

Room-drawing panic approaches

by Ginny Porter
 Rising Sophomores get ready ... Apr. 24 is coming soon, and with it the rigors of the housing drawing for 1979. Fear not, however, class of '82; there is always a slim chance of getting the room you want. After all, Sophomores are not restricted to Faircloth and Brewer residence halls by the administration but only by the juniors, seniors and your own luck. None of the upperclass dormitories are specifically for any one class. The present arrangement is due primarily to tradition, a tradition not

likely to be broken!
 Every student must have formed a suite of four or for two before entering the drawing. Transfer students may not draw until the presently enrolled student have made their selections. Students do not have to have a receipt in order to draw - the business office has a record of who has paid the room deposit by the deadline of Feb. 15.
 Sophomores, your chances for a suite in an air conditioned dormitory can be improved by, talking a junior or senior into rooming with you. But remember, only one

person per suite can draw. It is advisable to make several alternate suite selections.
 For any suites with an irregular arrangement, there is a solution to the housing problem - 4th Brewer. Be at the Office of the Dean of Students Thurs. April 12 at 5:00 p.m. to draw for these suites. Fourth Brewer consists of rooms of two 3-1 suites, a 3-3-2 suite, 2-3 suite and a 4-3 suite.
 According to the upperclassmen, this ordeal can be survived in spite of the confusion and disappointments.

New student leaders chosen

by Anne Earp
 "My only regret is that more girls didn't run. But, I think the ones who did win will do a good job," commented SGA President Cindy Bizzell on the recent election of officers of Meredith's Student Government Association.
 After the first vote and a run-off, the results were Nancy Overton, Judicial Board Chairman; Vicki Migual, Legislative Board Chairman; Teresa Parker

and Susan Sherron, Legislative Board Chairmen; Jane Henderson, Chairman of Student Life; Lynn Dyson, Chairman of Concerts and Lectures; Diane Flowers, MCA Vice President; Janice Patty, MCA Worship Chairman.
 Students also elected Eve Sneed, CCA Vice President; Karen Baker, Non-Resident Vice President; Jill Kibler, Secretary of Interdorm Board; Renee Fowler, Non

Resident Secretary-Treasurer; Nan Davis, Judicial Board Secretary; Jennifer McNair, SGA Executive Committee Secretary; Beth Johnson, SGA Treasurer; Nancy Jo Wilson, MRA Vice President; Sharon Davis and Lisa Sorrels, Sophomore Dorm Presidents; Teresa DeShields, Junior Dorm President; Martha Lewis and Nancy Clendenin, Senior Dorm Presidents.

"My Viewpoint"

Memorization: Is it worth the bother?

by Suzanne Barr
 "Whan that Aprill with his shoures soole..." Ha! That's appropriate. It's April now; the sun is high in the sky and those wonderful tanning rays are burning into the bodies of those girls out on the Meredith beaches. So what am I doing here in my room trying to memorize Chaucer? I could see it if I were an English major or planning to teach or something, but why does a Biology major have to memorize poetry?
 Unfortunately, this is a typical scene found on Meredith's campus, and it is a shame that a potentially enjoyable and worthwhile activity can be so easily misunderstood and ruined. Memorization can be a valuable exercise if one approaches it with a positive attitude. Obviously, in certain courses such as foreign languages a certain amount of memory work is mandatory. The only way to learn vocabulary in a foreign language is to commit it to memory.

clear cut. There are many ways to justify memorizing lines of verse - some are better than others. As Dr. Joan Magat of the English Department has pointed out "to memorize lines in order to impress others is... a self-centered turning of what should be a paean to the skills and genius of the poet to a song of praise for oneself."
 She feels that the best reason for memorizing poetry is purely for love. In addition, to memorize poetry merely to fulfill a course requirement and without any appreciation for the beauty and worth of the work is not only an insult to the poet but also cheats the student of a valuable and enjoyable experience.
 Committing poetry to memory is a valuable exercise simply from an aesthetic point of view. Often, in times of stress or excitement it may be comforting or pleasing to

remember some really excellent words which describe the situation. Having talked with various Meredith alumni, including Mrs. Allred of the Education Department and Dr. Bunn of the Biology Department, I have found that students who have memorized poetry do remember and enjoy it after their college years. Mrs. Allred said that she likes having a poem ready in her mind without having to look it up in a book. She noted further that it is the poetry that she particularly wanted to learn which has remained with her and which still gives her pleasure today.
 I myself have found pleasure in lines that I have memorized. While watching productions of Shakespearean plays, I often have found myself looking forward to lines which I know, and it thrills me to be able to recite them along with the actors.

FRANKLY SPEAKING ...by phil frank



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