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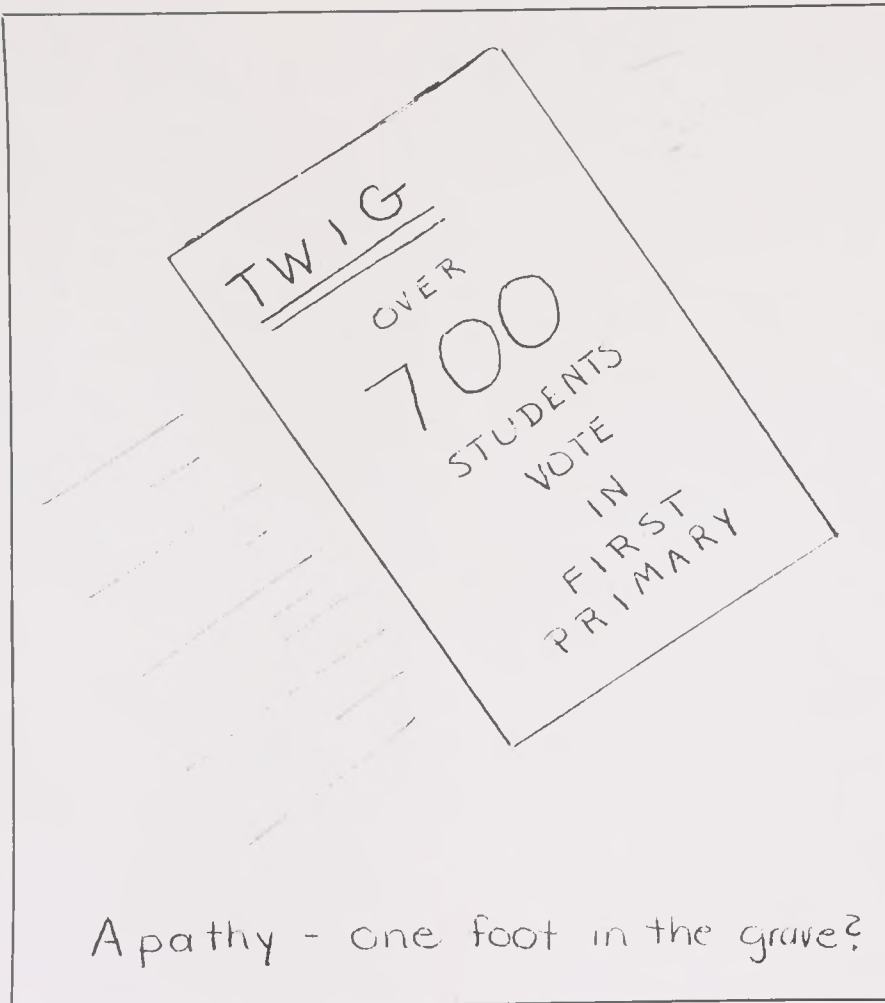
# Involvement Lacking; History Class Edits Twig

"This issue of the "Twig has been brought to you by. . ."

No, this is not a commercial, just a word of explanation. As members of Dr. Parramore's Western Civilization class, we have been poked, shoved, and driven in desperation to the realization of the importance of being well-informed. This issue of the Twig is the result of our efforts to help you know a little more about your college, your state, and your country. According to the first edition of the "Technician," N. C. State's student newspaper, "a paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through which the thoughts, the activity, and in fact the very life of the campus is registered. It is the mouthpiece through which the students themselves talk." The Twig desperately needs your active participation to become the true voice of Meredith. This issue is an attempt at catching your attention, at providing you the opportunity to take a stand.

Please let us know how you react to this issue. A simple Letter to the Editor would be instrumental in making your college newspaper more suited to your needs.

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## Student Vote Kills Apathy

Perhaps the recent burial of apathy at Meredith has really worked. Over 700 students took the time to vote in the preliminaries for first state officers, displaying renewed interest in campus affairs. In recent years student apathy has been a problem of growing concern here at Meredith. Many times the SGA has been unable to take action due to a failure to have a quorum

present, and on occasions it has even been necessary to recruit candidates to run for offices because no one would file. All this seems to be changing, however, if the recent turnout is anything of a true indication of student concern. Congratulations, girls! Let's continue the good work and completely stamp out apathy once and for all.

## Poll Hits Meredith Rules; Infirmary

Opinion generally creates controversy. However, a random poll of a few Meredith students from each dormitory indicates that the Meredith student body basically exhibits a unified opinion on a variety of subjects.

