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## Get Involved with SUSGA

What is SUSGA? It is the Southern University Student Government Association. Is Meredith involved? Yes! Are you involved? I do not know.

The Meredith SGA is doing a wonderful job with the programs of Referendum Month '71. The issues currently discussed include pollution, student's rights, women's rights, and apathy week. Are you involved? Let's do all we can to show the SGA our appreciation by attending these lectures and getting involved.

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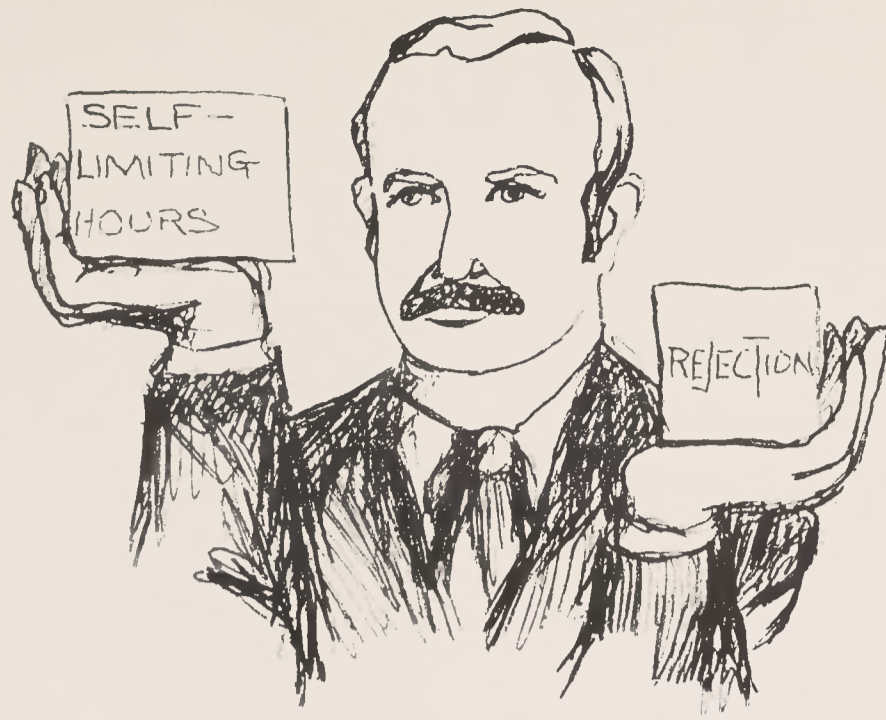
## Self-Limiting Hours — Let's Keep Trying

Dean Burris' difficulty in deciding the issue of self-limiting hours seems to be evident in the way his rationale vacillates between clarity and obscurity. That no case has been made by students against the present system is a good point (although students may not have thought supportive arguments necessary after the proposal passed Student Life committee); that the system as it exists now provides a maximum amount of freedom is questionable. Is the idea that students can not be trusted to make a responsible decision outside the "relative calm" of the dormitory self evident to the student body? I would conjecture it is not. If 18-21 year olds have been entrusted with the right to vote, can they not, in a communal living setting, be given the credit for the ability to make responsible decisions about their welfare at any time? Would self-limiting hours deprive the community of the freedom to determine the end of the working day? As called for by the Legislative Board in the original proposal, dormitory doors would be locked at the regular closing hours. The campus would, for all intents and purposes, be closed. Students remaining out would come in when they want and be escorted to their dorm without disturbing anyone else.

If freedom is the key to the issue, there is no question that students should have the freedom to decide what a responsible curfew hour is, if parental permission is granted. If the guiding principle of the social regulation system is in loco parentis, as it seems to be, then parental permission for self-limiting hours should be the only other influence on decision making on the issue, not the "harmonious opinions" called for by Dean Burris in his statement.

Finally, a student letter-writing campaign in support of the issue should provide the needed case against the present system. With this and a few clarifications on judicial policy related to the measure, self limiting hours should be approved.

