

SOS: Never!

As I near the end of my college days, I sit reminiscing. I look back over the past four years with many fond memories, but what shall I remember the longest? Certainly—I shall never forget the friends that I made or the teachers that I had. But, yet, there is a gap in my everyday routine that I will long remember. This gap will be filled with the memories of those delicious meals which the dining hall planned and prepared for us. When we first came to Meredith as freshmen, we had visions of high school cafeteria food dancing in our heads. We wondered how we could survive four long years of what was fondly known in high school as SOS or that same old slop! We would never make it, we convinced ourselves—we would shrivel up and die of starvation before we could go home for Christmas! What a revelation! Weren't we surprised when the food was almost as good as Mother's? We all survived those crucial first weeks and found that we weren't really losing weight—some of us found just the opposite to be true.

So it has gone each year. Freshmen wonder how they are going to survive, only to find that the meals are very enjoyable. This year has seen even greater changes! Waffle suppers, sandwich lunches, steaks and spaghetti suppers! Who can imagine fixing homemade peanut butter for six hundred hungry girls? But—stop and think! Have you ever thanked anyone for all of this time and effort? A simple—"That was certainly a good supper"—said to the kitchen staff could mean so much. Why not try it and see? We of the TWIG think that the cafeteria staff deserves recognition for the fine job that it has done—so why don't you the student body help us to express our thanks for the job that has been done so well.

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Library Panic Unnecessary

As the end approaches, the mad library scramble ensues. As term projects are narrowed to week projects, books move and even vanish.

No longer are books easily accessible to whoever has the right number, for careless ones are too selfish to replace the books correctly. But these are just the ones who complain when their badly needed books are not in place. One small number or letter out of order can lose the book amidst stacks and stacks of others.

As a courtesy to others, as well as a convenience to oneself, one should be careful with the books.

Even though the panic does not exist, it does not necessitate carelessness. With only a little thoughtful consideration, one can save others from panic.

ELP



One of the first cartoons to appear in the TWIG, but still very appropriate and doesn't that desk look familiar.

Sociology Workshop Held in Raleigh Recently Features Play Performed by Meredith Students

Have you ever wondered what work a girl with a sociology major might find to do in her field after four years of college? Evidently many people have struggled with this same question, for the North Carolina Conference for Social Service felt the need to present a forum for students entitled "What's Ahead in Social Work Careers?" on Sunday, April 24, during its annual meeting at the Hotel Sir Walter in Raleigh. The Conference planned an unusual program for the forum by providing that a one-act play entitled "Breakthrough" presented by the Meredith College Players on the theme of opportunities in the field of social work.

Play Presented

The play "Breakthrough," which had its premier performance on May 25, 1965, at the annual meeting of the National Conference on Social Welfare, is the most recent in a series of dramas commissioned by the Welfare Administration of the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. In the drama a young man "in the throes of finding his lifework" is helped by a social worker in a public welfare agency who causes him to realize that connection between careers in social work and the important, larger social problems of the day. The play is intended to encourage young people to enter the field of social service, where suddenly, because of the new welfare program, many new opportunities have become available. "Breakthrough," which promises to be interesting and informative, has been hailed successful in communities and educational institutions throughout the United States, and should be no less successful in Raleigh. Meredith College is honored that her Players have been asked to participate.

Meredith Cast Members

Besides Joan Thompson, Kathy Turner, and Rick Farel who will be acting in "Breakthrough," several other persons of distinction will participate in the student forum: Charles Hart from Dorothea Dix Hospital, Mrs. Dorothy Ferrell from Wake County Mental Health Clinic, and Gerald Southerland of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. With an interesting program and active participation, the conference lacks only student attendance. Show interest and concern by attending from 3:00-5:00 on April 24, at the Hotel Sir Walter the forum "What's Ahead in Social Work Careers?"

ART DEPARTMENT ATTEND MEETINGS

Miss Harmon and Mr. White recently attended the annual meeting of the College Art Association of America. The meeting was held this year in New York.

