

# Drugs-College and Law Enforcement

By Hal Littleton

Meredith College claims to be a forward-looking institution of higher education and rightly so. In the midst of expansion, development, and emerging self-awareness, it must be ever-conscious of possible digressions and deterrents. In a similar way the people who are Meredith must be aware of possible diversions to their self-development. It is to a common, contemporary deterrent, i.e. drug abuse, that I wish to address myself and to the mutual responsibilities between institution and persons.

Definitions are easily found. Let me begin by mentioning the most frequently abused drugs and stating the legal penalties involved.

### Legal Penalties

Federal law classifies the illegal possession, giving, or selling of marihuana, Cannabis sativa, as a felony. The first conviction for possession carries a 2-10 years imprisonment and up to a \$20,000 fine. A second conviction carries a 5-10 years imprisonment and further convictions a 10-40 years term. The first conviction for selling carries 5-20 years and up to a

\$20,000 fine, while additional convictions carry 10-40 years. If a person is convicted of selling "grass" to persons under 18, there is automatically no provision for probation or parole. A comparison of this last provision with those of some capital offences is illustrative of the emotional explosiveness of the issue.

The possession and sale of narcotics is governed by the Harrison Act of 1914 which has become the model for many federal and state laws. The first conviction for possession of narcotics carries a 2-10 years imprisonment. The second carries 5-20 years and further con-

victions, 10-40 years. Penalty for a first conviction of selling narcotics is 5-20 years and \$20,000. A second conviction carries 10-40 years. Again, for selling to persons under 18, there is no provision for probation or parole.

Illegally manufacturing and dispensing amphetamines and barbiturates is punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine. Conviction for selling to persons under 21 carries 10-15 years and \$15,000-20,000. The illegal possession of these drugs carries \$1,000-10,000 and/or 1-3 years.

the penalty for selling.

More specifically, my concern is with the responsibility of colleges to law enforcement agencies, a responsibility that is uncertain and undefined. The crisis created in the last decade has brought this to the front, and the various interpretations have been represented time and again. The relationship between college and law is in the process of being worked out in the courts now. It is an understatement to say that the decisions will be far-reaching.

Even more specifically, my concern at this point is Meredith College's response to the "drug problem." Two main and legitimate concerns with regard to Meredith's present policy are as follows: In the first place, there is uncertainty with regard for the provision of due process of law within the framework of the college's judicial system. Rumors, unofficial statements, and lack of precedents require clarification.

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### Responsibilities

The distinction between user and pusher is worked out in the arrest and conviction, but the possibility for confusion and uncertainty is obvious. There is at the present pending legislation, at federal and state levels, designed to lessen the penalty for possession and use and to stiffen

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## Seniors Graduate May 15; Dr. Littlefield to Be Speaker

With the close of this semester fast approaching, graduation and pre-graduation activities lie ahead of Meredith seniors. Baccalaureate, Class Day, and Graduation Day climax the years at Meredith for the Class of 1971.

The final activities begin on April 30, the day of the Baccalaureate. The exercises, popularly termed a "send-off," will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium. The Rev. John E. Lawrence, President of the Baptist State Convention, will address the graduating class.

### Class Day

There is a brief respite for seniors and those involved in the commencement activities until May 14, Class Day. On this day sophomores arise at 3:00 in the morning, to hunt for daisies for the traditional daisy chains. At 9:30 a.m. Kappa

Nu Sigma will hold its final meeting of the year. A special luncheon with alumnae is scheduled for 1:00.

An important feature of the luncheon is the special ceremony when seniors are inducted into the alumnae association. Class president, Anne Bryan will again present the class doll.

The highlight of the day is the Class Day exercises with the presentation of the daisy chains. Sophomores, holding the chains, form the numerals of the year of the graduating class for the presentation.

Also included in the Class Day exercises are the accounts of the class history and the class prophecy given by members of the class. Evening activities include the annual concert at 8:00 p.m. and a reception for seniors and their parents at 9:15 p.m.

### Graduation Day

The class of 1971 dons caps and

gowns on the following day, May 15, Graduation Day. Graduation practice starts the day at 9:00 a.m. At 12:30 there will be a President's luncheon for seniors and their parents. Approximately 200 students will graduate when the actual commencement exercises begin at 4:00 in the amphitheater. During commencement the class gift will be presented by the class president. Guest speaker for the exercises is Dr. Henry W. Littlefield, President Emeritus of University of Bridgeport.

## College Degree Not Guarantee for Job

By Glenda Currin

"If you want to get anywhere in this world you *must* have a college education!" is a familiar line. However, with the present condition of our nation's economy even a college education does not readily guarantee a job.

