

THE MEREDITH TWIG COLLEGE



Meredith has lost a loyal ally and friend

The service conducted in his memory provided a simple but meaningful gesture of how much Dr. Luther M. Massey meant to Meredith College. Dr. Massey was a devoted friend of Meredith, who contributed to this institution in many areas.

Dr. Massey was never reluctant to give his time. Serving on the Board of Trustees for over twenty years, he chaired that group for six terms. He never hesitated to represent the college at ceremonial functions and managed almost every week to spend at least one afternoon on Meredith's campus to keep informed.

Massey also exhibited what Dr. Weems called his "love of anything Meredith" through numerous other actions. He maintained communication with all former faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees members, in addition to advocating modernization of the curriculum and the acquisition of additional acres to enhance the campus's beauty.

Perhaps Dr. Massey's greatest contribution to Meredith was his guidance in the construction of the president's house. His involvement in building that residence resulted in its being named in his and his wife's honor.

Luther Massey was indeed a loyal and rare friend to Meredith College over the years, and we quite agree with Dr. Weems in saying, "We will miss you, Dr. Massey."

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Comments neglected; are students slighted?

The faculty evaluations which have recently been released are a step in the right direction, but the information they contain is not being utilized to the fullest extent at present.

Each professor has received his or her own statistical results, but accompanying student comments are not automatically relayed. These comments may be obtained by faculty members upon individual request; lazy or disinterested teachers, however, may allow their students' opinions to remain forever unseen by simply failing to ask for them.

Student opinion is perhaps the most crucial aspect of the faculty evaluations. Students often have keen insight, offering valid criticism and viable suggestions for improvement. Their input can prove invaluable in upgrading teaching methods and redefining course contents and goals.

In light of these facts, every effort should be made by the administration to insure that student comments are viewed by each and every faculty member. We appreciate the good intentions of those who sponsored the faculty evaluations, but we must urge that they be used to maximum advantage. Present policy may easily be construed as either poor judgment or just another slight to the worth of student opinion.

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Letters to the editor

TO THE EDITOR:

Yes, the library should be closed. The librarians have just as much right to attend convocations as the students, faculty and administrative officials. Did you ever consider this? I think not, according to your editorial.

Chapel is not required these days; this requirement was done away with before SGA and Convocation requirements were. In no way, directly or indirectly, is Christianity being forced on anybody. You have the choice to go or not to go to chapel.

Sure, Meredith's purpose is "to develop in its students the Christian attitude toward the whole of life," as stated in the catalog. That was why Meredith College was established, to be a Christian college for women; it was to prepare us spiritually as well as

academically. We put so much emphasis on academic and personal freedom, that we forget about spiritual freedom. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Freedom, spiritually, is a lot more valuable than personal or academic freedom.

At Meredith, we should give a semblance to a spiritual community, not just a physical and academic community.

If, we should continue to let our Christian standards down, well, we will not be any different from a secular college, other than being a small liberal arts college for women.

Beth Fitts

unprepared. Many of these have to do with dating, others with family, roommates, etc.

Wouldn't The Twig be doing a service if it set up a Meredith Ann Landers or Dear Abby column? The wisdom behind the column need not come from one editor, but from a panel, say, of seniors who are experienced in areas still puzzling to those on lesser levels.

I should think such a column (protecting anonymity, of course) would be highly readable to the campus at large, as well as rendering a needed service.

Helen Jones, English Dept.

DEAR EDITOR:

In teaching freshmen, I am often made aware of the various social problems they meet

Editor's note: Comments concerning Mrs. Jones' proposed column would be greatly appreciated.

The West Point Primer

Editor's note: Bob Page attended West Point for two years.

THE WEST POINT PRIMER

By Bob Page

See the map. See West Point. It is in the Hudson Highlands 50 miles north of New York City. A cadet will tell you that it is in the middle of nowhere... which is probably true!

See the cadet. See his clean-cut, all-American look. See the average American college student. The cadet wishes he could be treated like him. That's why he goes to mixers with girls' schools.

The cadet has spent from 1-3 years in an atmosphere of rigid discipline and character building. You and I call it "solitary confinement". Naturally, he has many things he wants to do while he's here... So get ready!

There are many things cadets like to talk about... here are a few:

- you
- beer
- having fun
- not getting caught
- politics
- funny things

These topics will make for an interesting conversation.

On the other hand, there are things he likes which you probably don't:

- football
- other cadets
- other girls
- his stripes

These topics will make for an interesting one-sided conversation.

Still, there are some things he would rather not talk about:

- The Army
- The Army football team
- Plebe year
- what it's like at West Point
- Amnesty

These topics will make for almost no conversation at all.

But don't let this scare you... you probably won't have to worry about saying anything at all!

Remember that the cadets are down here to have a good time and they only want a nice place to relax and unwind a little.

So you should get to know these guys and let them know what "Southern Hospitality" is all about. Give them a reason to wish they didn't have to go back to the "middle of nowhere."