

And Miles To Go...

One year ago a group of very scared juniors were installed as this year's leaders. They have made mistakes, gone astray, and missed opportunities, but looking backward, it has been—to borrow Frank Sinatra's phrasing—"a very good year."

Now is the time, however, for looking to the future, not to the past. Plans have been made, ideas have been investigated and solidified, and significant actions have been taken this year. A number of matters have been brought to the surface which are crucial to the college community and which cannot be left to mildew in the minds of the "lame ducks" or their successors during the transfer of leadership.

Policies concerning jurisdiction of the college, apartments, and drinking must be explored further and, after mature and accurate appraisal, be defined or redefined in the best interests of a Christian college and its students. (NOTE: A thirty-five-mile radius is not an "invisible protective shield." The Biblical position on drinking is temperance, not abstinence.)

Proposals to initiate a five-day week and to eliminate two chapel periods per week must be clarified and evaluated in perspective so that neither students nor faculty are shortchanged and so that the religious and academic ideals of the college are not lost in the scramble for the lost weekend. (NOTE: In trying to avoid being labeled a "suitcase college," is a school obligated to entice students to remain on campus by means of Saturday classes? Or is that sixth day of class essential to quality education?)

As a Christian college with expanding scholarship and recruitment programs, Meredith must assume a Christian attitude toward the admission of Negro students. With ever-increasing tuition costs, a middle to upper class white ghetto may be inevitable if steps are not taken to change the status quo at Meredith. (NOTE: One particularly well-qualified Negro student was accepted here three years ago, but another southern college, Vanderbilt, welcomed her more warmly as a desired student. She received a full scholarship there.)

Much time, energy, and thought have been devoted to the issue of campus elections this year, and it does not seem unreasonable to suggest that the entire responsibility for filling election slates should rightfully be placed on the student body under a filing system. (NOTE: The Nominating Committee can be replaced.)

These are some vital issues; there are others, and coming years will evoke still more. The time for mature, responsible student leadership and participation cannot be postponed. The time for even more cooperation and constructive relationships among students, faculty, and administration is here; and the future of the college may well rest on the sincerity of these relationships.

The torch is to be passed, and with it will go the challenge, the honor, the responsibility, and the frustrations of working for a greater Meredith.

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"Why Haven't I?"

It often happens that a student is assigned or "requested" to do something which she regards at first as a chore or as a waste of very valuable time. And when the student carries out the assignment, she may find herself asking, "Why haven't I done this a long time ago?" Very interesting and rewarding experiences sometimes have their start as something that seems to hold little interest.

Many opportunities in the Raleigh area are taken for granted or go unexplored until attention is drawn to them. One such opportunity is the chance to see the actual workings of the State of North Carolina. What goes on "behind the scene" at the Legislative Building will surprise and fascinate anyone who has never thought about or only vaguely considered how laws are made. The process that takes place as a desire or need forms in the minds of a group of people and is then, through democratic procedures, voiced before representatives of all parts of the state gives a person the realization that each citizen is an important unit in the structure of the government.

The Legislature is open to anyone who is interested. Committee meetings as well as general sessions can be observed by anyone who is interested in witnessing the fascinating process of law-making. Legislators are quite willing to meet and talk with anyone showing an interest in the legislative process.

And those who take this opportunity will probably ask themselves, "Why haven't I done this before?"

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The beauty of spring . . .

To the Student Body

It would be impossible for the Inauguration Committee to find adequate words with which to thank each one of you for your part in making the inauguration of Dr. E. Bruce Heilman as the fifth president of Meredith College such a memorable event. Nor is it possible to shake the hand of each student who made a contribution to that success, for I am sure that would be some nine hundred hands to shake. From the greetings extended on the platform by your student body president down to the girl who removed a box of soap flakes from her window ledge, each of you did your part. Will you allow me, therefore to use the pages of THE TWIG to express my thanks to every Meredith Angel? And that is exactly what you were.

As chairman of the Inauguration Committee, I speak for all of us when I most sincerely say THANK YOU. Gratefully,
 Sarah Lemmon

So Long, Farewell . . .

With this issue of THE TWIG the members of the 1966-67 staff relinquish their duties to the 1967-68 staff. Under the capable leadership of editor Jane Leonard and business manager Suzanne Guthrie, next year is bound to be the best yet for THE TWIG.

