



Meredith College

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The Apostrophe

Teachers and scholars of grammar know well the importance of punctuation marks. Commas, periods, colons, semi-colons, apostrophes and exclamation points in their own quiet way direct the reader's eyes through the traffic of words in the stop-and-go process of reading, and they lend clarity and meaning to every written sentence.

Indeed, the meaning of a single word can hinge on the position of an apostrophe. This minute mark, only a tiny fraction of an inch in size, rests above a word, declaring unequivocally the right to ownership.

This Friday the apostrophe rides high above a very significant word as we celebrate Founders' Day for it reminds us that this day belongs exclusively to the founders of Meredith College. Each of us should express our thanks, not for the dismissal of the 11- and 12-o'clock classes, but for the diligence and faith exhibited by our founding fathers.

Note the position of the apostrophe. Founders' Day belong to many people, not merely one man or woman. The past is filled with the names of Thomas Meredith, Oliver Larkin Stringfield, Fannie E. S. Heck, Livingston Johnson and other great leaders who brought Meredith to life. In addition to those, there are hundreds of others who shaped our past and assured our future with nickels and dimes, months of work and years of prayer.

This small literary road sign points the way. It is up to us to commemorate the devotion and achievements of our founding fathers and to continue in the work that they began.

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Traffic Hazards

The parking area situation at Meredith is bad and rapidly becoming worse, it seems. With the building of the newest dormitory the congestion on the roads near it have practically become a nightmare for everyone who has to face them during the day or night. For some time the Poteat-Bee Hive parking lot has been a much discussed congestion problem since it provides the most accessible route to the supply store or to Poteat Dormitory.

Now, with construction vehicles surrounding the area and the cars of the working men added to the cars of students in the new dormitory plus the cars of the students' guests, the problem demands a solution or remedial action immediately before some problem worse than inconvenience occurs.

In the last two weeks accidents have occurred in the area as people were leaving at night. Everyone driving wonders if he will be next.

"No Parking" signs have been put up, but they cannot solve the whole dilemma. When someone comes up and needs to load or unload something, or just to go into the building for a minute, she will take the chance that she will not be given a ticket in the short time and ignore the sign.

There is no adequate place for guests to park their cars for a few minutes to call someone. Of course we have the lower parking lot for students, but that does not seem too practical for guests to use for the time they are here. Besides, this parking area is often full at night. The driveway is becoming hazardous with cars parked along both sides of it, and many cars have recently bogged down in the mud.

We would hope the college sees the seriousness of the situation and will instigate a change. A practical solution for the future seems to us to be extending the parking area along the drive around Meredith by the new dormitory.

Until then, rules regarding parking should be strictly enforced by the college and obeyed by the students.

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The Gift of Life

The Meredith College community will soon be offered the opportunity to help someone in desperate need without even leaving the campus.

This opportunity takes the form of a Red Cross Blood Procurement Drive. Giving blood is one of the most personal things that anyone can do for another human being.

You can also be assured of getting your gift back if the occasion arises. Every donor receives a card entitling him and his family free blood if they should ever need it.

Every student, faculty and staff member should consider donating a pint of blood during the campaign. That one pint could be the gift of life. HPW

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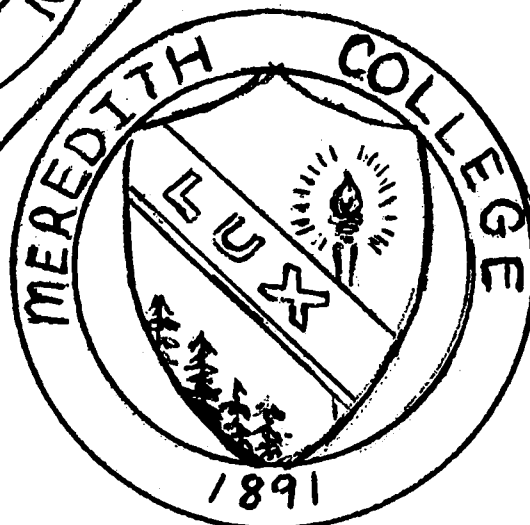
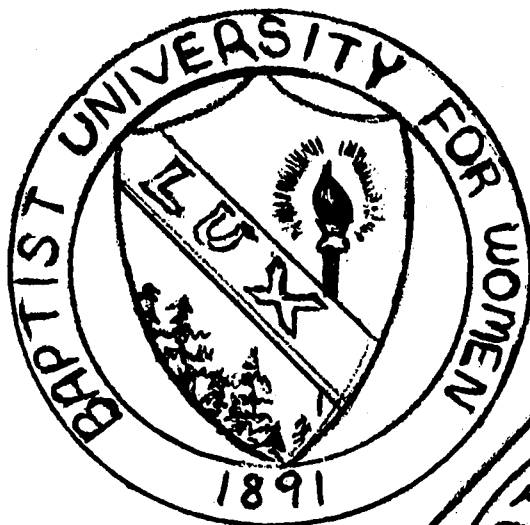
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A Lady Named Meredith

By Dr. E. Bruce Heilman

Eighty years ago an institution was born, and for those in the ranks of the Baptist family who had wanted it so, great rejoicing resulted because "it was a girl." From the day of her birth, this one we call Meredith has been a lady in the finest sense of the word. At the Founders' Day activities this week we celebrate her eightieth birthday.

