

THE TWIG

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Our Town

Although we live in Raleigh for nine months out of every twelve, can we correctly call it our town? We all take advantage of its opportunities for entertainment and education. We not only go to the Friends of the College and New Arts concerts, but we also visit the Museum of Art and the Little Theater. We teach in Raleigh's public schools, study in its library, and worship in its churches. Do we, however, only take from the community and never give to its general welfare?

Although the new school term has just started, Meredith has already begun to show the community that it can benefit as much from Meredith as Meredith students benefit from Raleigh. The administration has offered the use of the amphitheater to civic and church groups and has even planned programs to be presented there. Along the same line, a student group, led by Betty Duckworth, raised funds for the School for the Blind by staging a "Viddles and Fiddles" party. The project proved what students can do when they become aware of others in the community.

However, why wait for the administration or a student leader to act first? Anyone can participate in the MCA's project at Dorothea Dix Hospital or tutorial program for underprivileged students. Many clubs sponsor similar programs, such as reading to blind children by Colton English Club members and entertaining other handicapped children at Christmas by members of both societies. There are many other opportunities for those who are willing to help.

Meredith may be our college, but is Raleigh our town?

LJL

A Positive Test

It is probable that in the minds of many Meredith students, the term "Honor Code" has negative connotations. It is the promise, policy, and for some the problem which must be faced when a major offense (i.e., drinking, falsification of college records, or plagiarism) is committed, and little more. When one is personally involved in a breach of the promise and faces Judicial Board action, the Honor Code is very real, but at other times it may be only a card signed during the freshman year.

This semester, however, we have the opportunity to see the Honor Code in a new light. With the elimination of chapel checkers, each student will be confronted daily with the principle of trust under which she agrees to live at Meredith. The administration, by making chapel attendance records an individual responsibility, has taken an important step toward making the Honor Code a positive factor stressed in all areas of life in the college community. Ultimately, the new chapel policy will serve an important function as a test, for student handling of the new privilege will reflect the real attitudes toward the Honor Code and its implications that are prevalent among us.

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Editorial Policy

A newspaper, to be effective, must be more than a record of past events or an announcement sheet. As a means of communication, it may also serve to air ideas, suggestions, and controversies of importance to the college community. Therefore, in order to be the true "newspaper of the students of Meredith College," the TWIG should reflect not only the attitudes and opinions of its editors, but also those of its readers.

The TWIG staff encourages and welcomes letters to the editor. These letters should be brief and must be accompanied by the names of their authors. We reserve the right to condense any letter, correct spelling and grammar, and withhold from publication any unsigned letter. These policies have been established for the mutual protection of the editorial staff and the student body, and are, by no means, intended to be a means of suppression.

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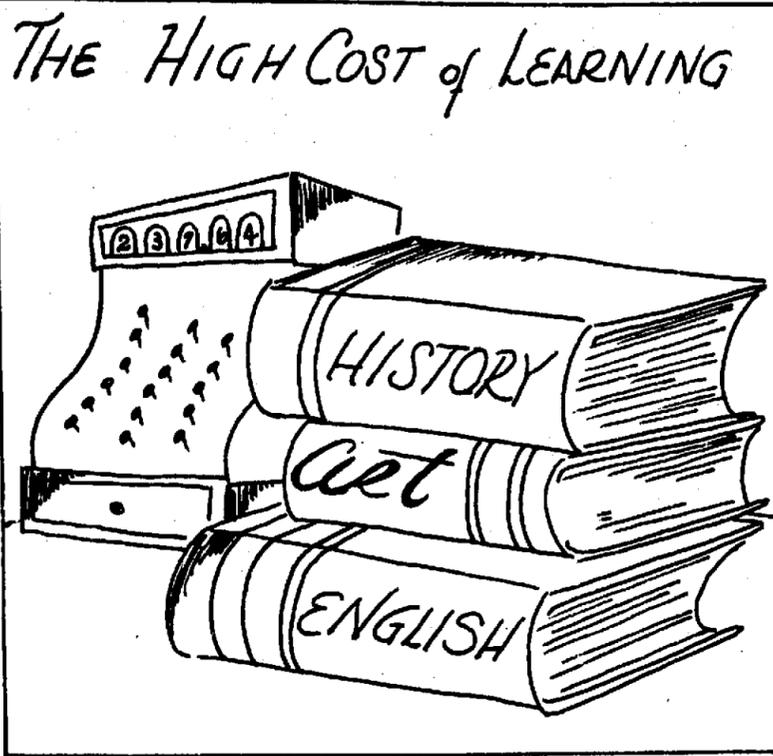
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Letter to the Editor

Coffeehouse for Meredith?

Dear Editor:

While Meredith has much to offer her students academically, she has little to offer them socially. There is nowhere on or near campus where students can go informally to have a cup of coffee and talk, with either girl or boy friends. This problem is especially noticeable if one wants only to "get out of the dorm for an hour or so" with a couple of friends; for, where is there to go? There is nowhere. True, seniors have cars and can often leave, but what about the other four-fifths of the student body?

AGREE OR DISAGREE?

