



Meredith College

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Great Expectations Depend on Cooperation

I can't really say that I am expecting great things out of THE TWIG next year because I would hate to have to retract words. I can say that there are definite ideas which can be worked out, but only with the help of an able and dedicated staff. The potential for an informative, entertaining, and even controversial news media is definitely present at Meredith, as exhibited by the some 15-20 students who have already indicated their support, and I am counting on the continuation of that support next year. However, a campus newspaper must be representative of the campus itself, not just of the editor and her staff. Hence, I would first of all make a plea for all students to express their concern whenever possible or react to any issues of THE TWIG which call for comments. Secondly, I ask faculty and administration to feel free to do the same.

Our country is in a great upheaval at this time, and I would like to see THE TWIG become an active part in realization of what goes on beyond these 200 acres. Hence, I plan to introduce news from all over the nation so that students may at least be reminded of the "Outside World." There is no reason why a college newspaper cannot benefit students and administration from a dual aspect—the college and the college community—as both interact in the world of today.

In order to bring forth more student and administrative comment, I am planning to expand the editorial page so that the editor will not be the only one to comment on issues. I believe that not only is news important, but the interpretation of that news is equally as important, and the editorial column can definitely be of aid here.

I hope that as we approach a new academic year, Meredith students, faculty, and administration will be responsible enough to take an active part in current affairs and to comment on those affairs. As Editor of THE TWIG, I will provide the media for publication of that action.

JFS

Students Care Enough to Become Involved

In response to the letter from Senator Gravel (which is printed on page three) and out of my own convictions about the Vietnam War, I took part in the Demonstration and March to the Capital on April 21, 1972. As the some 800-1000 "freaks" and "straights" gathered at the N. C. State Union for the rally, I noticed some definite changes in attitudes from protests of the late '60's.

Gone was the violence (perhaps as a result of Kent State); gone was the blatant intolerance to speakers; and gone was the real urge to chant obscene slogans.

Present were the students, the Vietnam Veterans against the War, a Vietnamese student, and Wilbur Hobby (the only invited gubernatorial candidate who came, much to the chagrin of students who feared a political rally). As we marched, I noticed the presence of the usual cold stares and FBI men, but I also noticed the smiles of policemen who were blocking the traffic for our march. There were the usual obscenities expressed over the merciful occupation, bombing, and recent escalation of the airwar.

Yet, there was a new current in the voices of the speakers. Instead of advocacy of domestic revolution, there were pleas for students to register to vote and to exercise that privilege. There were pleas for united petitions from universities and colleges in response to the war, and pleas for these institutions not to support the "war companies" who manufacture "dead bodies." There were statements from Shirley Chisholm, Terry Sanford, Nick Galifianakis, and others urging students to become actively involved in these pledges. POW families were there as well as students, lawyers, ministers, and businessmen. I even noticed a certain reverence for nature at the rally, for the beautiful flower beds at the Capital were left untrampled.

As I stood at the Capital, I realized that the Peace Movement has not lost hope; rather, it has recentered its forces into the "system." As UNC student body President Richard Epps stated, "Our job is not done. . . . We cannot soothe our consciences by demonstrating, we must keep on fighting."

And as for the fight at Meredith? There are a few things we could, as individuals and as a group, do. For instance, we could refuse to buy Wonder Bread, Tiptop products, and Hostess Twinkies, for the money poured into all of these industries goes to IIT, who, in turn, support the automated air war in Vietnam. We could refuse to pay government phone taxes for the same reason. We can inform ourselves about the escalation, realizing that with the automated air war men push buttons rather than triggers. In these cases, radar picks up any movement—child, animal, or enemy—and, regardless of that movement, bombs that site, reducing killing to the mere pushing of a button.

The question here as well as at the Demonstration Friday was, "Do we care enough to get involved?" The fact that 1,000 students showed up to march in a driving rain says something, but, as Richard Epps says, "Our job is not done." We must continue the fight, individually or collectively, and eventually, "We shall overcome."

JFS

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I think as we begin a new year in Student Government, we need to do a bit of serious reflecting about who we are and what we are about at Meredith. We have undergone a year which has seen intensified concern by Student Government for working closely with faculty and administration. Particularly, Legislative Board, as a body and as individual members, has sought the counsel of experience and of different perspectives. Legislative Board has had a very successful year as we have sought to bring regulations more in alignment with student attitudes. The greatest contribution of the 1971-72 version of Legislative Board has been in meeting the challenge of developing a mature and patient approach towards effecting change.

In working through the channels of our Student Government, we have a well-established base from which to operate. For this we are indebted to a long history of concerned and responsible SGA officers. In running for SGA president, I asserted that the main thrust of my leadership would be to explore the many ways in which I can capitalize on the unique aspects of Meredith. We would be well on our way to a heightened sense of community spirit, if together we could become more conscious of our positive factors.

