

What's in a Nameplate?

If you will examine the nameplate of this newspaper, you will find the following inscription: "THE TWIG—Newspaper of the Students of Meredith College." The meaning of these words is obvious, yet their inclusion in the nameplate indicates a significant point in regard to the publication of this newspaper.

This publication belongs neither to its editor nor to its staff nor to the faculty and administration. Granted, THE TWIG is the end result of the efforts of its editors, reporters, other staff members, and advisors; however, this newspaper must receive the support and cooperation of all of its readers if it is to fulfill its purpose as a functional organ within the college community. Without the support of those by whom and for whom THE TWIG is prepared, there is no point in its publication—THE TWIG can easily become dead wood.

A college newspaper should express the essence and spirit of its campus. Thus, there must be more to a newspaper than a collection of trivial gossip or a mere historical chronicle of club meetings and traditional events. It is the hope of this year's staff that this newspaper can fulfill its intended purpose of being a true newspaper of the students of this college. This goal cannot be achieved without the participation and concern of each student.

Anyone is free to express her opinion in a letter to the editor or in the column "Speaking Out." Those who wish to work on the newspaper staff are encouraged to consult any member of the editorial staff. Most important of all, suggestions and criticisms are welcomed by the editors.

You, the members of the Meredith community, are responsible for the existence of THE TWIG. This newspaper is published to serve you, but in return, you are asked to make a contribution to its success.

MIH

Schandmauer—"The Shame Wall"

Freedom to me has always been a beautiful word, but not until this summer did I realize, through the shock of coming face to face with tyranny, its true meaning and value. A visit to the city of Berlin, Germany, was an experience that I can never forget.

It is easy to say that Berlin is a divided city, but the cold, hard reality of the wall is not an easy fact to accept. The cruelty of the structure itself is only a small indication of what the wall represents. I heard and saw for myself that to get one intangible possession of mine called freedom, which I have through no personal effort and which I keep with hardly a thought of thankfulness, thousands of people would gladly leave all possessions and family and would even risk their lives.

They have made tunnels, crawled through sewers, swum rivers, and walked through mined fields, knowing that at any minute they could face death. But to them facing death is worth the chance to simply stand on the soil that I am so free to tread. What I consider my "inalienable" right is to them the greatest privilege imaginable. It should mean as much to me.

PAL

Astros and Phis Need You

As presidents of the Astrotekton and Philaretian societies, we welcome all new students to Meredith. We would also like to take this opportunity to tell you about the nature of our societies and about some of our plans.

