

Faculty, Staff Discuss New Closing Hours

By SHERA JACKSON

A clock striking midnight on Saturday night no longer changes a Meredith girl from a date to a speed demon.

One o'clocks, effective December 2, now give girls a chance to see the whole movie, hear the entire concert, and even get a snack afterward. Friday night, with its extension to twelve, and Sunday, with eleven-thirty closing hours, also offer opportunity for more activities.

The student body's unanimous acceptance of the later hours indicates the overwhelming support of the change. Student interest in the committee headed by Susan Stone was high from the beginning of the study and proposal. Mr. Robert Fracker commented that the faculty committee "was impressed with the sound reasoning and justification of the student body's request."

Miss Mary Bland Josey, also on

the faculty committee, admitted, "It had never really dawned on me that there was any particular problem with the old closing hours until it was pointed out to me. . . . then I was somewhat concerned that it hadn't been brought up earlier."

"When I was a student here," continued Miss Josey, "we usually used the bus to go to the movies and always planned to go to the early show, so never faced the problem of rushing back. After Dean Fleming elaborated the reasons and student feeling for the change, I, personally, was in favor. I think all those who had the opportunity to vote on the change were in full agreement."

Dr. Charles Tucker favored the extension because "the change was in order as different student generations face various problems arising from change in attitude and other factors." He added, "We certainly consider the Legislative

Board a responsible body which follows the sound reasoning and permanent values held by the Meredith College community."

"This was no ten-minute decision on the faculty committee's part," said Dr. Lois Frazier. "We didn't approve simply because other schools have it, but the reasons for extension were sound. With the change comes responsibility. I think students will still be prepared for Saturday classes if they stay out later Friday. There's always the responsibility of being quiet and considerate when you come in. We're willing to give students the chance."

Miss Katherine Whittaker of the Dean of Students staff agreed with the faculty committee: "This extension will give students more responsibility. The change will make no difference in our time on duty since a staff member always stays until one o'clock on Friday and

Saturday nights, even if there's only one girl out. The Friday night one o'clocks will be special now and the Saturday night usual closing hour will be a privilege."

Very excited about the extension, another member of the faculty committee, Mrs. Jane Sullivan, said, "It was time to do it. There was no excuse not to. Meredith girls used to date only in Raleigh, but with the dating in Durham and Chapel Hill now, there needed to be a change."

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versity. The Carolyn Peacock Poole Scholarship Fund, to be established at Meredith, will be awarded to a junior or senior "noted for her Christian character, leadership and executive abilities, and who has plans for furthering her education in contemporary English or American literature."

Mrs. Poole, a woman whose warmth and graciousness endeared her to the entire Meredith Community, is remembered with special fondness by those students fortunate enough to have been members of her English classes. Her active involvement with students as persons, as well as her keen, discerning intellect and gentle wit, made their contact with her immeasurably valuable. A wide and perceptive reader, Mrs. Poole communicated her great love of the literature of the past and her lively interest in contemporary literature to her students.

Mrs. Poole will be remembered by the members of the Meredith community as both an articulate, dedicated teacher and a charming person.

Agreeing with Mrs. Sullivan, Dean Louise Fleming emphasized the need for travel time by showing the number of one o'clock requests for travel time to Durham and Chapel Hill from the last two years. Dean Fleming hopes that the extension "will allow the student to date in a more relaxed atmosphere and not have the five-minute rush back to school."

"The committee understood why the students wanted change," said Dean Fleming, "and thought the reasons were valid. The change is reasonable for contemporary life and will give the students the opportunity to demonstrate how mature they can be in assuming the responsibility."

CAREER DAY

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house to discuss those areas of interest. The informal atmosphere provided students the opportunity to talk with and ask questions directly to the representatives. Considering the success of this year's program and the benefits derived by those who did attend, the history department possibly will make Career Day an annual event at Meredith.

Students Comment on Psychologist's Survey

Do Roommates Affect Other's Grades?

By JOY O'BERRY

Do college roommates affect each other's academic performance? The answer is yes, according to a study conducted by Dr. Robert A. Pierce, instructor of psychiatry at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and clinical psychologist in the University's Student Health Service. Although the students at Meredith are not psychologists, they have had experiences with roommates, and they were anxious to give an opinion concerning Dr. Pierce's questions and findings.

