame. When the second and third bells rang, students were seen turning to ask companions to leave with them. Two were seen by this writer to have turned and asked students sitting on the next row to leave with them. The speaker no longer had the attention of her audience. Many of those not participating in this conduct were so disturbed by it that they could not give their full attention to her. I am sure that Mrs. Bonhoffer has been faced with greater perils than inattentiveness, but I wonder if she would accept an invitation to speak in Meredith chapel again.

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# No Correspondence Courses

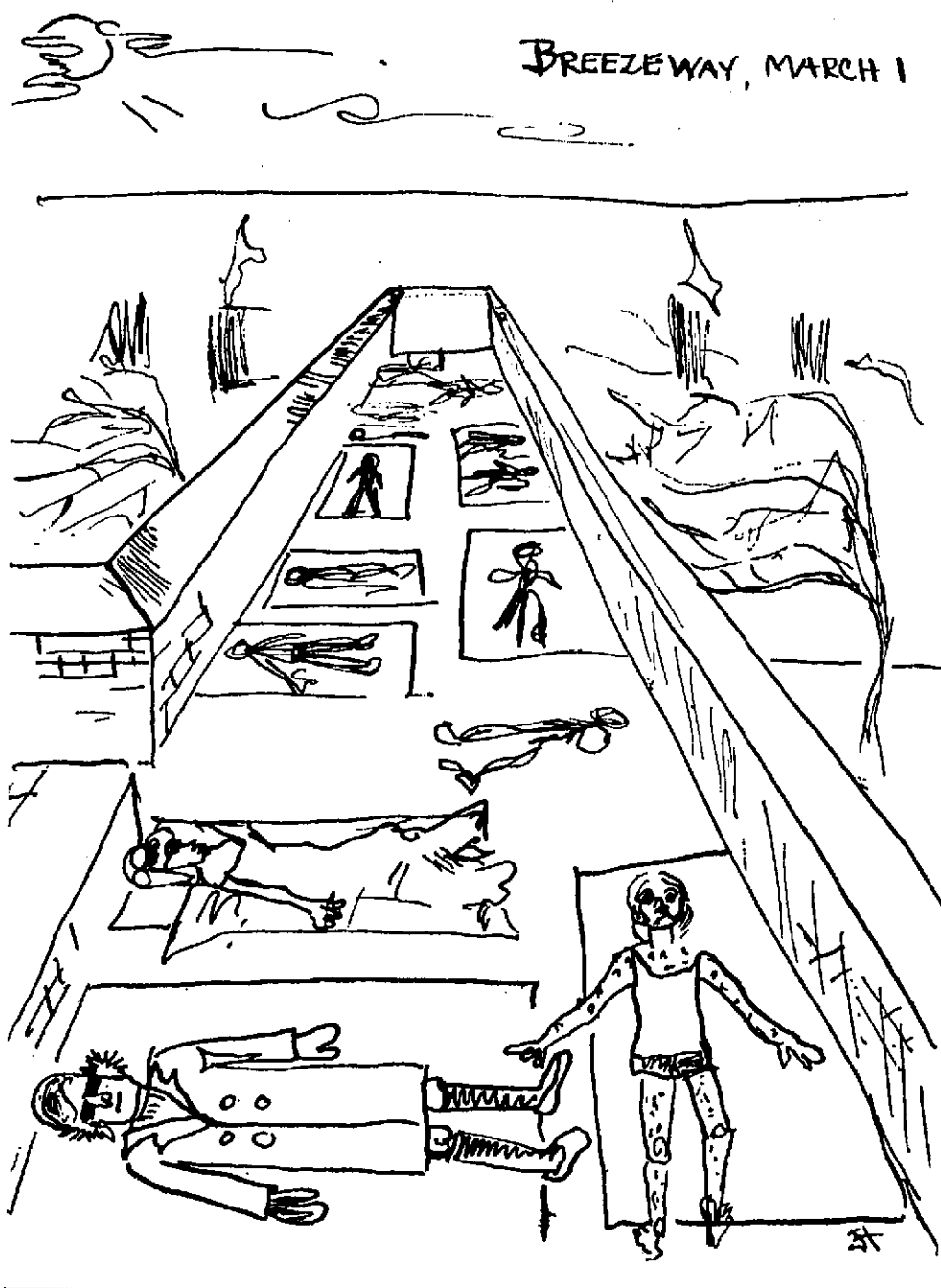
There have been many complaints from the student body concerning the recent administrative action on class cuts; however, on the whole, the student body must admit that the advantages of the new system far outweigh the disadvantages.

The one disadvantage is the ruling on cutting before or after holidays. The problem posed here involves those students living great distances, who need to catch early planes, buses, or rides. However, the committee has allowed the student body the right of appeal in unusual circumstances. The threat of being dropped from a course is a stiff penalty; nevertheless, the probability of excessive cutting is much greater during holidays than any other time.

To look at the brighter side, the advantages of the new proposal are numerous. Juniors as well as seniors are given optional attendance privileges. A student is no longer penalized with one-third cuts because she is ill. Furthermore, instead of three unexcused absences, the freshmen and sophomores are allowed three with the fourth being a warning.

After all, students, we are not here to take correspondence courses, rather to participate in class and group discussions. One agrees that a girl should not be dropped from a course if she is passing, but remember that class participation is a major consideration in one's performance in a course. The student body may thank the faculty and administration for their liberal consideration concerning the new system.

CVA



# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

After reading your March 12, 1965 "Letters to the Editor" column and then turning to the back page and reading "Nominating Committee Devises Elections Procedure," it seems to me that the writer of the news article has done more to prove the facts stated and situations alluded to in letters by Martha Stone and Ann Mintz than anything they could say. May I reiterate? "The fact is that the nominating committee protects the student body." May I ask why 900 maturing, so called responsible members of the Meredith College Community need protection? I suggest that it would be good for us to not only "rock the boat," but it might not be bad if we fell out and went under a few times. Although, at the present, we may not be rocking the boat, but we are rotting on the riverbank!

