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## TWIG plans to encourage election participation

The 1980 election is only a year away. Already newspapers and television broadcasts report plans for presidential primaries, as well as state-wide elections. Candidates, both Republican and Democratic have emerged and are openly campaigning for voter support. In the coming months, we will be made even more aware of both national and state election plans. Yet, how many of us will take an active interest in these political happenings? Will we just sit back and be uninvolved or will we actually participate in the voting process?

Everyone - 18 and over - has the right to vote; still, a surprising small percentage of American citizens, especially women, exercise their right to freely support the candidate of their choice. Will we at Meredith be among those who, through negligence, fail to exercise our constitutional privilege - a privilege hard fought for by millions of woman and first exercised by American women barely sixty years ago? What greater detriment to a democracy than citizens who fail to contribute to a government that they, in effect, are responsible for running. Women, in particular should exercise active political participation, especially since now, as never before, they are increasingly becoming equal to men in their contributions to American society.

In the coming weeks, the TWIG will present viewpoints from Republican and Democratic organizations on the campus election in general, as well as on the specific candidates. Plans are also being made for a mock election to be staged sometime next semester. This "trial" election will provide an opportunity for students to express political interest on a campus level prior to national voting in November '80.

Let's all exercise our right to vote in 1980. We have a responsibility to our country and to ourselves to be informed, discerning citizens, able to carefully evaluate both the candidates themselves and their platforms. Let's make 1980 our year to decide the future rather than have it decided for us.

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## Moral similarities noted in the world's major religions

by Regine Nickel

One of the privileges of having an undefined column in a well-defined paper is the chance to sometimes be different. Today, then, we shall take a break from REALPOLITIK and deal with a different - hopefully greater - reality.

Among the major world religions can be found certain similarities in moral teaching. Even though language, thinking, beliefs - in short culture - differ, the universal grain of truth these teachings contain hint at a common source of origin, which need not be named. Following are excerpts from the teachings of eight major religions. The arrangement is taken from

the November edition of the Christopher News Notes.

**CHRISTIANITY:** All things whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do so to them; for this is the law of the prophets. (Matthew 7:12)

**JUDAISM:** What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellowman. That is the entire Law; all the rest is commentary. (Talmud, Shabbat 31d)

**ISLAM:** No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself. (Shun-nah)

**BUDDHISM:** Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful. (Udana-Varga 5, 18)

**HINDUISM:** This is the sum

of duty: do naught unto others which would cause you pain if done to you. (Mahabharata 5, 1517)

**CONFUCIANISM:** Is there one maxim which ought to be acted upon throughout one's life? Surely it is the maxim of loving-kindness: Do not unto others what you would not have them do unto you. (Analects 15,23)

**TAOISM:** Regard your neighbour's gain as your own gain, and your neighbour's loss as your own loss. (Tai Shang Kan Ying P'ien)

**ZOROASTRIANISM:** That nature alone is good which refrains from doing unto another whatsoever is not good for itself. (Dadisten - i - dinik, 94, 5)

## The Meadowline Tales

by Ann Stringfield

"Nan, where is everyone headed? I saw at least seven girls lugging suitcases and laundry bags towards Johnson Hall."

"Elementary, my dear. They're going home for the weekend," Nan replied.

"On Thursday afternoon?" I asked incredulously.

"Of course. The weekend starts on Thursday. Everyone knows that." Nan gave me a look that clearly expressed her opinion of me as stupid.

"But what about Friday classes?"

"What about them?"

"Well, don't you think it'd be a nice gesture to attend Friday classes? After all, you're paying for an education."

"I am not paying. My parents are."

"Do you really feel that way about it?"

"No, but there's a silent majority here that seems to."

"Silent majority?"

"Yes. We're rather like the fifties around here."

"But doesn't skipping all of your classes one day a week cause problems? Aren't you missing part of your education that way?"

"Most definitely. It causes one to ask the question: 'How intellectual can one be if she simply lives for the day she can escape classes?'"

"And the answer?"

"Not very intellectual at all. It's indicative of the priorities of the individual concerned."

## Attention: Upcoming recitals in Music Dept.

Nov. 8-9, One Act Performances, 8:00 p.m., Jones Rehearsal Hall.

Nov. 17, 3:00 p.m., Rebecca Gribbs, Graduation Piano Recital, Carswell Hall.

Nov. 18, 8:00 p.m., Susan Black, Guest Piano Recital, Carswell Hall.

Meredith Abroad to meet - There will be a meeting of students interested in Meredith Abroad 1980 on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 5:00 p.m. in 103 Joyner. All students are welcome to attend, whether or not they have made a definite commitment.

"And those priorities are manifested here at Meredith?"

"Here and everywhere. I think the phenomenon is generally referred to as apathy. It's all anyone writes about anymore when they're writing about the younger generation. Apathy and more apathy."

"It is indeed a problem, but what's to be done?"

"Beats me. You can't just go up to someone, shake them and scream, 'CARE, YOU APATHETIC DISGRACE TO AMERICAN YOUTH!' because they'll look at you and mildly ask, 'What does apathetic mean?' And their lack of vocabulary is certainly

a statement about their intellectualism."

"So you feel that Meredith lacks an intellectual climate?"

"It's not that we lack it. It's just not cultivated. Goodness knows the professors do the best they can to stimulate intellectual insight, academic interest. But somewhere along the road, someone has failed. Maybe it's society, maybe it's a natural epilogue to the sixties. I don't know, but when a college student says she considers reading a waste of time, it makes one wonder whether we'll have anything at all to contribute to the future generations."

## Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. **Chesapeake**, by James Michener. (Fawcett, \$3.95.) Multi-family saga along Maryland's Eastern Shore: fiction.
2. **The World According to Garp**, by John Irving. (Pocket, \$2.75.) Hilarious adventures of a son of a famous mother.
3. **Wifey**, by Judy Blume. (Pocket, \$2.50.) Housewife's experiences on road to emotional maturity: fiction.
4. **The Far Pavilions**, by M. M. Kaye. (Bantam, \$2.95.) High adventure and love in the Himalayas: fiction.
5. **Pulling Your Own Strings**, by Wayne W. Dyer. (Avon, \$2.75.) How "not" to be victimized by others.
6. **Evergreen**, by Belva Plain. (Dell, \$2.75.) Jewish immigrant woman's climb from poverty on lower Manhattan.
7. **The Amityville Horror**, by Jay Anson. (Bantam, \$2.50.) True story of terror in a house possessed.
8. **Second Generation**, by Howard Fast. (Dell, \$2.75.) Ongoing story of Italian family in "The Immigrants": fiction.
9. **Scruples**, by Judith Krantz. (Warner, \$2.75.) Rags to riches in the fashion world: fiction.
10. **The Women's Room**, by Marilyn French. (Jove/HBJ, \$2.50.) Perspective on women's role in society: fiction.

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## New & Recommended

**King Solomon's Ring**, by Konrad Lorenz. (Harper/Colophon, \$3.95.) Scientific, humorous accounts of animal behavior.

**Robert Kennedy & His Times**, by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. (Ballantine, \$3.50.) Biography and politics of 50's and 60's

**The Snow Leopard**, by Peter Matthiessen. (Bantam, \$2.95.) Spiritual odyssey of a man in search of himself.

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