Kathy Smith: Yes. If you and your roommate get along, you want to do what she does whether it is study or play.

Judy Hunt: Yes. Study habits are contagious.

Peggy Myers: I think roommates affect each other if they are taking the same courses. They tend to study for the quizzes together and spend the same amount of time writing pa-

pers. But I don't think this influence extends into different curricula.

Margie Poore: Yes. Living habits affect study habits. If you like to study late at night and your roommate wants all the lights out at 11:00, the grades of one of you will naturally suffer.

However, there are those at Meredith who feel just as strongly that the individual, not her roommate's influence, determines her level of academic achievement.

Pat Rinehart: No. Your study habits are usually established before you come to college, and seeing your roommate sitting on the bed with a book is not enough incentive to make you study.

Karen Baals: No. I've had conscientious roommates and carefree roommates, and neither of them affected my study habits.

Seale Bagnal: Roommates have some influence on every part of your college life, but you make your

own study habits. Nobody can enforce good or bad study habits on you.

Another thesis of Dr. Pierce's survey was that among upperclassmen, who are free to select their own roommates, there is a tendency for college students to choose roommates who match their own level of achievement. Mary Hardenburg, a junior, and Brenda Parks, a sophomore, agree with this statement. Brenda explained that just by observation she has noticed that the girls who like to study room together and those who place emphasis on having a good time usually room together.

The overall conclusion of Dr. Pierce's study was that "some roommates may arrive at a common understanding, perhaps not explicitly stated, about the value of grades and of studying, and then study accordingly, thus overachieving or underachieving together."

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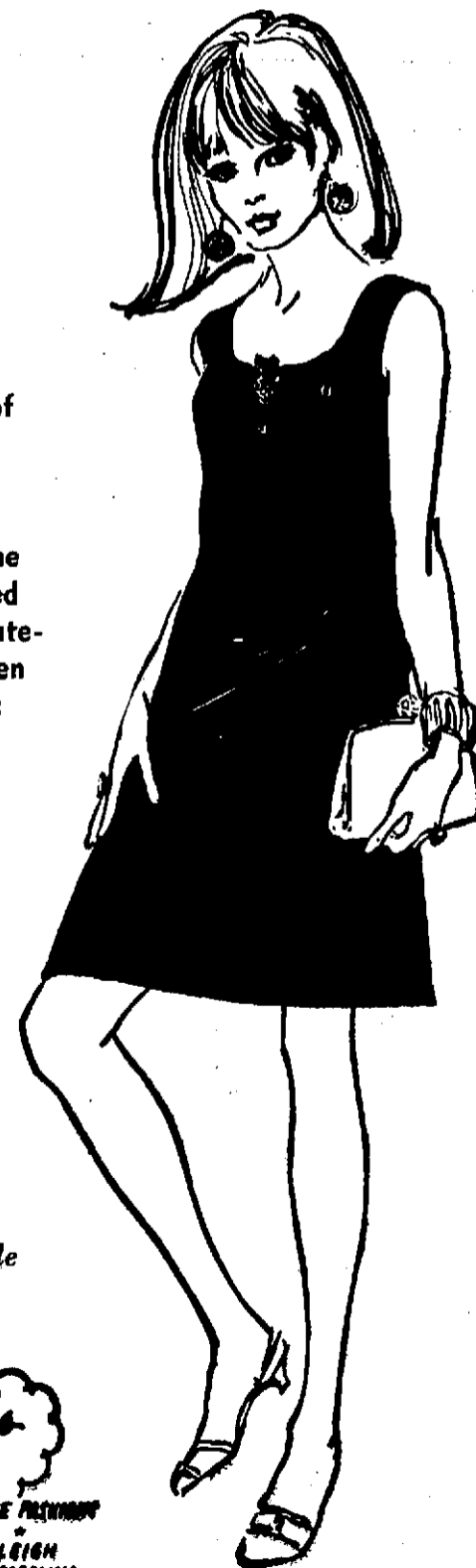
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