Underlying our lives here at Meredith is our system of honor. In living under the honor code, it is of the utmost importance that we live up to our responsibilities. Our total environment at Meredith is completely dependent on the assumption of honorable conduct. It is the essence of the character of Meredith.

In further endeavors, the SGA is going to explore ways in which it can be instrumental in co-ordinating community projects. Also the SGA will promote opportunities for meeting and talking with faculty outside of the classroom. Much of what we hope to do revolves around the College Center. Through the use this year of SGA offices and in continuing this in the Center it will become a more common practice to stop at the SGA offices. We hope to effect more firmly established methods in linking all the steps in the legislative channel to ensure that any form of legislation is sent to the proper place and necessary action taken within a reasonable amount of time.

The work involved in SGA is quite time consuming for everyone actively involved. To make this time spent worthwhile, be an active, supportive member of the SGA in every possible way. What we are striving towards is to efficiently do the work of SGA, accurately reflecting the student's desire and through all of this helping to reinforce and enrich the academic environment of Meredith. I anticipate a very exciting year which should be for all of us a growing experience.

Remember to vote in the May 6 primary!

Thank you for your time,

CAROLYN CARTOR
SGA President
(1972-73)

Dear Editor:

This letter is being written to the entire college community and is the result of a particular incident which in itself is a reflection of a larger problem here at Meredith. From the beginning, let me make one point clear — this letter is not a gripe letter on my part, but rather one which should make each of us realize more fully our responsibilities as part of Meredith College.

Friday, April 14, was the installation service for the new student government officers. The service was well-publicized and faculty members as well as students were invited to attend the installation and Honor Code rededication. By 10:10 a.m., it was obvious that only about 150 students, faculty, and members of the administration cared enough to attend this service. Can you imagine how discouraging this was to your 1972-73 student government officers? To realize from the beginning that maybe only 150 people at the most would be interested in what our student government does? To realize that communication cannot be anything but feeble when people simply do not care enough to sacrifice their own "valuable" time in order to work towards improvement? How pathetic — to elect officers who pledge themselves to responsibility and action and then to sit back and feel that your job is over! Your task is as continuing as theirs, and it's time that many of you began to think about your own responsibility. Without input, production is impossible.

Let me quickly say that this year has not been unsuccessful by any means. We have made changes in social regulations and laid ground work in other areas which will allow student government to begin to expand into new areas of academic concern. Elected student government officials have worked hard and have begun to establish better lines of communication with different segments of the college. For all this I am most grateful. But I am also concerned about this disinterest which was reflected most obviously on April 14. The installation and Honor Code service were designed to make everyone realize their responsibilities as part of the college. I feel that those of you who were not in attendance were extremely discourteous to your new student government officers and to our guest speaker. Please plan to cooperate in the future — little things like attendance make big movements realistic. Accept the challenge of responsibility we have placed before you. Your new officers are willing, eager, and full of ideas which can only improve Meredith. But the rest is up to you. Good luck.

Sincerely yours,
GAIL KNIERIEM

Dear Editor,

The Student Activities Board has worked hard all year. With no money available to us from tuition, we have sponsored many projects to make money for the big activities we planned for the students. Since SAB members took over last May, the following projects have been sponsored:

- "Car Bash" during Exams
- Raffles
- Bake Sales
- Anniversary Game
- Dating Game
- Movies
- Folk Sessions in the Hut
- "Yale Spizzwinks"
- Guy Britton Jewelry Sale
- Christmas Dance
- Heart Fund Drive
- Springs Concert
- Refrigerators
- Lemonade Sales on sun-decks

The SAB has handled over \$5,000 this year. Our big activities, of course, have been the two dances and the Heart Fund drive. The Christmas dance was a big success, and we feel confident that the Springs Concert will go over big, also.

This letter is, first of all, one of thanks to all students and faculty members who have supported and enjoyed our projects. Thanks also, for giving us the opportunity to serve the school through activities.

Second, it is apologetic to all students who did not receive prizes for selling the Heart Fund candy. Even though the sales were handled by two SAB members, with the rest of the board under their direction, the responsibility for this neglect and error is shouldered by the whole Student Activities Board. Please accept our sincere apology for the confusion. Even though you didn't receive a reward for your efforts, just think of the people you helped through the Heart Fund Campaign.

Third, this letter is one of congratulations and challenge to next year's board members. We challenge you to plan and carry out even more activities for Meredith students.

Yours truly,
VIVIAN CRAIG
Secretary, SAB

Faculty Meeting Report

The following is a list of the major items presented and discussed at the April 22 faculty meeting:

* Two students representing a new organization at Meredith, Black Voices in Unity, appeared before the faculty to express thanks for co-operation received and to outline the organization's purpose and possible objectives.

* A report was made by Dean Burris, representing an *ad hoc* committee which studied the possibilities of student representation on the academic council. The committee recommended that five students be selected each year as regularly voting members of the academic council. After lengthy debate, the faculty agreed to postpone a decision.
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