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# College Students Need Guidance Counseling; Is Meredith Deficient In This Area?

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What does higher education mean? Is it a way to spend four years while waiting to find THE one? Or is it a means to an end, namely acquiring the needed skills for a satisfying career, or helping us find the meaning of our lives, helping us learn to cope with life and the world problems, or building an inner framework in which we will base the rest of our lives? Higher education may be a combination of these factors plus many more, but in the course of pursuing knowledge and education a student needs guidance.

In the *Self Study and Planning Report of Meredith College* for September 1969 there is an excerpt from a report by the Baptist State Convention's Council on Christian Education. In their view, a "dynamic program in counseling and guidance is an integral part of the total process of Christian education. Essential to the existence of individualized services on a given campus the college's responsibility to the student extends beyond the classroom, the laboratory, and library. . . . The aim of counseling and guidance in the Christian college is to help provide an inner personal posture and an outer academic atmosphere which is conducive to the search for truth."

With student enrollment on the increase it is only logical that there should be a proportional increase in professional counselors. However, this is not the case at Meredith. In the past few years the number of counselors has been cut instead of increased. Is there a need for more counselors on campus?

Hall proctors have been quick in agreeing that Meredith is understaffed in the area of Student Services. Several hall proctors questioned on guidance recalled cases where the girl needed professional help because she had problems the hall proctor could not handle.

A senior recalling her days as a hall proctor said, "I had definite problems like mental cases on my hall. A couple of girls had bad ego problems. I couldn't handle them. They didn't go to anyone. One left after her freshman year and one quit in the beginning of her first year. I think there needs to be at least three competent advisors."

As it is now, many students go to faculty members with their problems. It should not be the responsibility of the faculty to undertake such a load in addition to their classwork. Faculty advisors are helpful but because of lack of train-

ing and time, most would hesitate to advise a student with emotional problems, and this is as it should be. This task is for trained counselors hired specifically for the purpose of advising and counseling students.

With enrollment reaching 1,200 next year and the tentative counseling plan including only an assistant dean and a college minister, the need for more student services is obvious.

## Student Summer Self-Employment

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vised a college student, summer, self-employment program.

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Dear Students:

As this is the final edition of the TWIG for the 1970-71 academic year and the last opportunity that I will have for saying something through the TWIG, I want to express to you, the readers, my deep appreciation for the warm friendship which the students at Meredith have extended to me during the years of my service here. Having been associated with students from one year to four years, depending upon their particular classification, I feel I know the spirit and attitude of those who are Meredith girls. It is one of hospitality.

As I leave Meredith later in the summer, I shall do so with a deep appreciation for each of you individually and for all of you collectively. I shall look back on my association with you as a time in my life when I could appreciate fellowship with a host of young people of good will for whom I have much respect and admiration.

I hope that it will be my pleasure to see many of you in various places and circumstances in the years ahead and that you will not fail to recall to my mind our association at Meredith.

Cordially yours,

E. Bruce Heilman

## POW's Still Mistreated; Americans Can Show Concern

Concerned about the inhumane treatment of American Prisoners of War being held in North Vietnam, South Vietnam and Laos? You may want to write a letter to someone who can do something about it — His Excellency, The President of Democratic Republic of Vietnam Hanoi, North Vietnam or His Excellency, Chief of Mission Delegation of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Paris, France or Madam Bonh, National Liberation Front, Paris Peace Talks, Paris, France.

Although the best message is one that expresses individual ideas and feelings, a few statistics should support the ideas and define the situation for those unclear about what is happening in Southeast Asia.

American prisoners of war and Americans missing in action total 1,570 since 1963. The number missing or captured has dropped each

year from a high of 818 in 1967, but 220 men were classified as captured or missing during 1970.

Those 1,570 Americans are subject to the violations by the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam of the requirements outlined by the 1949 Geneva Convention relative to the treatment of prisoners of war. A few of the violations released by U. S. Ambassador Bruce at a press conference in Paris are the parading of POWs in streets, the forcing of statements, and some torturing. Article 21 requires that POWs not be held in "close confinement"; but many POWs have been held in solitary confinement for years. All POWs are underweight and suffer malnutrition although Article 23 requires that sufficient food in a normal diet be provided. These are just a few of the violations of the Geneva Convention to which the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam acceded in 1957. Concerned citizens are asked to write to help end the inhumane treatment of those American citizens in Southeast Asia.

## Teachers Protest

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education, a force with direct interest in education is needed to help shape public education. Teachers have shown little evidence of such a force. When this force is established, its motives for its proposed educational program should "be built around what is good and necessary educationally for North Carolina's children and North Carolina itself," according to Craig Phillips in the April 12, 1971 *News and Observer*.

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