



# Meredith Community Mourns Death of Herbert Weatherspoon

## MEREDITH: A TOTALITY?

One of the main issues facing Meredith College during this semester is that of student representation on the various standing committees, most particularly the Academic Council. One question arose during recent discussion of this issue: If students are allowed to be on a committee that makes major curriculum changes, then what is to keep faculty and administration from participating in student government?

This question presents a problem for those who may feel threatened in some manner either by having students voice opinions on what they shall be taught or by having faculty members contribute to student government. However, if one tends to view a campus environment in terms of a total learning experience, then both students and administration should be equally willing to accept as well as to challenge each other's suggestions in areas of academic as well as governmental policies. Perhaps some of the confusion present now concerning college government could be alleviated if representatives from both aspects of leadership would interact more fully.

President Weems and Dean Burris have already introduced the idea of having students participate on some of the standing committees. Few appeals have been made, however, to offer this total experience to faculty and administration in matters of student government. This interaction does not call either for students to run academic matters or for faculty and administration to run matters of student government; rather, it is a call for completeness in the Meredith College environment, a totality that can only be reached by interaction of all its forces.

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## TWIG POLICY SET

In order to establish some sort of standard of policy for THE TWIG, I find it necessary to restate and to explain certain points which need to be clarified for the year.

First of all, THE TWIG is a CAMPUS newspaper. It is one which must involve not only students, but also faculty, staff, and administration as well. A campus can only be a total community in so far as all members of that community are made aware, active, and free to communicate. The medium through which total campus involvement must be expressed is THE TWIG, and ALL members of this community should feel that it is THEIR right to communicate through it.

Secondly, some sort of editorial policy must be observed in order to preserve the unity of the Meredith Community. The editors must reserve the right to edit copy so that all levels of understanding in this Community may be preserved and honored. This policy does not imply one of censorship; rather, it implies protection on the part of all contributors. We must realize our potential for freedom in writing, but that freedom must also entail a responsibility to ALL readers.

Finally, THE TWIG will be a weekly newspaper for the first time. If we are to grow as a community, we need to be informed more than bi-weekly or monthly. We do, however, need support for it to be a viable force. Staff members have been assigned regular beats so that weekly news will be assured; however, any other articles or letters will be welcome in THE TWIG office as soon as the Student Center is completed. With this method, we hope to allow for participation by anyone in the Meredith Community. We are looking forward to a challenging year, but we cannot assure one unless the Community itself will pledge its support.

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When we of Meredith pause to think how multifarious were the accomplishments in the eighty-eight years of W. Herbert Weatherspoon, we are amazed that he could contribute so meaningfully to the college while playing major roles in numerous other capacities. As a businessman, statesman, and Baptist layman, Herbert Weatherspoon's part was significant. Throughout his career roles as lawyer, journalist, vice president and general counsel of Carolina Power and Light, and Chairman of the Board and Director of First Federal Savings and Loan, he maintained the poise, discretion and integrity of the finest of businessmen. In the performance of his civic duties in the State Legislature, the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, and the Raleigh Lions Club, he exhibited the most responsible American citizenship. As a member and a deacon of the First Baptist

Church of Raleigh, he exemplified the Christian gentleman whose warmth and vitality were sources of joy and inspiration to his associates.

Though his accomplishments in these areas could be further enumerated and expounded, it is to his association with Meredith that we wish to pay tribute in this memorial statement. It is with a sense of inadequacy, however, that we approach such a task for Herbert Weatherspoon favored Meredith with his service for fifty-five productive years. He was a member of the Board of Trustees and served a term as Chairman of the Board; his contribution in this role is evidenced by his election as the only life member of the Board. Furthermore, when the Meredith Board of Associates was formed in 1966, Herbert Weatherspoon became one of its charter members. Then, in

September 1970, at the dedication ceremony of the beautiful and functional Meredith gymnasium, the building was named the Weatherspoon Physical Education - Recreation Building. Only a part of the motivation behind the dedication was to recognize the financial contribution of Herbert and the family of his late brother, James Weatherspoon. Also symbolized therein was the contribution Herbert Weatherspoon and his family had made in other forms -- in the form of outstanding alumnae and of the intellectual and spiritual leadership which Herbert Weatherspoon brought to the Meredith campus. These qualities of mind and spirit prompted the Board of Trustees to bestow the 1971 Harris and Bell award on Herbert Weatherspoon, "in recognition of uncommon service and dedication to the development and improvement of Meredith College."

Because Herbert Weatherspoon's gentle wit and keen intelligence made him a valuable friend, many sought his friendship; Meredith College is proud to be counted among his friends. At the dedication ceremony of the Weatherspoon Gymnasium in 1970, Mr. Weatherspoon said, "So we salute Meredith College and wish for it a continuation of that spirit that seems dominant on the campus, dominant in the denomination, dominant throughout the state, and dominant beyond the borders of the state from which substantial contributions and interest are coming from time to time." As his friends we think we can interpret the spirit to which Herbert Weatherspoon alluded -- the spirit of optimism in the progress of mankind. Nowhere, we believe, can one find a better reason for that optimism than in the life of Herbert Weatherspoon. -- This resolution of appreciation was unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee of the Meredith College Board of Trustees in its regular session on August 21, 1972.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

As we begin another school year, Meredith students desire to project themselves beyond the classroom and to become involved in community projects. To commit oneself to a community project is an ideal way of communicating with the problems and needs of the people in the community. At times, Meredith students often neglect the needs of the community outside of our OWN. In the past year, our scope of the needs of the community has been widened because of the development of numerous service projects.

As we begin working with any project I think it is necessary to question our motives. I would strongly encourage students to participate not only for what they can do to help but just as importantly, for what they can gain from working with others. Any involvement should be anticipated as a LEARNING EXPERIENCE. People in low economic-social areas have had their share of "volunteers" who participate irregularly and who feel that what they are doing is such a "good" thing. In this way we often tend to dehumanize people and we tend to pity their condition.

I strongly believe that Meredith girls have a sensitivity to the needs of the community and that we can approach any involvement as a total learning experience. I am optimistic that Meredith girls will take advantage of these learning experiences. Once again the Philaretia Society is sponsoring the Wake County Cerebral Palsy School. Our girls have committed themselves to work on a weekly basis. I invite more of you to participate. The C. P. children desire to do something for other people,

too.

If interested in the C. P. project, please call Elaine Williams (219 Vann) or Jo Ann Williford (2nd Faircloth).

Celebrations are for communities!

Elaine Williams  
C. P. Co-Chairman

## SOMEONE

by ROSEMARY STANKWYTCH

A flower grew here yesterday.  
But someone came and took it away.  
And there's nothing for me to see  
But the dying grass and an old oak tree.  
A young man grew here yesterday.  
This field is where he used to play.  
But I'll not see him anymore.  
Why doesn't someone take away war?

## POLITICAL ARTICLES PLANNED

Since this is election year, THE TWIG would like to present a study of the issues. As soon as all materials can be gathered, a factual study of President Nixon's administration as opposed to Senator McGovern's voting record will be featured weekly. Be on the lookout!

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