The goals of this year's staff have been basic—to try to produce a newspaper which members of the Meredith community want to read; to present a medium for communication and dialogue; to report and interpret news which concerns students and faculty alike; and to serve as a meaningful link between students and administration, students and faculty, students and student government, and to a lesser degree, between students and the "outside world."

In many cases these goals have not been attained; yet, the effort to produce a creditable newspaper which has a purposeful existence has been well worth the hours spent in pulling together the ads, stories, pictures, and human resources which go into an issue of THE TWIG.

An analysis of this year's TWIG will readily reveal glaring omissions and short-comings alongside technical changes and new policies and approaches. A major disappointment to this year's staff has been the lack of voluntary contribu-

tions from students and faculty. A newspaper, in addition to being a record of events, is a place for expressions of opinion. Letters to the editor have been few, and a column, "Speaking Out," died rather miserably as few people had the interest or fortitude to speak out without being solicited.

There are many people to whom the staff members of THE TWIG wish to express their appreciation and gratitude. To Dr. Norma Rose and Dr. Lois Frazier go deepest appreciation for their interest, support, and patience. Mrs. Faye Humphries deserves recognition for her concern for THE TWIG and her invaluable aid in putting together each issue. The staff is grateful to President Heilman, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Baker, Dean Peacock, Dean Fleming, and other members of the administration for their cooperation and support. Of course, there would be no TWIG without the students and faculty who make the news and then read about what they are doing or have done.

With this issue the 1966-67 staff bids a reluctant farewell to those to whom THE TWIG has attempted to be responsible—readers, newsmakers, critics, and contributors.

The Editors
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tirely without foundation." Before participating in the program, she must also complete a term paper entitled, "The Role of the Traditional Chief in Modern Society."

Jeannie will leave on June 15 for a week of orientation at Rutgers University in New Jersey and will leave on June 25 from New York for her African destination. She will

arrive home during the first week of September in time for Meredith orientation, over which she will preside in her role as student government president.

In connection with Jeannie's program, Thaddeus Kinga, an exchange student from Cameroun who is presently enrolled at Wake Forest College, will speak in assembly on May 1. He will inform the student body about the needs and problems

Legislative Board Considers Proposals

By MIMI HOLT

On Monday, April 17, a number of proposals were brought to the Legislative Board from a group of students interested in improving the organization and function of the Student Government Association.

Several of the proposals were merely concerned with illogical provisions in the present SGA constitution. For example, it was recommended and passed by the board that the chief counselor be removed from the Judicial Board since the qualifications for an efficient and responsible chief counselor do not necessarily make one a capable member of the judiciary. A similar recommendation concerning the treasurer of the day students was passed.

Following a lengthy and rather heated debate, a proposal was defeated to change representation on the Legislative Board so that a geographical system would be the basis for legislative representation. The provisions of the proposal would allow for the election in the fall of one representative from each hall to serve on the Legislative Board.

Those favoring the proposal saw that such a change would presumably make the individual legislator directly responsible to a group which had elected her directly, as opposed to the current system where everyone elects everyone else's hall proctor legislator. Members of the board opposing the plan expressed doubts about the number of freshmen who might be elected by freshmen halls and also about the possibility of diminishing the prestige or effectiveness of the hall proctor's position.

Perhaps the biggest triumph of the evening was the passage of a recommendation to replace the Nominating Committee with an Elections Board, thus initiating a system whereby candidates would file for the office for which they wished to run rather than being requested to run by the Nominating Committee. The general consensus of those attending the board meeting was that students should have the opportunity of declaring themselves as candidates, and that the responsibility for filling election slates should be placed directly on the members of the student body. The Election Board would then handle the mechanical election processes such as posting names of students who had filed for office, setting up registration and voting times and places, and tabulating ballots.

These proposals are now in the process of being discussed by the Faculty Committee on Student Government and, if passed there, will come before the student body for a final vote.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

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those offered by specific colleges and universities such as Meredith.

The value of all Merit Scholarships ranges from \$100-\$1500 and is determined by the student's financial need as is indicated on the Confidential Statement which is presented by the applicant's parents.

of Africa today. Also during that week, a film concerning the "Crossroads Africa" program will be shown.

Speaking of the misconceptions which foreigners usually believe about Africans, Jeannie summarized the purpose of her summer in Africa: "The white man has been looked upon by the African as one who has come into his villages, changed his customs, plundered his land, and left him without much feeling of dignity as a human being. These conceptions are not true of all whites and must be changed if there is any hope for real progress in foreign relations. Africa must be for the Africans and not for the Europeans, Americans, or Communists."