I was present and participated in the same meeting as your reporter and having not ever been a member of the nominating committee, I did find that I was wrong about some of the few things. However, I did not, I repeat — *did not* return from that meeting loving and adoring the existence of such an organization on our campus even if I did have "in intelligent understanding of the Committee's functions." I did leave the meeting feeling that all previous ideas and suggestions of revamping election procedures at Meredith had been watered down due to the fact that members of the committee were, as reported, already squelched by the mere existence of faculty, administration, etc. Thus, the phrase "conservative plan for campaigns" is exactly correct in that I honestly feel that we as individuals are so afraid of something or someone who seems to be holding an invisible stick over our heads that we are afraid to look up and see if it really is there.

This letter is not intended as detrimental material to be used against individuals who head up or are a part of the nominating committee. It is intended to show the repulsion of this writer at the existence of another protective agent in our midst. If we can spend time gossiping about the girl down the hall over a bridge game, why can't we use this time to create friction of another sort — creative friction, friction which shows that we

have a candidate who should win not by virtue of her fraternity pin or previous achievements, but by virtue of the fact that someone — enough someones felt a need to nominate a qualified person and support her and her platform to the point that she is elected!

Mary Ann Ainsley  
Class of 1965

Dear Editor:

Why do people want to go to college unless they want to extricate themselves from busy concerns of the world enough to learn something which can enable them to make the world a better place? The importance of an education has been emphasized until it runs out our insensible ears. How can sheltering, protecting encouraging, teaching help the college student? She wants to live, not in a fish bowl, but in the sea of life.

It seems that anyone who enters college would have already thought out the matter. The aid of a college education in life is very important. Have you not heard it over and over again?

Is college and are all educational systems not very much a part of the world? Does the state government not consider schools in its spending? Does Uncle Sam not allow boys to gain an education if they desire it? Is education not the vital factor in our governmental system?

You came to Meredith. Were you disillusioned as to its principles and policies? Are they not what you want for your daughter? Do you resent the Alma Mater?

She would never encourage building a chapel, attending a conference at a co-ed school, holding a horse show, aiding an anti-poverty project, or marching in a racial demonstration. There is nothing about the world in Mother Meredith. She is a world.

Some people never see a challenge anywhere. Some see challenges everywhere. Where are you? Too busy getting an "education"? Too busy fighting with a suitemate? Too busy goofing off? *What restricts you?* There appear to be many opportunities around that require understanding, cooperation, and freedom. What are you doing? Sleeping? That does not seem to help rock the boat at all.

Macki Rudisill

# Buffaloe Junction

By NANCY SUE BUFFALOE

It seems that it is about time for Meredith to stage another "Hide those thighs" protest or something similar. The seniors will remember the mass demonstration of the 1961 Meredith student body resulting from complaints from certain professors that knees were showing in the classroom. Upon hearing these complaints the Meredith girls immediately lowered their hems and donned long-sleeved dresses in their attempt to "hide those thighs." Chapel was never more interesting than that day when the student body (appearing as if it had just stepped out of a Dickens' novel or else was going to a tacky party) rallied on the steps of Jones Auditorium to chorus in unison to all the professors who cared to pass by — "Hide those thighs!"

The problem facing the "Meredith young ladies" now, however, is not one concerning thighs but one concerning our sophistication or "young-ladiness." It was called to my attention that several Bee Hive workers were rebuked for working in bermudas on the weekend because it was unladylike for boys to see Meredith girls clad in such a manner. Now, I say if a boy has never seen a girl in bermudas after a hard week at school, it is time for him to broaden his liberal education. Upholding the tradition of "Meredith young ladies" reaches the point of ridiculousness when such a fuss is made over such a trivial matter. It is time for our superiors in Johnson Hall to stop doting on petty trivialities such as our mass "Meredith young lady" face in the Bee Hive and begin to be concerned about more important things such as our right to be individuals. Wearing a dress to serve in the Bee Hive will not change a girl's attitude or character, and it might not help her looks either. One, contrary to the opinion of some, can still be a "young lady" in bermudas; those who feel (think) differently are simply making a superficial face judgment which is contrary to all the teachings of our institution. One of the really desirable qualities of people such as Bob Dylan and "those juvenile Beatniks who hang out at the 'Sidetrack'" is their willingness to accept people as they are without judging a person by the clothes he wears. It is a shame that a so-called Christian institution cannot come up to this level of human acceptance.

Dear Editor,

The last two letters to the Editor on "Don't rock the boat" themes, were interesting to me in their relevance to the prevailing attitude on campus. I believe we are so entrenched in tradition and a drive for security in our fast moving world that we cannot learn to live in the meantime.

We hear stories of the world outside — we do not experience it here for these years are the years supposed to be of high idealism.

We have no ideals left, though, if our future's goals are security and happy remembrances of the past.

I realize we are not as concerned about tradition at this moment, but we will become alumnae and look longingly backward to the good times at Meredith. Will we look back and see the past as a time we fought to be individuals — becoming aware of what life can be if we search for wisdom to live life?

Are we doomed, here in this institution, to continue to follow the herd, conform to the image of a Meredith girl? Will we not stick ourselves out on a limb knowing that if it breaks *we live*? Or is life to be a fabulous society-centered life — dull and monotonous? Can we not break from tradition to become ourselves as we are — not fabricated Meredith girls?

Is it too much to ask for us to become involved? Communism is relevant to our present situation. Do we want to search for the good in

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