Terry Fuller of the office of Vocational Guidance and Placement here at Meredith reported in a recent interview that it is a "critical type year for employment." She also said that out of the "twenty-five to thirty-five recruiters invited on campus only about six came." Others replied that they had insufficient funds; did not anticipate any openings; or already had their recruiting schedule filled.

Miss Fuller said that there was a surplus of teachers and, as always, a shortage of workers in the medical profession.

In speaking of her job at Meredith, Miss Fuller said "I may better help someone if I really know what they're interested in. Then I may contact the girl if I hear of a job that suits her." She further advised that the girls not limit their vocation to a narrow scope. "Each girl should thoroughly investigate her interests and find out many ways that their interests might be applied through a vocation. She should get rid of the stereotype ideas of an occupation."

To the seniors Miss Fuller has this to say: "If the girl is mobile — no geographical ties to family or a husband — I suggest that she move around. There are jobs to be found but the girl must go out after them."

## Student Summer Self-Employment

With the job market this summer expected to be at an all time low for student employment, GoldTec, Inc., a fire extinguisher manufacturer based in Chicago, has de-

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## Meredith Campus to Serve as Healthy Summer Environment

By Debbie Brown

Kahlil Gibran once wrote, "You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."

Several Meredith girls will truly give this summer when they assume their positions as counselors in a Day Camp for underprivileged children. Under the supervision of the Day Care Administration Work Shop of the Wake County Department of Social Services, the girls will be participating in a project called HELP (Healthy Environment For Little People).

The children, who are from the South Side and Method communities, will be selected by the Raleigh school system to participate in one of the three two-week sessions to be held on the Meredith campus.

Here they will take part in a variety of planned activities such as sports, crafts, and cultural opportunities consisting of field trips. Educational opportunities such as remedial work in difficult subjects will also be offered.

The Day Camp will not only provide these children with a well-balanced meal each day and a temporary freedom from life in the slums, but it will also give the

counselors a chance to show these children that they have an important place in this world.

A goal of five thousand dollars has been set. Since the camp would cost each child twenty-five dollars, this goal would provide for a total of two hundred children. It is in this way that every Meredith student and faculty member may indirectly participate in Project HELP. Each hall will sponsor one child provided every student contributes fifty cents. Faculty members, through the combined efforts of their department, may send a child to camp.

While some of the Meredith College facilities such as classrooms, art rooms, and the gymnasium will be used, funds for food and supplies will be solicited from the Raleigh churches and business organizations.



Carla Whitaker trades exams and end of the semester projects for a grassy field and a sky with floating clouds.

## Letterwriting Campaign Supports Hatfield McGovern Disengagement Act

A letter-writing campaign has been under way to encourage Meredith students to express their views on a major issue, the Hatfield-McGovern Disengagement Act. Through the simple act of writing a letter students have a chance to become involved in government policies at a grass roots level.

The campaign began, originally, with canvassing of student opinion by volunteers on each hall. Those students in favor of the complete withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam by December 31, 1971 (endorsed by the Disengagement Act) were asked to write a letter to their representative asking him to vote in favor of the Act. North

Carolina residents were requested to address their letters to Sen. Jordan. Letters collected on each hall were then returned to the dorm coordinators.

However, this strategy proved unsatisfactory according to Don Songer, one of the organizers of the campaign. The campaign was changed on the assumption that by concentrating efforts in one area more girls could be attracted and informed of the issue involved. On Tuesday, April 20, the volunteers stationed themselves in the court and distributed literature to the passing students and encouraged them to express their opinions through their letters.

## YDC Elects Officers and Plans Ahead

The Young Democrats Club recently held reorganizational meetings to determine new officers and to discuss activities for the 1971-72 school year.

The Club is a focal point for those girls supporting the policies and candidates of the Democratic Party. The first organizational meeting of the group involved the ratification of the constitution and discussion of elections. Guidelines for the group and tentative activities were also discussed.

Club members emphasized the importance of the vote for 18 year olds and the seemingly widespread lack of knowledge of registration procedures. One tentative activity

discussed was a voter registration information program. Other activities will revolve around the upcoming residential elections in 1972.

Officers elected for the next year are:

President, Mary Anne Tadlock; Vice-President, Patricia Carter; Secretary, Pat Wilson; Corresponding Secretary, Coleen Erdman; Treasurer, Marilyn Lawrence; and Membership Chairman, Equilla Minga.

This is the last issue of THE TWIG for the 1970-71 school year. The next issue of THE TWIG will be published September, 1971. All ideas from the summer should be brought to 222 North.