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TWIG purposes and functions clarified

Recently, we, the editors of *The TWIG*, have become aware that communication between members of the newspaper staff and members of the student body is not what it should be. In order to alleviate any further criticism or discussion on the exact nature of *TWIG* content, we would like to clarify our views on the function of *The TWIG*.

First of all, *The TWIG* is a newspaper of the students of Meredith College - not just an isolated staff, and serves as Chief communication of student activities and opinion. As an advocate of free press, *The TWIG* maintains a policy of printing student input. Specific contributions of students or faculty do not necessarily reflect opinions of *The TWIG* staff on the student body as a whole. Every student has the right to contribute information or her own opinion to the newspaper without fear of censorship or bias in any form.

Secondly, *The TWIG* serves as a record of school events and is used as a vital source of documentation for the college archives. Without the features and news items included in *The TWIG*, there would be no means of preserving for posterity the weekly happenings in Meredith campus life.

Thirdly, *The TWIG* functions as a newspaper, relaying upcoming events and important announcements for the Meredith community. In order to provide an adequate, updated news service, members of *The TWIG* staff must be kept informed on all items of campus news.

Seeing the need for better communication between *The TWIG* staff and the Meredith community, we, the editors, encourage criticism, suggestions, and general commentary from students and faculty alike. To insure increased input, we offer the following instructions on how to contribute to *The TWIG*:

1. Contact the editor(s) and announce your intentions.
2. Write or type the article, double spaced. (Make a copy for your own record, if necessary.)
3. Send one copy by Friday at 5:00 p.m. (Publication Deadline) to: *TWIG*, P.O. Box 133 or deliver it to one of the editors.

Letter to the Editor

Student angered at the exclusion of day-students

To the editor:

I was outraged to learn a few days ago that the non-residents are not invited to the annual Christmas dinner held on the Meredith campus. Why are the non-residents specifically excluded from this campus event? Being a non-resident myself, I feel very offended. The non-residents pay Meredith College tuition as the residents do; therefore, non-residents are students on this campus and should be included in all campus activities.

I have heard from various people a couple of reasons why the non-residents are excluded from this dinner, but they are weak ones. The first is due to lack of space in the dining hall. I have only been in the dining hall a few times and granted, it is rather small, but why does everyone have to eat at the same time? I transferred my junior year to Meredith from Winthrop College in Rock Hill, S.C. and we had Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, but everyone was included. The serving hours were from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. in order to correct seating problems and to let all students take part in this campus event. Couldn't Meredith do this?

The second reason given to me was that President Weems gives the Christmas dinner to the students. This is an extremely generous gesture by President Weems and I am sincere when I say that, but I cannot understand why this should affect the non-residents being excluded. I doubt seriously that many non-residents would attend the dinner, but it would be nice to have the choice of whether to come or not instead of it being decided for you.

It is not my intent to cause a campus disturbance, but I feel this issue should be considered by the administration and brought to the attention of all students. The resident and non-resident relationship is not a very strong one and this problem of exclusion from the Christmas dinner will not help the situation. Non-residents are often seen as apathetic, but who wouldn't be after problems like this. I hope the non-residents are never excluded from Cate because we'd have nowhere to go then!

Sincerely,
Ruth-Ann Grimes
Non-resident Representative to the MCA

Havana summit of nonaligned nations resolves nothing

by Regine Nickel

It had always been known that the Soviets kept some troops stationed in Cuba, but two weeks ago a Soviet brigade was conveniently "discovered". Senators, congressmen, indeed anybody who felt beckoned to it, poured oil into the fire until the situation escalated into a political and diplomatic beehive. Washington D.C. was humming with rumors and statements; "No Salt II without Soviet withdrawal from Cuba," "A second Cuban crisis," and the like. Yet, it is difficult to imagine this brigade to pose any direct physical threat to the U.S.; as a matter of fact, that is about as likely as a row-boat sinking an aircraft carrier!

Physical Soviet presence in Cuba could have done damage to the Havana summit of the nonaligned nations. It could have been used to sway opinion towards Moscow. Apparently this was not the case. Not that it was necessary; Fidel Castro did not for one moment let anybody forget his deep brotherhood with Moscow.

However much US and European papers criticize Castro's political conduct (*TIME*'s article sounded like cold war propaganda...), mainly his constant and by now really old attacks on the US, there is no doubt that the summit conference and the many famous politicians who showed up in Havana to take part in it added greatly to Castro's prestige, within his and country as well as abroad. He had come a long way, from an American educated college graduate turned revolutionary to somewhat of a statesman figure.

The Havana summit conference showed that the nonaligned movement can be divided into two categories,

broadly spoken. The Moscow-loyal radical faction under the leadership of Cuba's Castro, and the independent faction under the leadership of Tanzania's Julius Nyrere and Yugoslavia's aging Marshall Tito.

Castro uttered the following opinions: the Soviet Union is the natural ally for all nonaligned nations (according to the 'big brother in Moscow' theory); the "Imperialist Yankee US" (Castro) is to blame for most all of the Third World's economic problems; and Egypt is to be condemned for signing the Camp David accords with Israel. (The latter no doubt due to the presence of PLO chief Arafad and King Hussein of Jordan in Havana.)

Julius Nyrere, who was brought up in learned British parliamentary tradition and

has an innate dislike for communist rhetoric, and Marshall Tito argued mainly against the condemnation of Egypt and the "voluntary and joyous" drift towards the Moscow camp. With the former issue they were successful, the latter was not solved decisively.

It is next year's summit in Iraq, another country tending to favour Moscow, which will bring a more definite decision. Whether this decision will be in favour of the true meaning nonaligned is dubious. Tito, the old champion of the cause, is, after all, 87 years old and may not be there. If this argument between the truly independent and the radical nations continue this way, the movement of the nonaligned nations will certainly lose its importance and most likely even break apart.

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The Meadowline Tales

A Weekend With The Parramores or Why I didn't go to the State-Virginia Game.

Actually, I had few qualms about babysitting for the Parramores' two charming daughters. After all, I was being paid to live in a real house, eat real food and sleep in a real bed for two days instead of Faircloth Funny Farm, Belk Betcha-Can't-Guess-What-This-Is and the Sealy positively platform bed. Besides, I view my life at college as out-takes from a beach movie, so babysitting for the ole prof's kids appealed to me. I knew they would be properly impressed with my load of books and philosophical know-how. I am omnipotent - I am in college. (Awk! Awk!) So to the Parramores I went.

Barbara instructed me about the food, car, etc. Shortly thereafter, they left, leaving me with a house, a car, a very friendly sled dog and a neurotic cat. (Never in my life have I seen a cat with such a distant stare. His catnip must be spiked!)

After settling down comfortably to watch "M-A-S-H," Lisa, the oldest Parramore daughter (11) arrived and asked if I'd like to see her new cello. While exploring the depths of her musical talent, Lynn (9) arrived. And thus our weekend began.

We decided on Sadlack's for supper and afterward I took the kiddies by Sigma Pi because they'd never seen a frat house. I don't think they were very impressed, since windows weren't breaking

and half-naked girls weren't running around screaming. I mentioned that the frat was having a party that night. Lisa wanted to go, but I doubted that the Parramores would appreciate my taking them.

The discussion moved to boys. Lynn mentioned one particular boy often, swearing that he was her mortal enemy. Later that weekend, her mortal enemy called her several times! He always hung up when she said hello or when I answered the phone. Lynn feigned irritation.

The episode that stays in my mind most was when Lynn said that Khaki pants sounded "like a real macho." Who could help but love children like that?

NOTE: The preceding article was severely edited by Lisa and Lynn Parramore!



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