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Out of the Night That Covers Us

As the sun finishes the downward end of its arc, heralding the end of another day, Meredith meets the night with an explosion of floodlights that, true to their name, literally flood campus driveways and parking lots with their beacon-like beams.

So bright is our answer to darkness that drivers often forget to turn their lights on, and many of us wonder if we might even bask in the warmth of the flood.

The purpose of these lights, to help protect the Meredith community and to display the beauty of her campus, is in most instances more than aptly fulfilled. Yet several campus areas remain in the dark, much to our danger and inconvenience, and a redirecting of our kilowatts might prove to be beneficial.

Note, for instance, the number of walkways and steps that are practically hidden from us at night. Each evening at dinner a chorus of "One, two, three, four—and five for good measure!" can be heard from the side entrance of Faircloth Dorm as the weary seniors, their eyesight already dimmed by three and one-half years and thousands of miles of reading, cautiously grope their way down the pitchblack steps. The steps leading up the hill from the New Dorm toward Johnson Hall as well as the walk between the New Dorm and the Bee Hive are equally challenging.

A light in each of these places, even a small light, would save us from the threat of skinned knees and maybe even broken bones.

Also those who have tripped the *dark* fantastic over the little green poles in front of Poteat Dorm would undoubtedly agree that some light here is sorely needed.

A spot of beauty on our campus that is belittled by darkness is the Fannie Heck Fountain in the court. This lovely landmark truly deserves the recognition that lighting would bring, and having a lighted spot in the court may help to brighten those long walks to the library.

A final suggestion in regard to dark areas on campus is to install lighting at the tennis court. This convenience, long desired by our tennis enthusiasts, would put this play area to more use and would add greatly to our recreation program.

We realize that neither money nor lights grow on trees and that these suggestions call for a bite out of the budget. But, the necessity of new lighting cannot be denied. We sincerely hope that something can be done and that we can look forward to a time when we can emerge from the night that covers us.

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The TWIG staff would like to take this opportunity to wish the student body, faculty, administration and staff a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

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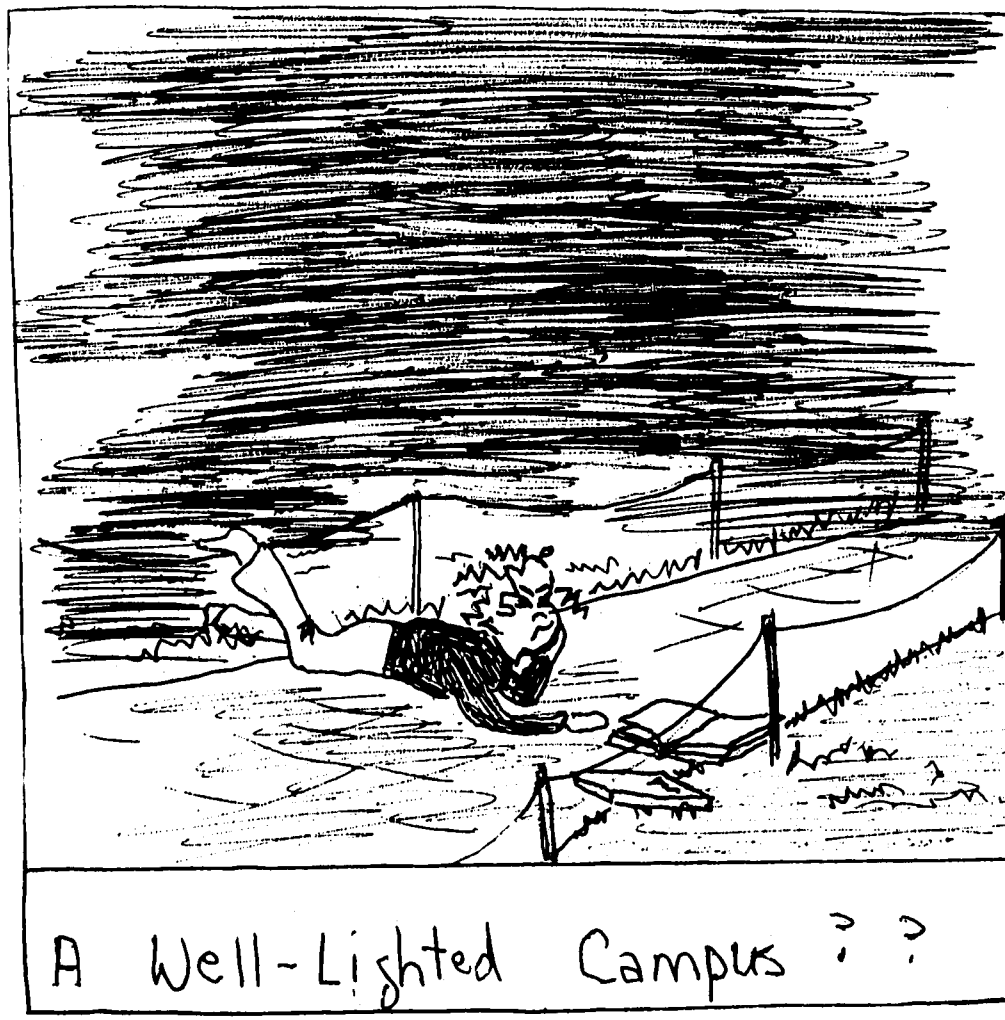
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A Well-Lighted Campus ? ?