Recognition of Maturity

To some, this important milestone means formal recognition of her full maturity and the height of accumulated wisdom—a plateau from which to launch the next phase of her service to humanity. Others might think that on reaching eighty, a lady would have more reason to look backward than she has to look forward. Certainly she could reflect with pride on her grand heritage and tradition, but in this day she might wonder whether her spinsterhood is a bit prudish and even question whether her outlook is "old-maidish." Might not she dare to question her decisions to decline the proposals of marriage from her male suitors (especially Wake Forest) along the way.

Past, Present, Future

Certainly there are many perspectives from which to view Meredith's past, present and future, but in this day of women's liberation I would like to think that our lady can celebrate her birthday by looking backward and forward, and that she can take stock of her past for the purpose of enhancing the significance of her future. I like to think that Meredith has few regrets for having pursued the course she has taken these eighty years. Her independent, liberated, uninhibited posture has left her fully respected as a counterpart to those institutions which have chosen to be male, coed, or like herself — female. She has remained complementary to them all — a leader of her own kind and others; successful and proud from beginning, concentrating on the liberation of those who have been her adopted children.

Name Changes

Although she never married, her name has changed more than once, beginning as The Baptist Female University. Later it became The Baptist University for Women. Finally, in 1909, the lovely name of Meredith suited very well this small liberal arts, church-related, college for women which has continued to be and do what seemed good and appropriate in spite of the fads of the times, strongly motivated by those who loved her.

Physical, Intellectual, Spiritual Growth

Meredith was born in poverty and at times it seemed that she could not survive. This only added to her determination and that of the people who, because of deep commitment, has continued to become more attractive; intellectually, she has taken on stamina; spiritually, she has matured and her character has remained unblemished. To this day she has gathered no great wealth. Although her inheritance is not large, friends in her community and her state have been good to her because they have been grateful for what she has done for them. She has both earned and deserved all she has received. Most has come by the sweat of her brow. Even now she looks to no one, other than the Baptists who breathed life into her, to guarantee her security in the future, but feels it an inherent obligation to fend for

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Letters to the Editor

Co-Editors Seek Staff

Dear Editor,

As the recently elected co-editors of the 1971-72 TWIG, we would like to ask the Meredith community for their help in making next year's TWIG a TWIG which will be a pace-setter for the Meredith newspapers of the future.

In order to even try for our goal, we need representatives from each class to join our staff. We need students who have good ideas and who are willing to put in just a little time every two weeks to help put these ideas into action. The features department, the news bureau, and the advertising agency all can use someone who will add a little pizzazz to the articles. If you will contribute your help, we can make an outstanding paper out of THE TWIG.

For all of those students who are dissatisfied with THE TWIG as it is, please come and tell us exactly what you don't like and maybe suggest what we can do about it.

Lists to sign for positions on the staff will be placed on halls after spring break. This is our invitation to you to join us in making THE TWIG really swing.

Anna Vaughan
 Susan Van Wageningen

Thank You For Explanation

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank President Heilman for his reply in the last issue of the TWIG to the "Inquiry" article concerning the elevator in Johnson Hall. The letter clarified some facts and explained the installation of the elevator. I had been misinformed as to the donation of the elevator, and it certainly is more understandable why it is being installed when the elevator itself, not the funds, was donated.

The purpose of "Inquiry" is to discuss things which concern Meredith students—the purpose, in fact, of the entire TWIG. It can only be hoped that the column is seen in its real capacity—that of bringing questions to the attention of the administration and the student body. Its purpose is not to criticize, just to question.

Again, I thank President Heilman and hope that sometime in the near future the needs which have been pointed out may be provided for.

Phyllis Willetts

Project HELP

Dear Editor,

Challenged and inspired by our recent REW speakers, several Meredith students have begun organizing a summer day camp for underprivileged children in the Raleigh area. The college has agreed to help serve as trustees for Project HELP and many members of the faculty and administration have generously volunteered their time and help in the organization of the camp:

After meetings with President Heilman, Mr. Baker, and Don Songer, who has previously directed a summer day camp, we estimate that the camp will be able to serve a total of 210 children in three two-week sessions beginning June 21. The Hut will serve as our central meeting area with recreational activities in the gym. Remedial reading, math, and English will be offered in the class room buildings as well as instruction in arts and crafts. Counselors will be Meredith students who are working on a voluntary basis. We hope that this will be the first of many summers of service.

There are details left to be planned and much hard work ahead. We are trying to raise \$5,000 to cover costs of Project HELP. With the co-operation of Raleigh businesses, civic organizations, and churches we feel sure our goal will be reached. If anyone is interested in helping with Project HELP, please contact any of us or come to our next meeting—time and place will be posted shortly after spring break.

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February 25, 8 p.m.:
 Genevieve Manooch, Soprano
 Junior Recital
 Jeannie Tynes, Organ
 Recital Hall, Jones Auditorium
 The public is invited
 March 15, 8 p.m.:
 Betty Anne Haskins, Piano
 Junior Recital
 Jones Auditorium
 March 16, 8 p.m.:
 Ethel Creech, Organ
 Senior Recital
 Jones Auditorium—Cooper Organ

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