"Don't try for 'A's'—don't take the things in which you can get 'A,' for you can learn them yourself."
 F. Scott Fitzgerald, letter to his daughter, June 12, 1940.

As we all know, there is nothing worse than being "stuck" in the dorm for a week, when all the time you can spare away from your studies is an hour or so one night—hardly enough time to go downtown. We need a place on campus where students can go to relax, to get away from the dorm.

Who can start such a place? The students themselves can, if they want to. There is already a group of students on campus who are interested in starting a "coffeehouse"—a place where students with or without dates could go without leaving campus. A possible site is already on campus—the Hut.

All we need is to know that the student body as a whole is really interested—it needs to be done, and it can be done. We have only to show that we really want it and are willing to work for it.

Lynn Dodge

Dr. Ione Knight Publishes Book About English Sermon

By KATHY BOOTH STEWART

With every new issue of THE TWIG or *Acorn*, Meredith's hard-working, aspiring authors look with pride upon their names printed in bold black type. Those who understand this feeling must realize how much their reaction was multiplied for Dr. Ione Kemp Knight this past month as she viewed her name in gold upon the spine of her first book.

Dr. Knight's scholarly investigation of the fourteenth century sermon, "Redde Rationem Willicationis Tue" (Give an Account of Your Stewardship) was published by the Duquesne University Press under the title of *Wimbledon's Sermon*. The book, an expansion of the subject for her doctoral dissertation in English, has been in development for approximately ten years. Most of her research, as a result of her teaching load, has had to be done during the summers, which she spent studying manuscripts at Oxford University, the University of London, and the British Museum.

The sermon is noteworthy because of its widespread circulation from the thirteenth through the seventeenth centuries, the Middle English period when literary works were extremely rare. Dr. Knight investigated all fifteen original manu-

scripts (thirteen in English, two in Latin) and developed her book around the unusual quality of the sermon's content and its remarkable survival in eighteen printed editions by the time of the 17th century. For the time of Chaucer, such widespread knowledge of one particular sermon is highly unusual.

Its popularity is probably a result of the persons quoted and literary references in the text and the talent of its author, Thomas Wimbledon.

A printed edition of Dr. Knight's book has been placed in the library of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, where some of the original manuscripts are preserved. It was also in the courtyard of St. Paul's, around 1388, that Thomas Wimbledon first delivered this famous sermon.

Dr. Knight's book, a product of careful and scholarly research, will be of great value to students of Middle English literature, and will be circulated primarily to university libraries.

NOTICE

Mrs. Carolyn Poole of the English department has been ill during the summer and will not at present be able to resume her teaching. She has been in the Duke University hospital but is now at her home, 1506 Scales Street, Raleigh.

Anomaly

By GINGER HUGHEY

Dear Freshmen:

All Meredith students have had two emotions in common: (1) panic, a product of the first day of classes, replaced during the third week by (2) numbness. By now you should be almost numb, but there is, strangely enough, HOPE. After approximately 245 blind dates, fifteen crash diets (adding eight pounds), three years of fourth floor rooms, four semesters of Math 101 at four different institutions, three years of independent reading in the cafeteria line (finishing only one book out of the recommended number) and one summer school session (ending Math 101), it is possible to attain the noble status of senior and still retain some amount of sanity.

Think optimistically and nothing can possible throw you, except perhaps the twelve hooks strategically arranged in your closets. Remember that you are part of an elite group, sharing with several million students the privilege of buying twenty-three issues of *Life* for only \$1.97.

THOUGHTS ON TRADITIONS

By JUDY KORNEGAY

The bewildered freshman, coming to Meredith at the end of a lazy summer, is abruptly confronted by orientation, the first bulwark of college life, which is chronologically Meredith's first tradition. For those who have idled away their last few months of freedom, it is no mean chore to begin sandwiching daily routines into a prepackaged, already filled-to-overflowing schedule of duties and activities.

Before she has time to realize it, the newcomer has matriculated (thereby increasing her vocabulary by one new word), unloaded and unpacked her ton of necessities from home (even though her father said it could not be done!), gotten her mail box, and sniffed her way to the picnic supper in the court. It does not take long to learn her way around campus, and it is a comfort to see many secure and confident upperclassmen who really do not seem insulted when asked if they are also new.

Getting up early each morning to meet counsel groups, taking tests, and listening to numerous speakers gives one a real taste of what to expect at Meredith. To some it is a pleasant surprise to learn that the people with whom they are going to live and work for the next four years are really human. It soon becomes apparent that college will offer much better occupations than waiting in endless lines and signing one's names to innumerable dotted lines. As each freshman begins to visualize the faculty, administration, and students as a unit working toward the same goal, she gains a feeling of what it is like to be a real member of a college community—the Meredith Community.

The benefits of orientation are far from limited to freshmen and extend past the three-day introduction period. Orientation continues at regular intervals throughout the year for freshmen, advisors, and counselors. Upperclassmen are reminded of orientation by constant reference to the word on the college calendar, on posters, and in announcements. By next spring, many students will be making plans for next year's orientation program.

These constant reminders of orientation can serve two purposes, for every member of the Meredith Community. While freshmen are learning for the first time what Meredith is, others can be reorient-

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