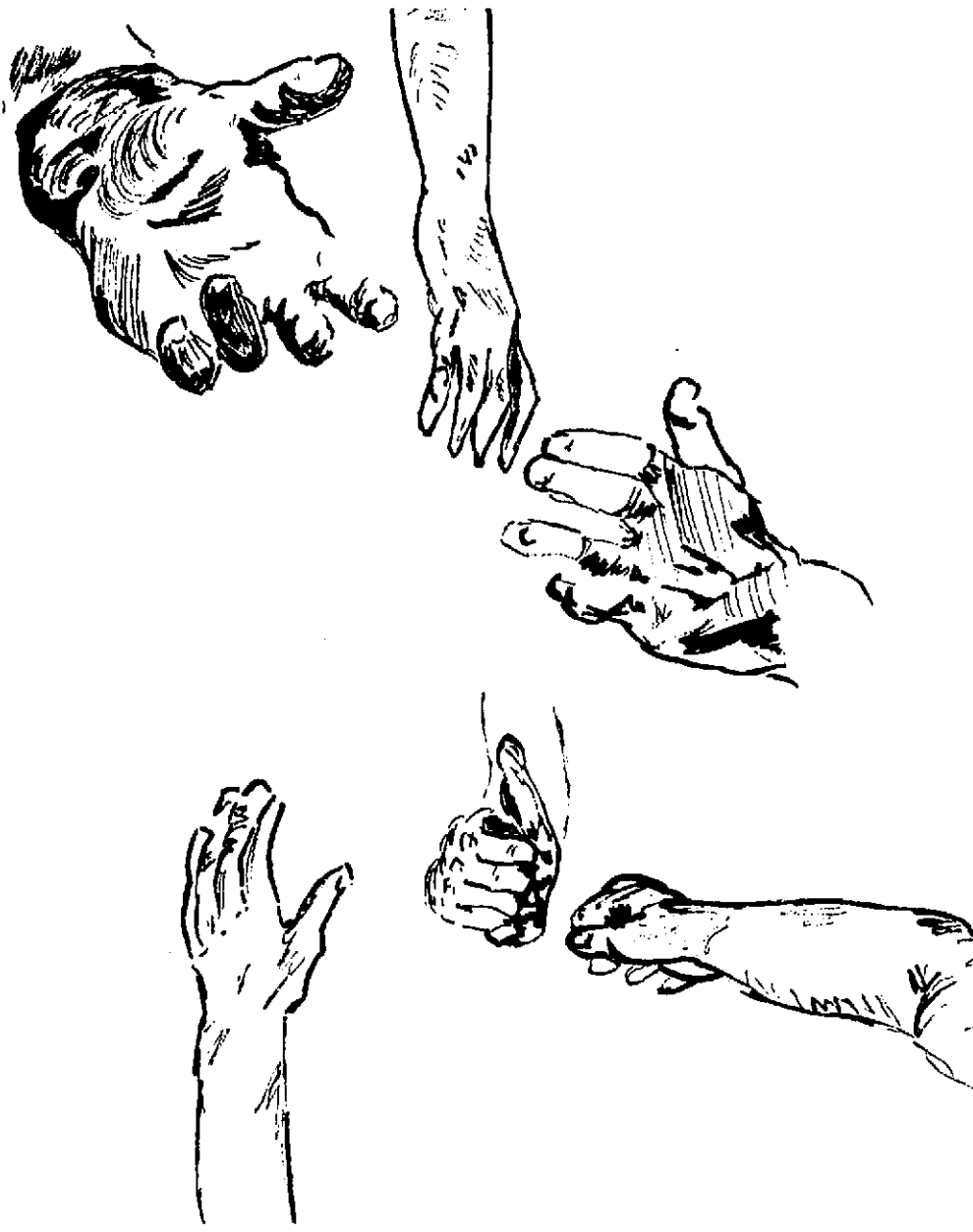
Throughout the year members of both societies have the opportunity to participate in activities through the channels of meetings, parties, service projects, and programs for handicapped children. Since the societies involve the entire student body, the Astros and Phis can be important parts of the Meredith community with the support and cooperation of all students.

In previous years at Meredith the two societies have conducted Rush during first semester just after orientation. Two years ago this policy was changed. We have made this change in hopes that you will become better acquainted with our societies and their members, and thus be able to choose the society which you would like to join.

Both societies will have one open meeting in November to which all new students will be invited. We hope that new students as well as old students will attend these meetings in an effort to revitalize Meredith's societies.

Martha Ann Butler, Astro president
 Laura Page, Phi president

Reaching for New Dimensions . . .



"Tota Subscript"

By BETH PEACOCK

This article arises from my conviction that the freshmen have distinguished themselves in a noteworthy manner.

In their own right the Meredith newcomers have made their presence felt by their open and forthright conduct. To professors they have introduced themselves making it clear that "each of us counts for her share of the present."

In former years the attitude of many freshmen has been to stand back, to evaluate the workings of campus life, and to lie in wait for the day, three years hence, when one can achieve seniority and the doubtful status of "authentic individualism." For some seniority has meant a ticket, for others a token. For still others it becomes a warning that she who has attained this station must do something more than bear its privileges.

The freshmen have embarked upon an adventure which will demand much of them, for they must not only achieve scholarship, but they must also live it. Where tradition is praised for its stolidness, so too is the value of new ideas, interests, and enthusiasms. It becomes the privilege of each freshman as it is of each upperclassman, to assert her own particular distinctiveness, for it is today that one's unique quality of individualism can make its most beneficial contribution.

Dear Students,

Every student at Meredith College is a member of the Meredith Recreation Association. The MRA Board, composed of student representatives, meets weekly to tackle the task of organizing and co-ordinating all extra-curricular recreation and athletic activities of the college.

