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## Privilege bill defeated

### SGA advocates new dorm card form

Bills concerning a new sign-out procedure and the College Marshal were passed at Friday's SGA meeting while a controversial bill deleting the freshmen evening privileges was defeated.

After probable passage by the Student Life Committee and President Weems, the new sign-out procedure will be in effect next fall. The bill was developed by the Dean of Student's office with the aid of several students.

## Morals are an issue of law and love

People should establish and follow rules of conduct Dr. Roger Crook explained in an evening lecture Thursday, April 14. Dr. Crook, Chairperson of the Religion Department, spoke as Meredith's 1975 Distinguished Faculty Lecture honoree on "Love and Law in Christian Ethics."

Advocating that each person develop an individual set of moral laws, Dr. Crook observed that he felt "more comfortable with the person who knows what his guidelines are, who indeed has deliberately and rationally chosen those guidelines than I do with one who is unable to recognize the principles by which he operates."

He continued that these principles are necessary to define what the Christian moral premise of agape love means in terms of action.

He listed his own rules of life as examples of such principles. His are the following: (1) "The human race is one." Differences between people are "our own creations and are of only secondary importance." (2) "Every individual is of infinite worth." (3) "Material values are secondary to personal values." (4) "Every person has certain basic human rights which must be respected at all times." (5) "Each person has a responsibility for other people;" that of "seeking good of other people." (6) Sometimes one value must be sacrificed to another. At times, Dr. Crook stated, "We must choose between two things which are good" and sometimes "two things, both of which are bad." (7) "Because the universe is orderly, it is often (though not always) possible to anticipate the consequences of a given course of action."

Principles, though, he continued, "are not rules of conduct, they do not speak directly to specific situations." Each situation he said, "is unique, and a decision can be made only as a situation develops. Furthermore, two different

Pending approval by the Student Life Committee and President Weems, the student elected as College Marshal must have served "as a marshal of Meredith College at least one year prior to this election," according to another bill passed Friday.

The new sign-out procedure differs little from the present method. The major change, now that blanket permission (i.e. 1, 2, or 3 permission) is obsolete, is

people may differ in their decisions."

But, Dr. Crook emphasized that "while each situation is unique, there is a regularity or similarity in the patterns of human relationships. On the basis of that regularity or similarity, it is possible to become more specific about what we are or are not to do. We can establish certain rules of conduct."

Crook stressed that "virtually all ethical thinkers 'make love their one absolute' in determining the morality of action. He quoted Fletcher, a situationalist, as stating that "whatever is loving in any particular situation is good."

Though he supports Fletcher's position that love is a foundation of moral behavior, Dr. Crook disagrees with Fletcher in Fletcher's insistence that there are no universal moral rules beyond that of loving.

Dr. Crook defines love as "a deep-seated, unselfish, active regard for the welfare of another person. It is not an emotional response to certain desirable qualities in the other person, but a rational, deliberate acceptance of our responsibilities to and for him. It is not conditioned upon his response to us but is non-reciprocal. It acts in his behalf, regardless of whether he responds with gratitude. Its nature is always to seek a genuine community, and it does not give up even when that community is not attained."

However, he insisted that "our love to man can exist only within the context of our response to God"; this sentiment is derived from I John, "We love, because He first loved us."

Rules of moral conduct, based on love, Dr. Crook noted are "a good guide for day-by-day conduct." He elaborated that with rules "we do not need to try to make every decision in life as if we have never encountered a similar situation." Rather, "one decision can settle the issue."

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that all students will sign out the same way, except first semester freshmen.

Brown envelopes the size of dorm cards and printed in the same manner will be used.

The bill reads, "On the dorm card under 'sign-out', the students writes 'overnight' if she is planning to take an overnight, or her destination if she is planning to return after closing hours or is going outside of a 15-mile radius of Raleigh. If the student is taking an overnight, on the inside of her dorm card she writes the name of the hostess, address and phone number."

A bill which would have eliminated freshmen evening privileges was defeated after much debate.

Christine Glascox, a proponent, said the bill was proposed because she and several other newly elected freshmen hall proctors felt that "incoming freshmen could learn to discipline themselves" without being limited to four evening privileges a week.

Debbie Bass, a freshman representative to Leg Board contends that the limitations are good because a student gets to know the people on her hall and in her dorm, plus develops good study habits.

Rebecca Askew



Dr. Jack Huber and Shearon Roberts were anointed Play Day Duke and Duchess during Thursday's merriment.

## Group explores theme in dance production

"Love Is" denotes the title for this year's Spring Dance Concert, Thursday, May 1 at 7:30 in Jones Auditorium. Dance classes for the spring semester, involving approximately 65 girls, are responsible for choreographing and performing the program which revolves around the theme of love and friendship.

Various phases of love will be explored, including love between people, love for friends across the sea, romantic love, love of country and love of God. Classes have been working on their dance creations since spring break with the help of instructor Fran Stevens. Each dance will consist of 4 or 5 people and it is to be noted that the dance is not the product of one person alone. The group works together as a whole, taking the suggestions from each participant and ironing them out until a satisfactory end has been reached. Students try to incorporate the techniques they have been taught, but they are encouraged not to merely copy these movements as this would prohibit their own individual expression and reaction to the piece. Although this is not the easiest way to construct a concert, Ms. Stevens feels that it is the most beneficial, for the girls are given a chance to utilize their creative imagination.

This program takes the place of the traditional May Day dances that were previously done in honor of the spring's court. No admission will be charged and the public is welcome to view this culmination of a semester's hard work.

Benjie Hestor

## TWIG newsbriefs

### Non-resident elections

The non-resident students met on last Friday, April 11, for their election of officers and for a general social coffee hour. It was well attended by at least 80 of the students and

plans were made for a picnic to be at a date to be announced later by the Activities Committee, Sue Carpenter, chairman.

Rebecca Weems was elected vice-president of the group, and enthusiasm for next year's planned projects and activities was expressed

by all present. We are looking forward to a good upcoming year with all participating and much co-operation.

### Sabbaticals received

Sabbaticals have been granted to two Meredith professors for next semester. The two honorees are Dr. Thomas Parramore of the History Department and Dr. Lois Frazier Chairperson of the Business and Economics Department.

### No proctors

The faculty endorsed unproctored exams at their Saturday faculty meeting. Exams will not be proctored this semester.

### "Law Day"

April 28 is Law Day at Meredith. Gene Boyce will speak to interested students on law that morning at 10 a.m. in the CEA. Boyce was on the legal staff of the Senate "Watergate" Committee.

### Game slated

Meredith is scheduled to compete with Peace College in baseball at 5 o'clock Thursday, April 24.

### TWIG meeting

Will all students interested in working with the 1975-76 TWIG come to the first staff meeting Thursday, April 24th at 5:00 in the TWIG office, second floor Cate Center.

Writers, photographers, cartoonists, and advertising and circulation staff members are all needed.



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