

The writing of a final editorial for THE TWIG can be a bit traumatic for the outgoing editor -- there are so many projects left undone or half - finished that I feel as if my job is not completed. However, there are a few reflections on the past year that can be made as well as some projections into the next news year.

First of all, the TWIG staff this year undertook the first weekly newspaper production in the history of Meredith. With qualms not only from our own mixed feelings about its success, but also from the faculty and administration, we were almost compelled psychologically to make a weekly work both as an informative and an editorially challenging medium. We wanted THE TWIG to be a voice not merely of events on campus, but of the students, faculty, and administration -- the Meredith community itself. Working not only from a campus - wide view, we also tried to focus on various local, state, and world-wide events which concerned all people. A strong staff belief in the importance of interpretative news and feature reporting and of editorial comment led us to widen our publications outlook to include a variety of topics of interest. We now have a depth of possibilities for news coverage which were not available before this year.

Secondly, we have been able, thanks to the new Student Center, to further better communications with the Meredith community. New facilities have enabled us to offer office hours for obtaining suggestions, to keep organized files of issues and correspondence, and to work on actual publication from one major center of activity. The addition of a darkroom on campus has allowed us to have access to our own photographer, one who can devote her time totally to taking and developing pictures for publication.

Finally, I would hope that we have re-opened the lines of campus communication through its newspaper. Students and faculty are now responding to areas of their interest by writing letters to the newspaper. The TWIG staff hoped that, editorially at least, all types of opinions could be expressed freely and responsibly. This year we have printed every letter to the editor that has been received, and we have had few changes in structure to make because the writers have taken personal responsibility in the choice of subjects and material written. It has taken almost a year to develop this type of response, but I do not think that there will be an end to any of it; more and more issues will be opened up by new incidents next year, and probably much more response can be expected as students learn to express themselves.

There are countless improvements that could and need to be made in the Meredith community, but there have been vast changes made in the past year. Student responsibility needs to be met as well as faculty and administration responsibility. Better communications need to be stressed throughout the whole community. The newspaper has tried to open up a few questions about issues facing students today, and I have the 1972-73 staff to thank for that. As for the numerous issues still to be faced, I yield to Eleanor Hill and her staff for an increasingly productive 1973-74 year. But I cannot yield to the new staff the complete presentation of these issues -- that aspect must continue to come from the Meredith community itself. The challenge of a campus newspaper comes, therefore, not from within its own staff, but from the total (to use one of my favorite words) environment in which it finds itself at work. So -- I yield the TWIG production to the new staff, and the TWIG responsibility to the entire Meredith community.

Dear Editor,

In response to the letter from GAG on April 5, 1973: We on the CCA are very aware of the "Pool Sharks" in the center. Games Committee Chairman Lynn Smith has been working on a solution to this problem for several weeks. It seems that the mechanics of the tables would have to be changed in order to keep the balls and pool sticks on check-out. We could possibly have to buy all-new pool tables. We appreciate everyone's concern over the center's games and equipment and hope to solve this problem and several others pertaining to the equipment before the fall semester.

Vivian Craig  
CCA Pres.

Dear Editor:

It is our thoughts that we can be of some type of service to your readers by presenting different concepts of life that ordinarily they wouldn't know. In addition, our lives would definitely be brightened through this correspondence while we pass these lonely hours in a federal penitentiary.

I implore you to run the below program advertisement in your publication and would appreciate any response.

#### PROJECT DIVERSIFICATION

Obtain greater understanding beyond your present academic studies by infusion into your programming an interesting

project of contact with intelligent, college educated minds of entirely different concepts of living. Relate and correspond with men that can answer all your questions concerning that darkened world better known as crime and prison. At the same time your letters will illuminate these individuals' lonely world.

Write: Ed Fallis, PMB 33592, Atlanta, Georgia 30315; Jim Kennedy, PMB 89361, Atlanta, Georgia 30315; and George Holley, PMB 94592, Atlanta, Georgia, 30315. (U.S. Federal Prisoners). Thanking you for your consideration in this matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
Ed Fallis

## MOTSU committee sponsors blood drive for Bach Mai

During the year 1972 North Carolina shipped more than one million tons of heavy munitions to Indochina. During the past four years six million Indochinese people have been killed, injured, or driven from their homes. According to the U. S. Senate Subcommittee on Refugees, at least seventy-five of every hundred victims of that cruel and needless war were victims of the bombing, not of ground action.

Since 1956, the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point (MOTSU) has been operating all but unseen and unnoticed. This port facility, located between Wilmington and South port, has one purpose - to ship heavy munitions. North Carolina, through Sunny Point, was responsible for fully one third of all the heavy munitions which were sent to Indochina -- two - and five thousand-pound bombs, artillery rounds, white phosphorous bombs, fragmentation devices, and so on. North Carolina's citizens, therefore, bear a heavy burden of responsibility

for seeing to it that some of this destruction which we have helped to cause is undone.

MOTSU is the focus of an intensive educational/action campaign and nonviolent resistance project generated by a growing list of peace action groups in North Carolina. Among them are the American Friends Service Committee, the Institute for nonviolent Study and Action in Durham, the Greensboro Peace Center and North Carolina Resistance.

The Coalition has chosen to work towards two goals: First, to inform North Carolina citizens about the state's complicity in the air war through the massive arms shipments to Indochina; and second, to demand through public consensus an end to these shipments, while advocating the conversion of MOTSU to a peaceful use.

The Bach - Mai Hospital Blood Drive on April 4 was held for that purpose. More specifically, it was held to participate in the raising of

money for the rebuilding of the Bach - Mai Hospital - a civilian hospital which was utterly destroyed last Christmas by the terror bombing of Hanoi. Money which is raised by this and similar efforts all over North Carolina will be presented to representatives of the Bach - Mai Hospital Fund at or near the gates of Sunny Point on the fifteenth of April. At that time, the Coalition shall also seek to have the authorities at Sunny Point ship a truckload of relief supplies through their

port; this rather than spending every minute of their time shipping things which kill people. By this action it hopes to say to the world that there are citizens in this state, a state which is responsible for a part of the death which has come to Indochina, who affirm life; who do not simply wish to wash our hands of the bloodshed we have caused, but who are willing to work to rebuild and to undo as much of the destruction as we can.

## Dow strikers make plea

To The Editor:

There are 165 courageous people at the Dow Chemical plant in Bay City which has been on strike for 14 months. They would like to enlist the aid of your newspaper and members of the student body so that we may survive. Dow Chemical is using its unlimited resources in an attempt to destroy us economically and eliminate the collective bargaining process of our Local Union which is 14055 of the United Steelworkers.

Many workers and their fam-

ilies have suffered unlimited hardships in the loss of income and personal property which they have had to sell in order to feed their families because Dow Chemical refuses to resolve an unjust labor dispute provoked by Dow Chemical and its local management.

In the interest of humanity we ask that you print this letter in your college paper and that the student body aid us by refusing to buy Handi-wrap plastic food wrap and Ziploc bags which are made at the Bay City plant.

If there are individuals or groups on campus who would like to aid us in this humane endeavor, please contact me at the address which is given below. We request that they boycott the above mentioned products which are produced by Dow Chemical in Bay City and by any other aid or activities which may aid our cause.

Thank you,  
Martin Schwerin  
401 N. Chilson St.  
Bay City, Michigan  
Local 14055

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