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

It has come to the attention of the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's office that at least one questionable organization is now making solicitations for magazine subscriptions in college dormitories across the State. Young people are approaching students in their dormitory rooms, representing that they need a number of "points" from magazine subscription sales in order to obtain scholarship funds. These solicitors then ask for payment by check, made payable to the individual solicitor. In some instances the student is advised that if he wishes to cancel the order, or stop payment on the check, the solicitor will still get his "points" and the student will have helped him to get his scholarship funds. The check is cashed immediately.

We hope you will respond to this announcement by warning all your students to beware of solicitations from strangers which request immediate payment of money. We hope your students will not be victimized by such frauds. Many institutions of higher learning in this State require administration approval before a solicitation can be made in a dormitory or on campus. If this is your policy, we hope you will remind your students of its existence.

If any of your students learn of a suspected fraudulent solicitation, we would appreciate receiving the information.

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— Play Review —

TAW ... Rousing ... Enraging ... Suspenseful ... Humorous

By Anna Vaughan

The rousing stage production of *Twelve Angry Women*, performed by Meredith students, exposed an untapped source of talent for future entertainment on campus.

The performers were able to bring the responsive audience into the suspenseful, tense atmosphere of the basement jury room with no apparent effort. Sandra Whatley's strong emotional response to the "obvious guilt" of the accused murderer was effectively enraging, yet one wonders why she had to be so angry. The most feasible reason is a reaction to her son's recent degrading behavior.

Alice Hill's performance as the self-appointed defendant to the accused murderer was a relieving element in a crowd of irritated, high-strung women.

Kathy Johnston, as the flashy

advertising employee, and Patsy Brake, a wishy-washy juror enthusiastic about pleasing everyone provided the most humorous relief for the panel of jurors.

Although the characters seemed a bit exaggerated, one could find a little of himself in each of the twelve jurors. Certain responses by characters often voiced exactly how I felt.

The sequence of events in the play itself, by Reginald Rose and adapted by Sherman L. Sergel, also was intriguing. The changing balance of the verdict made the final verdict never apparent until the climax of the plot.

Meredith drama has prospered under the direction of Miss Linda Solomon. The presentation of *Twelve Angry Women* should encourage Meredith students to ask for more entertainment of a similar quality and type.

Community Calendar

November 19: Friends of the College concert. Betty Allen, William Warfield and the massed State and Meredith Choruses and Orchestra will perform at 8:00 p.m. in the Erdahl-Cloyd Union. Tickets are available at the Meredith Business Office.

November 20: Dr. George Schweitzer will speak at the School of Christian Studies in the lower auditorium at 4:00 and 8:00 p.m.

November 21: The Barber Sci-

ence Club in co-operation with the Collegiate Academy of the North Carolina Academy of Science will sponsor an Anti-litter Campaign on the roads near Meredith.

November 30-December 6: The Third Annual Student Photography Competition will receive photographs at the Information Center in the Erdahl-Cloyd Union. Entry blanks may be requested from the Erdahl-Cloyd Gallery Committee, Erdahl-Cloyd Union, NCSU, Raleigh, N. C. 27607.

Inquiry

By Phyllis Willetts

Having had occasion several times recently to observe the political machine in action, I began to wonder just what keeps this machine running. Who—or what—provides the driving force? The most obvious answer would be the men who run for office and the people who back them. If that is so, then what motivates men to run for office? What would cause a man to devote all his time, energy and money so that he could occupy a public office?

There are usually about three pat answers to the above question. They are (1) a desire for power, (2) a psychological need to feel important and (3) a genuine desire to work for the public good. But these answers lead to a whole web of questions.

A man hungry for power might find the American system frustrating. It seems that, with the right amount of money and charisma, one can keep on climbing; but the public is fickle and still, thank heaven, suspicious. At any rate, the voters still have the power to rid themselves of an unsatisfactory public servant. Thus, it seems that American politics would provide only temporary satisfaction for the power-hungry man.

The man who needs to feel important and in the swing of things in a big way might feel that holding a public office is the answer. However, even on the Congressional level, he might find himself confronted with the military-industrial complex which is generally agreed to really run things. Introducing a bill and seeing it fail to pass might also cause doubts about his ultimate importance.

Then there's the man with a genuine desire to serve who sees public office as the best place to do it. How impatient he must become with the bland statements his speech-writers prepare for him. Why can't he just come out and state what he believes and what he intends to do? Or have we become so used to standard political trappings that we won't pay any attention to someone who refuses to use them? It must get rather discouraging to be met at every turn by people who must be appeased and statements that must be considered in the light of what they will do to one's career.

What motivates a politician? Who really knows? It must be a combination of all the above plus a zest for a real challenge and a need to throw all that one is into one valiant effort.

Last Year's Seniors; Where Are They Now?

By Coleen Erdman

What becomes of the Meredith graduate? Does she simply graduate with a degree in "Mrs." and fade away into the harrowing world of housewives? The class of 1970 proves otherwise. Alumnae information cards returned so far indicate that Meredith graduates enter a variety of careers.

Teaching claims a great percentage of the graduates. Among the alumnae back in the classroom are

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Congratulations to the Class of '72 who received their rings Thursday.

ATTENTION

The Baptist Student Union invites all students, but especially foreign students, to an International Student Conference during Thanksgiving vacation (Nov. 26-29); Those who plan to attend, please come by the Baptist Student Union on Hillsborough Street or call 834-1875 by Nov. 18, 1970 to make a reservation.