

## Crucial year is seen for SGA

At the start of every new school year, there is always a large amount of discussion about plans ("bigger and better than ever") for the upcoming months. In case anyone has missed the general thrust of this year's discussions, 1973-74 has been designated a crucial year for the Student Government Association. Pressed by legitimate administration urging to correct the ailing self-government system, the SGA leaders have this year pledged to demonstrate that self-government is still feasible here at Meredith. However, pledges made by leaders are only pipe-dreams unless accompanied by a positive attitude on the part of each student body member. This is not just a matter of adhering a little more closely to the rules. It will involve taking a long look at what self-government really means.

For instance, it is possible that we as students have assumed too much responsibility. Perhaps there are those of us who would rather see the administration of rules and discipline in the hands of others. Then again, possibly we should carefully review and revise existing rules and policy in order to make the student administration of rules and discipline more realistic.

There are a number of examples which would illustrate the difficulties of responsible self-government on campus. Probably the most striking one concerns the drug policy. This policy was not established by the student government, which means that the students never agreed to it. This was evident last year when students failed to "turn in" fellow-students for possessing illegal drugs on OR off campus. I, for one, have no desire to see this campus become some kind of junkies' paradise; however, as one faculty member put it during a panel discussion several weeks ago, "The drug policy does not make it helpful for us to deal with the problems." During the same faculty-workshop panel discussion, Lou Leake, Dean of Women at Wake Forest University, noted briefly that our drug policy is "a killer". With all due respect to Meredith trustees who agreed on the policy several years ago, I have to say that Meredith's drug policy needs re-definition, if not complete revision.

The SGA needs the intelligent support of every student body member. Without it, this year may be headed toward a repeat of last year when no one attended SGA meetings and the SGA leaders were handicapped to the point of desperation. Only when students care enough to participate in self-government will Meredith operate as a community-oriented institution of higher learning. Non-participation is a student cop-out that may lead back to administration control of total campus life.

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