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# Carter Speaks Out

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(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles on community responsibility.) There are people at Meredith with many ranges of emotional attachment to the school. There are many things about Meredith that are certainly applaudable and some things that could be bettered. We do have a very real responsibility to do more than just complain about those aspects of Meredith that do not meet with our approval. There are real channels for constructive change that exist--these being through the Legislative Board, through your hall proctor, or even through coming yourself and voicing your opinion. Writing a letter to THE TWIG projects an idea into public consideration, as does talking to whoever is in charge of the area concerned. Also, there

is a suggestion box in the College Center lobby for suggestions. The most pertinent of these suggestions will be printed in THE TWIG and follow-up discussed.

Furthermore, your responsibility is manifested through attending hall meetings, living the honor system, respect for individual rights, and through attending SGA assemblies. This year we have not had SGA assemblies on every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Friday as indicated in hopes of reducing the number of meetings to a minimum so that it would fit on everyone's schedule to attend. The meetings are on 10:00, Friday, a time when no classes, except a few at NCSU are scheduled. The Constitution of the SGA says there must be a 2/3 of the

student body present in order to vote on amendments. It is a pretty sad commentary on one's future role as a public citizen of town, state, and county that we cannot bring ourselves to spend thirty minutes once or twice a month on the business of operating our own government. If we are indicating by this careless attitude that we lack inner discipline to carry through on our responsibility as a student at Meredith then this decision perhaps will be made for us in the form of required attendance.

There exist many avenues for expression of opinion and for constructive change. As we are aware of these, we need to take advantage of them in being intelligent dwellers in the Meredith community.

## Is this fee fair?

There have been several questions raised by students in the past few months who have desired to take a music, art, or physical education course but who, because of the extra hour \$55 fee have been unable to do so. This fee, which calls for \$55 per semester hour over 18, in fact seems to reduce a student's chances for strengthening and developing her own creativity in the arts or in physical education.

The extra \$55 fee can better be understood and accepted as it pertains to those courses outside the arts or physical education departments which a student might try to fit in so that she could graduate earlier. For development of one's creativity or strength by an hour of music, art, or physical education, however, the fee is outrageous. When a student already is forced to pay \$45-\$50 for music fees or art supplies, and then has to spend another \$55 for an extra hour, she is likely not to take the course. This action forces a student to take only those courses which may be required, a few electives, and no creative development courses. Granted one can be creative in other areas, but the arts allow a larger variety of expression in creativity and of appreciation for cultural activities. If this expression must be squelched because of financial problems, then the spark for artistic creativity and appreciation too often becomes non-existent.

Perhaps a reconciliation of some sort could be made so that students could feel financially free to become involved in creative physical and mental expression. The \$55 fee would be collected when students take 3-hour credit courses above the 18-hour load, or even for courses which, unlike music or art, do not require additional fees for supplies. As the requirement stands now, however, too many students are being left out of the creative process.

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## Gaps seen in initiative

Recently there have been several recruiters on campus who are prepared to offer stimulating jobs for college graduates. Little response has been evoked from students and the reasons for this lack of approach need to be questioned.

Perhaps there exists a gap in communications between these recruiters and the students. This "gap", however, is difficult to define since the Placement Office communicates directly with THE TWIG in announcing interview opportunities, and these announcements usually occur well in advance of the proposed recruitment times. In addition to these statements, bulletin boards are filled with applications for and announcements of interviews. The basic communication "gap", therefore, does not seem to lie in the recruitment side of the case.

The apparent "gap" here, must rather be one of student desire and responsibility. In view of the difficulty in obtaining jobs today, one would think students would be more willing to respond to interview opportunities. If this problem is to be alleviated, students must be prepared to take their own initiatives in finding future jobs, for the recruiters can only be expected to offer the opportunities, not to fill them by random selection.

In the next few weeks, there will be several recruiters on campus. Included in these will be a former Meredith graduate now at Southern Bell who is looking for graduates to fill CAREER positions, not merely for telephone operators. Any student who desires a career should take the responsibility to find one, especially when the opportunities are available. Without student initiative present, recruiters cannot be expected to spend their time at Meredith, and the woman who wants a career will find it increasingly harder to get one.

## Evaluation questionnaire

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with the Missouri test is that the evaluation is meant to be strictly a means by which the professor betters himself, not a determination of tenure or position.

The SGA is implementing this evaluation in accordance to its concern for the academics at

Meredith. Actually a matter under the jurisdiction of the Instructions Committee, preparation of the evaluation was undertaken by the SGA to lighten the committee's load and to get the questionnaire in the hands of the students as soon as possible.