Mr. Robinson and Mr. White each had a work accepted in the North Carolina Artist's Annual—a competition sponsored by the N. C. Museum of Art. After being shown at the Museum in Raleigh, this exhibition was sent to Asheville, where it was hung during the opening celebration of the newly-formed Asheville Museum of Art. Mr. Robinson's painting was purchased by an Asheville collector, and Mr. White's was selected as one of 30 to tour the state of N. C. for one year.

Mr. White attended the annual meeting of the Southeastern College Art Conference in Chattanooga beginning April 21.

A friend of mine recently reported to Fort Polk, La., for basic training. In his first letter home, he wrote: "It's sure a new experience having wall-to-wall brothers!" — Dale Rachman (Lake View Terrace, Calif.)

I was den-mother escort for a group of Cub Scouts touring a submarine. Ladders provided the only access to the sub, and a sailor was stationed at the foot of each ladder to assist us. Though wearing a billowing skirt, I descended bravely, giving the sailor whatever fringe benefits his duty offered him. Noticing my embarrassment, he grinned and said, "Don't feel too bad, lady. Only married men are stationed at the ladders." — Sylvia Ehrlich (Brooklyn, N. Y.)

Students Elected To Fill Offices

On Thursday, April 21, three girls were elected to fill student government positions which had been vacated. Brenda Carole Jones was elected to serve as secretary of the judicial board. Brenda Carole is a rising junior from Oxford. Elected to serve as hall proctors next year were Bonita Riffle and Janie Hocutt. Bonita who will serve in Faircloth or Brewer, is a rising junior from Elizabeth City. Serving in Potat Dorm next year, Janie hails from Charlotte.

Rena's Realm

By RENA RUARK

One of the prevailing illusions among parents, professors, middle-aged alumnae, and the general "29-plus" generation of our society is that the college years are "The Happiest Time of Your Life." Since I am rapidly approaching the end of this particular phase in my life, I am not a little dismayed to find that I have already experienced (with the exception of the two months I have left) the happiest time of my life. It is no great comfort to be told by a professor, as I was, that I would soon find that these were the best years. Hearing information such as this, from a source generally thought to be quite reliable, could easily tend to squelch one's optimism. I might ask this professor and many other members of the experienced adult world who hold this opinion just what the point of college is, why even bother to go if you only graduate to a life "less happy." Enjoy yourself while you can; make the most of these years . . . so you can better endure the years to come?!!

These Are Happy Ones

Most of us here at Meredith would agree that these years are indeed happy ones. We are able, because we are full-time students, to exercise a great deal of freedom with little responsibility. The responsibilities we have are minor compared to those of the adult world: earning a living, supporting a family, raising children, etc. . . . But does freedom without responsibility constitute happiness? I think not. If we agreed with our elders, our whole attitude toward a college education would change. All of us are motivated during these four years by some goal we have set for ourselves. For most of us, this goal is not immediate but long-range. We come to college to prepare ourselves for the position in life in which we feel that we shall be happiest.

Insults Student

I personally feel that any adult who throws out the general statement before a student that "these are the happiest years of your life" is insulting that student, for in making such a statement, he judges that student's ability to determine what is happiness and to achieve that happiness by his own standards of happiness . . . which obviously leave something to be desired. Certainly there are adults whose happiness after college has not equalled that during college, but this is not because the college situation automatically offers happiness or because life after college is so burdensome that it is necessarily less happy than that during college. One's happiness is determined, both during and after college, by one's own attitude toward life. I realize, of course, that here I am the one who is generalizing. It would be foolish to assume that any of us who graduate and enter adult life with an optimistic attitude will automatically find "everything coming up roses." The average life expectancy of women is now about seventy-five years. In the next fifty-four years (should I be lucky enough to reach that life expectancy) many things will happen to me which will cause unhappiness. Some of them will happen because that is the way life is. This realization that the times to come will not always be happy is often frightening, but it does not blacken my optimism. Rather it encourages me to face the years to come with the knowledge and experience I have gained in the years gone by in an honest attempt to make my life the best and happiest that I can. Perhaps, through doing this, I may help to make the lives of others better and happier.

Sympathy Extended

To those adults who genuinely feel that your college years were "The Happiest Time of Your Life,"

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