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Pledging Honor

In a ceremony held in the amphitheatre on Friday, the members of the freshman class will take the honor pledge. It is a pledge that every incoming freshman and transfer makes during her first few weeks at Meredith.

The pledge reads:

"I do solemnly pledge my honor that as long as I am a student at Meredith College, I will faithfully uphold the principles of the Honor System and will respect and observe its procedures and requirements. I also pledge my support to our system of self-government, an integral part of our way of life at Meredith College. I promise to help my fellow students by calling to their attention any action or attitude that will jeopardize the Honor System or that will weaken the system of self-government. I make this pledge in view of the pledges of my fellow students thus signifying our mutual trust and our high resolve to keep our honor forever sacred and our self-government forever strong."

It would be worthwhile for every returning upperclassmen to review this pledge at the beginning of every year. The further a student gets from her freshman pledge, it seems, the easier it is for her to forget the heavy implications of the code. Thus, a false alarm on a senior hall about an alcohol search resulted in the swift evacuation of students carrying an assortment of suitcases and brown paper packages.

It becomes easier to forget that having alcohol on campus is an offense to the Honor Code; it becomes even easier to know others who are violating the code without remembering one's own responsibility of approaching that student about her violation.

There are, too, happenings that occur more frequently than they should on the Meredith campus that many people do not realize are honor offenses. For example, until this year it has been easy to walk out of the library with a book without checking it out. When we think only of ourselves and that one lone book in our hands, there does not seem to be any harm in not checking the book out. Yet this action is theft, and it is a major Honor offense.

Another violation that students should stop and consider is that one of asking for help on papers and projects. This is not to say that one can never ask anyone else for any kind of help. The occasional "Does this word sound right?" is acceptable; the pumping of others for ideas with which to develop your paper is not. Neither is having someone proofread your entire English paper for errors.

The honor code is our basic law here at Meredith. It is crucial to the maintaining of the atmosphere of trust which permeates the campus. While in this day and time it is often easy to live for only oneself, we at Meredith must never forget the double burden of personal integrity and responsibility for others that we willingly take on upon enrolling at Meredith.

Let us strive thoughtfully this year in observing the Honor Code that is important not only to the atmosphere at Meredith now, but also to the person we are becoming every day.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am very astonished to read as subjective an article as Mr. Anderson's in the "Twig"! But since it was printed, allow me some comments on its contents:

How does Mr. Anderson think Germany and Japan got to be in ruins anyway: They surely didn't shower bombs on themselves.

Expecting rewards for so-called "good deeds" in foreign policy is total fiddle-dee-dee! Germany and Japan needed and need to be strong economically and foreign policy wise for America to be safe. Bases on German and Japanese soil are an essential part of the Pentagon's defense plans. Thus, what "military aid" does Mr. Anderson want America to be paid for? For their making available to the U.S. their own land?

Speaking of hard cash, Germany's military budget is tremendous, if her size is considered. She pays the most money of any Nato member, other than America, into the Nato budget. Yet, top officer positions are largely dominated by the U.S. and other members of the former allies. Germany's share in that important issue is not at all in accordance with her share in the budget. Are Germans to be led and ordered into war by Americans? "Germans to the front" haunts every German mind, and if privileges don't rise and duties the likelihood of this slogan coming true increases. Especially since everybody knows that the political decisions determining war and peace in cases of emergency are not being made in Tokyo or Bonn but in Washington, D.C.!

May I finally bring to attention that the Federal Bank of Germany bought huge amounts of U.S. dollars to help prevent its rapid decline. Had the U.S. done such thing to protect the Deutsch Mark or the Yen, Mr. Anderson would probably refer to it as a "good deed" to the poor Germans and Japanese. I say that Germany did it in an attempt to keep the world's economy, largely based on the dollar, in balance. Thus she didn't do it to help or to have a security for times of trouble that might lie ahead; she did it to help herself.

This information is available to anybody who looks for facts before writing an article.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Regine Nickel

News Around the Campus

Election Held

An election was recently held and a new vice-president was elected for the Junior class. Kathy Terrill was elected to serve in this position during the coming year.