C J E



## Voice of the SGA

A reminder: Friday, November 19 is SGA meeting. It is very important that we have a quorum because four bills have been sitting in the middle of legislative procedure waiting to be voted on. Come to the meeting and give these bill a chance. They are bills concerning visitation by males in the dormitories and infirmary, Judicial Board procedure, and creation of the office of Treasurer of Student Activities Board.

On Thursday, November 11, the Student Life Committee invited members of the Legislative and Interdorm Boards to meet with them to discuss solutions to the problems of student apathy and social regulations. The discussion was primarily to make the members of Student Life, particularly the faculty, aware of problems facing student government at Meredith. The suggestions and comments of the members of the two boards will be taken into consideration by the committee members in making future decisions concerning regulations.

As a part of Referendum Month, Week #3, Caron Balkany, Youth Co-ordinator of the Women's Bureau of the Labor Department, spoke Monday November 15. The focus of Week #3 was Women's Rights. Miss Balkany flew from Washington, D. C. especially to address the Meredith community.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I should like to complain briefly about the noise in our library.

I envy those who don't need to study and therefore are able to choose the library as their student center. However, surely there are more comfortable and appealing places on and off the campus to which the non-studying "students" can go to impress their date and to gossip with friends.

Unfortunate are those students

who now are going to the library to study. This is the one spot on the campus built with the implied freedom of retreat to peace and quiet.

May it soon regain its original purpose!

Sincerely,  
Lura McCain

## Voter Registration Stressed by YDC

The importance of the youth vote is being stressed by the YDC in their sponsorship of a Voter Registration Drive during the next few weeks. Members of the YDC will be phoning day students to remind them to register here in Raleigh as well as reminding out-of-town students to register over the Thanksgiving holidays. In connection with the drive at Meredith, the YDC is supporting Mr. Songer in his work with the Wake County Registration Drive at North Hills November 26-27. The YDC urges all non-registered Wake County residents to come out for the Drive at North Hills or to register in their precincts and also reminds all other non-registered students to make an effort to register over Thanksgiving.

The YDC will also be distributing voter registration information pamphlets next week. Using a pamphlet distributed in Chapel Hill as a guide, several YDC members, headed by Becky Olive, compiled the general registration information.

## Cultural Committee Releases Schedule

The Meredith Cultural Affairs Committee has released the schedule of remaining programs for the year. The following schedule is complete except for the Kappa Nu Sigma spring lecture or program which is yet to be arranged.

December 7—Dr. David Craig head, organist. 8:00 p.m.

January 24—Mr. George Riabikoff, pianist. 8:00 p.m.

February 7 and 8—Professor Alfred Fontenilles, Danforth visiting lecturer from France. Will discuss such areas as socio-literature and mass media. Professor Fontenilles available for class visitations Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

March 14 — Pacific Repertory Theatre presents Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice."

Dr. L. A. Peacock is chairman of the Cultural Affairs Committee. Dr. Peacock stated: "Announcements with details about the persons and programs will be available before these events. We expect good attendance for these very fine programs."

## Mayor Lee And Populist Politics

Mayor Howard Lee of Chapel Hill, candidate for the 2nd District Congressional seat, addressed the convocation audience November 8 on the topic "The Need for a New Populist Politics and a Populist Coalition."

Mayor Lee said that the new populist politics will satisfy the needs of those groups who are restless for a greater voice in politics and determining their destiny—blacks, women, and youth. Populist politics is "politics of the people and no longer the politics of a powerful few."

Mayor Lee emphasized the need for the newly enfranchised voter, particularly the students, to become involved in the new populist coalition. He believes that students should be allowed to register where they attend school if they so desire; they should also be allowed to participate in every level of politics.

The populist movement, according to Mayor Lee, must begin to create "the kind of openness that allows all of us to participate."

After his talk Mayor Lee entertained questions from the audience and participated in a 2 hour discussion with students and faculty in the Hut.



Trollingwood Rhode performs for small but attentive audience in Weatherspoon Gym for benefit of NC-PIRG.

## Write A Letter To The Editor

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