Students showed some variety in their likes and dislikes of Meredith. The most popular attributes included the people, Meredith's location, its atmosphere—a "community feeling of friendship." Extracurricular activities and week-ends were also on the list of Meredith favorites. Lack of freedom and "picky social restrictions" such as curfews were the most common complaints named. The English department, work in general, and limited outside activities expanded the most disliked phases of Meredith life.

Those polled agreed almost two to one that Meredith gives adequate preparation for future life in a changing world. Most girls planned dual roles of career and marriage. An overwhelming majority expressed the opinion that Meredith does not force any particular role upon students. An equally overwhelming majority (almost four to one) did not want to see Meredith evolve into a co-educational institution.

Change in other areas was supported, especially in curriculum. Most students wished to see more courses offered, especially to allow for a major in education. Pass-fail courses, less severe English requirements, and no exams were also requested.

Another change called for was more lenient penalties for violation of Meredith's drinking policy. Students gave minimum support to the idea of having a worship service held on campus each Sunday.

Efficiency of particular school services received quick responses. It was agreed with a six-to-one ratio that infirmary services are inadequate in caring for the health of those on campus. The chief reason for inadequacy given was the brevity of doctor's hours.

When asked to rate the cafeteria (which recently pulled up its B rating to an A) on a scale of 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor), the bulk of the rating fell into the middle category of 3. No 5's, a few 4's, and a few 0's were given. The use of meal tickets met with some positive response.

Most people expressed enthusiasm over Meredith traditions. Only a few admitted to apathy. Enthusiasm was also expressed over the student publications of the Twig and Acorn.

The quality of education at Meredith was deemed worth the high price of tuition. Those polled were of the opinion that Meredith's solid reputation adds depth to its educational quality.

Girls were satisfied with Meredith to the extent that the majority of those interviewed would allow their children to attend Meredith in future years. The poll showed that future parents will let the decision be made by the child.

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### Letter to the Editor

#### Registration Protested

I would like to take this opportunity to sound off my feelings and the feeling of many other freshmen concerning pre-registration. As I understand the situation, the Registrar's office started out this time assigning pre-registration times according to advisory groups. This means that students who registered first last semester, register last this time and vice versa. Many students received their pre-registration times in this manner. Then the Registrar's office stopped assigning times and began to allow students to draw a time at random from all the cards. This about-face by the Registrar's office is totally unfair to the students who were assigned times, as well as students who drew for times. Students who were assigned times deserve the chance to draw at random. The students who registered late last semester deserve the right to register first this time. Many students are being cheated of their rights because of a big mistake on the part of the Registrar's office.

It seems to me that the only just way to correct this mistake is for the Registrar's office to print up new time cards and assign times to all rising sophomores according to advisory groups, as we have done in the past. This is the only way to all involved.

Thank you for hearing me out. I just think that everyone should be made aware of this situation.

Sincerely,  
Tina Mayo

#### Absentee Ballot Sponsored by YDC

Voting is everyone's privilege; not everyone can exercise it. College students registered in their hometowns will find it difficult to return on May 2 to vote. In order to encourage as many Meredith Democrats as possible to vote, the Young Democrats Club is sponsoring an absentee-ballot voting campaign to begin after April 1, 1972.

In order to obtain an application for absentee ballot, registered voters must write to their local elections boards sometime shortly after April 1. The elections board will return an official application to the voter to be filled out and returned immediately.

Following receipt of the application the elections board will send each voter a ballot which must be filled out in the presence of a notary. The YDC will provide free notary service on April 24, 1972 in Johnson Hall from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

#### PIRG Petition Passes

Approximately 75% of Meredith's resident students demonstrated their support of N. C. PIRG by signing the organization's petition, circulated on campus during the week of January 10-14. The petition's 747 signatures will now be presented to the Board of Trustees as indications of student backing for an increase of \$1.50 in student fees per semester to organize a local campus board and a state wide system of PIRG's.

N. C. PIRG, a state-wide student-run organization, concerns itself mainly with corporate irresponsibility and consumer fraud, dealing at times with environmental, racial, and liberationist issues. The establishment of a local board at Meredith would enable the state-wide PIRG to organize, for only UNC-G and Duke have campus boards at present.

Due to mishaps during the week of petitioning, members of PIRG failed to reach all of the dormitory students with the petition. However, it is not too late to sign, according to the leaders of the group, Sandra Whatley and Beverly Fowler, and everyone is urged to do so.

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