The special election was held as a result of the resignation of the Junior class president, Bunnie Stadler. Amy Davis, former vice-president, is now serving as Junior class president.

MCA Forum

Whether you're engaged, going steady, or simply dating casually, the question of marriage is one that everyone should devote some thought to. The MCA Forum was planned with this thought in mind.

"Preparation for Marriage: A Christian and Secular Viewpoint" is the title of the upcoming forum. The informal talk will include a look at dating and the various effects of differences in areas like religious background as

well as a look at the engagement period and the question of how important it is.

The discussion will be led by Doug Cole of the Baptist State Convention. The forum will be held September 21, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Cate Center.

Refreshments will be served following the session.

Embezzlement

The Admissions Office has reported the disappearance of some money. It seems that a paper weight, a little larger than a dollar bill and containing five dollar bills within its plastic cast was spirited from Mrs. Frances Thatcher's desk in the front office. While the paper weight, given to Mrs. Thatcher by past workers in the Admissions Office, is rich in personal terms, it has little monetary value. With the exception of the five one dollar bills, the other bills in the paper weight are fakes. Any information concerning this

"embezzlement" should be directed to the Admissions Office.

ATTENTION!

Inside yearbook pictures will be taken this year Monday-Friday September 4-15 from 8 a.m.-12 noon and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Students please sign up on the 1st floor of your dorm and faculty please sign up on 1st floor of Joyner, Hunter and Jones. Pictures will be taken in 122 Jones which is the light studio rather than in 1st Potat as previously stated.

There will be make-ups but not until the middle of January, so please get your pictures taken now. Seniors will be able to get inside pictures taken also if they desire without having to pay another \$2.50 sitting fee.

If you have any questions call me on 834-0137 on 2nd Heilman after 6 p.m. I'm doing my field placement and will not be home until then.

Melinda Merrill
1979 Oak Leaves Editor

"Foul Play" is a fun movie

by Becca Palmer

What do a Pope, a dwarf, an albino, a librarian and a pack of cigarettes have in common? The hit movie "Foul Play," starring Goldie Hawn and Chevy Chase, answers this question.

"Foul Play," showing at the Crabtree Valley Twin, is a movie with something for everyone. From the first scene which involves the murder of the Pope the film entices with suspense. An abrupt scene change to a party may cause some confusion, but it leads to laughter as famed 'fall guy' Chevy Chase makes his appearance. ("Foul Play," by the way, is Chase's first film role.)

Chase plays a detective, and through several 'coincidences' becomes involved in the life and well being of Goldie Hawn, a librarian who looks like the All-American girl-next-door. Typical to the boy-meets-girl, boy-saves-girl theme, Goldie Hawn becomes entangled in the web of intrigue solely by

accident; she picks up a young man stranded by car trouble.

Each subsequent incident may seem unrelated, but they do coalesce to form a plot. Highlights are Goldie Hawn's experience with an orchestra conductor who has somewhat strange "toys," and, of course, the high speed car scene up, down, and over the hilly streets of San Francisco.

The film moves rapidly, spurring the audience from laughter to vicarious fear and back to laughter. The theme may not be new, but new twists are constantly added to complicate the plot. Going into its ninth week, "Foul Play" is simply a fun movie. Go see it for a good thrill and figure out for yourself what a pope, a dwarf, an albino, a librarian and a pack of cigarettes have in common.

Series announced

During this year's opening convocation, students and staff were treated to a processional of faculty donned in academic roles -- a tradition often reserved for such occasions as Founder's Day and graduation. It reminded me that too often we also reserve the corporate remembrance of Meredith's past and evolution for such special occasions.

Therefore, in connection with no special event or tradition, THE TWIG staff would like to introduce a new series of articles on some key men who have shaped the

education and future of many women -- the presidents of Meredith College. Because Mary Lynch Johnson, College Historian, is responsible for the most interesting and readable information on these men, I would like to take this opportunity, before the first article appears, to thank her for allowing THE TWIG to reprint presidential highlights from A History of Meredith College, second edition, and "A Goodly Heritage" which appears in the Alumna Magazine, Fall, 1972.

Renee Keever Davis