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# Student letters

Dear Freshmen and Transfers, This has been a busy week. You've seen the two societies, the Astrotekton and the Philaretian, at what is perhaps the height of their on-campus activities. The week has been full of entertainment, fun and explanation of what the societies mean to their members. In many ways you have seen that the societies are somewhat alike, but perhaps there are certain things about one society which appeals to you. The climax of this week is Decision Day, and you will choose whether or not to join a society.

You are the most able to judge which society you wish to join than anyone in recent years. In the past, new students have not been exposed to projects and goals of each society until the four whirlwind days before Decision Day. You, through the Meredith involvement program, tours, and joint supper club, have been introduced to the projects of the Phis and Astros. You have already had an active part with your support of the Phi auction for the C.P. Center. And, I hope you were able to "reap the rewards" of that auction. Moreover, you have both the "traditional" societies to choose between, but the "new" societies and no society to choose among. This year, in order to make the societies relevant, it has been necessary to rethink old ideals and goals. We have been working to make the Phi Society a real sisterhood--an organization that provides service to the community and most important, a group that provides opportunities for interaction and personal identification within the Meredith Community.

This week you have seen the serious as well as the light side of the societies. You've met the Phis in blue and white, and you've met Milton, our mascot. I have only one wish for you -- that if you join a society, you become an active member. Probably the most important part of our total education is learning to participate and give of ourselves to others, for it is only in that way we may learn who we are and what we are capable of doing. This is what Phi is about, as our motto reflects: "For this is the journey that men make: to find themselves."

This are on the way, but the answer--the achievement--lies not with us Phis who are proposing the challenge, but with you who join. The road this year is divided three ways. You choose your way; whichever you choose, you will find friendship and service that will remain as a very special part of your years at Meredith.

We'll be looking forward to seeing you tomorrow and waiting for you to become a part of us. Sincerely, Mary Marvin Johnson President, Philaretian Society

Dear Freshman and Transfers, As Society Rush Week draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you once again of the choice that you will make tomorrow. You have had a whole semester to observe both Phis and Astros in action. You have participated in our fund-raising projects, and helped to make them the successes they were. This past week, you have seen our lighter side - the fellowship that we share, and the fun we've had in entertaining others.

Tomorrow you will make a decision which will affect the rest of your school years - will you join a society or not? As President of the Astros, I'd like to tell you that we need you, Freshmen and Transfers. The children at the Shelly Child Development Center need your love and encouragement in making their lives more worthwhile. Through our gifts this year, the first year of our project, they have been able to purchase curtains and much educational equipment for the school. With your help, we can do much more.

The Astro sisters need your enthusiasm, and fresh ideas in order for our society to continue its development. But we want you only if you choose to become an active and responsible member. The success of a society depends upon the strength and successes of its members.

The future of the Astrotekton Society is up to you. Freshmen and Transfers, what will you choose to do? Nanci Gill

Dear Editor: The Meredith administration has once again demonstrated its lack of concern for the main purpose of this institution of higher learning -- educating the students. From the last issue of THE TWIG, we learned that we are to be blessed with a private dining room beneath the cafeteria.

One might inquire to whom will the benefits of such a splendid facility go? Are the students to be permitted to see the new dining room, or are we to be kept out so that the contrast between such a nice newly decorated facility and the shabby business of the shoddy cafeteria decor (only four or five years old itself) will not be so obvious?

Besides, who needs a new dining room? Meredith needs much, much more than that. The Self-Study done in 1967-

68 recommended that an inter-department major in Politics be established and as recent surveys of the student body have shown more than twenty would be willing to take such a major. Yet, we have no such major. Why? Because, so we're told, we cannot afford to hire the additional professor necessary for such a major.

There are many other academic areas in which Meredith needs improvement. According to some on the faculty, Meredith has no Phi Beta Kappa because the library is not up to par.

Why cannot the administration see that the reputation of this school would improve more if the students are better educated, than if they increase the number of colored lights on the pretty showcase buildings?

Ann Wall



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the following movies remaining to be seen:

- Jan. 28 - Cat Ballou
- Feb. 11 - Charlie Chaplin Films
- Mar. 18 - The Rievers
- Apr. 15 - Walk in the Spring Rain

Additional activities are being planned for the Spring semester. On February 17th, the Alpha Omega players will present the drama, "The Diary of Adam and Eve", written by Mark Twain. Another concert will be given by Jack Ross and Woody Bowles, a Simon & Garfunkel type group on March 23rd. The Spring dance, traditionally held in the court, is being tentatively scheduled for April 6th with the group, The Spontanes being requested. And finally, the old tradition at Meredith known as Play Day, with fun - filled competition between faculty and students, will be revived this Spring on April 12th.