This year we hope to have many adventures and surprises for every one. Through Corn Huskin' and Stunt, class competition grows keener as each class seeks to surpass the other three in originality. Athletic events are highlighted by tournaments in basketball and volleyball. To enable everyone to participate in the volleyball tournament, we hope to play the games in the court before supper. Our basketball tournaments, between societies and between classes, will help to build a strong varsity which plays such colleges as St. Mary's, Peace, Duke, and Carolina.

Bridge, ping pong, and badminton tournaments will be available for those who prefer individual sports.

The Monogram Club has plans for recognizing new members in a special chapel program in the middle of the year. One may become a member of this club by earning 1,000 points, which may be obtained through participation in the events sponsored by the MRA. Specific point values are given in the Student Handbook on page forty-one.

The Hoofprint Club, another MRA-sponsored organization, consists of equestration students. The members of this club participate in horse shows throughout the fall and spring, and plan the exhibition presented at the annual May Day horse show. Students receive monogram points for membership in the club.

The Tennis Club encourages interested students to frequent the courts, located behind the home management house. Carrie Framp-ton, president of the club, can give those seeking membership the details of the club's activities.

The Dance Club is a new addition to the MRA family of organizations. Louise Whitty will lead club members in the techniques of modern dance, calypso, tap, acrobatics, and other fields of dance. The club's season will be highlighted by the dance recital in January.

Brenda Wilson, Meredith's "golf pro," would like to hear from all

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Letters to the Student Body

Dear Students,

"We are the hollow men
 We are the stuffed men
 Leaning together
 Headpiece filled with straw.

Alas!"—T. S. Elliot, "The Hollow Men"

My hope for student government this year involves a refreshed understanding of why we even have such an organization. Behind all the rule changing and project creating, there must be some basic philosophy to guide the decisions that are made and the tasks that are attempted.

I think that student government should be involved in the very process of education—to make real persons out of people or to make "full men" from "hollow men," if we use Elliot's language. In order to have a truly successful student government, I feel that we all must be guided by this intention. Rules must be made with the hope of teaching, rather than restricting or making life convenient. Projects must be organized to give students the chance to create, to express themselves, while at the same time to make constructive improvements to society.

During the coming year the Student Government Association plans to initiate a vigorous library campaign, to further work begun last year involving faculty-student relationships, to continue the analysis of the drinking poll, to review suggestions concerning a revised system of nominations and elections, and to broaden our present employment placement bureau.

For those who are leading such projects as well as for those who are participating, I would encourage a clear understanding of the vital purpose of the activities, rather than haphazard planning in order to get the job done quickly. With the leadership of organizations like the student government, our efforts must be directed toward making Meredith a community of real persons, not men with headpieces of straw.

Ellen Kirby

Dear Students,

For centuries up until the present day, men of religion have expressed disgust for the practice of setting religion as a category apart from life. From Luther to Buber and to the

twentieth century "expresso priest," Malcolm Boyd, we hear pleas to put religion back into the world and to make Him the Lord of Life rather than the Lord of Religion.

In his book of prayers, *Are You Running With Me, Jesus?*, Malcolm Boyd speaks once from a homosexual bar and another time from the side of a young pregnant girl—people and places often rejected by the institutional Church. Perhaps these two examples are extremes—but just where are Christians to be? The Jewish theologian, Martin Buber, seems to get to the heart of the matter when he states: It is a greater thing if the streets of a man's native town are as bright to him as the paths of heaven. For it is here, where we stand, that we should try to make shine the light of the hidden divine life.

The Meredith Christian Association offers several projects for working for and in the life of this world. The Social Awareness and Action Project is being set up to help students become aware of existing social conditions through planned tours, slides, and dialogue with those concerned with the welfare of the community. The Governor Morehead Blind School Project focuses on one specific need. This project offers a program of reading, playing, and working with children at the Governor Morehead School one afternoon a week. The Dorothea Dix Project stimulates an understanding of mental illness as well as offering a time of activity for Dorothea Dix patients. The Tutorial Service gives Meredith students a chance to work with children who need the guidance of one whose experiences have been richer and the love of one who is concerned.

Because the college years are a time not only for action but also for questioning, doubting, and becoming interested in more than one's own sometimes sheltered existence, forums, discussion groups, and special services are set up throughout the year.

Many more programs may come through the desires and needs of the Meredith community, for the MCA is a vehicle of student expression—a structure through which your ideas and dreams may become realities.

Kae Freeman



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