

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I have had a lengthy letter from Esther and Max Krebs thanking Meredith College for its hospitality while they were here as Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows. They said so many nice things about the students that I wanted to share some quotes with you.

"Altogether, we couldn't help but be impressed by the caliber and enthusiasm of faculty and students alike...the focus of campus life is clearly directed toward preparing young women to be able to cope with a society in which marriage is no longer a career in itself... We were recognized everywhere we went from the very first day and students introduced themselves and conversed with us not just at scheduled events but as we walked around campus, in the dining hall, etc....."

"Altogether I believe we can honestly conclude that our week at Meredith got the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows program off to an auspicious start. The nature of the college and our experience suggest two criteria for future Fellows: 1) husband-wife teams are best suited for this campus, and 2) informality should be keynote."

We are all looking forward to our next visitors, who will come in the spring. As soon as know who they will be, I shall let The Twig and the student body know. Your ideas for activities concerning the next visitors are not only welcome but are solicited.

Cordially,
Sarah M. Lemmon
Woodrow Wilson Coordinator

Dear Regina:

I read with interest your article indicating the essential similarity between the major religions of the world. From this perspective it is in-

teresting to note that Confucius embraced a concept almost identical to the golden rule. "To be able to do to others as we would be done by--this is the true domain of moral virtue."

This essential truth, however, is more than a theological construct, for according to Darwin it is a biological truth as well. In *The Descent of Man* Darwin stated: "...I have so lately endeavoured to show that the social instincts--the prime principle of man's moral constitution--with the aid of active intellectual powers and the effects habit, naturally lead to the golden rule."

I hope you find this interesting and can use this material.

Sincerely yours,
Jack Huber

Dear Editor,

On a recent visit to the campus Library, I was shocked by the lack of assistance from the student librarians. After having trouble with the one copy machine that was working, I approached the circulation desk. One of the assistants was helping a line of girls while the other "assistant" was reclining in a chair reading a magazine.

The problem with the machine was that the paper path was blocked. All that was needed was to clear the path and to put the paper back in place. The one assistant had to ask the only staff librarian on duty how to work the machine. To my dismay, this woman did not know anything about "the machines." Therefore a sign reading out of order was taped on top. Counting myself and three girls waiting behind me, at least five more have come in to use the machine.

This incident may seem trivial, but the point is certainly clear. If these student assistants, and the one adult librarian can not add paper to a copy machine, it seems that the students of Meredith had better begin looking elsewhere if the assistance they require is of any importance!

Mary Beth McKim

Dear Editor,

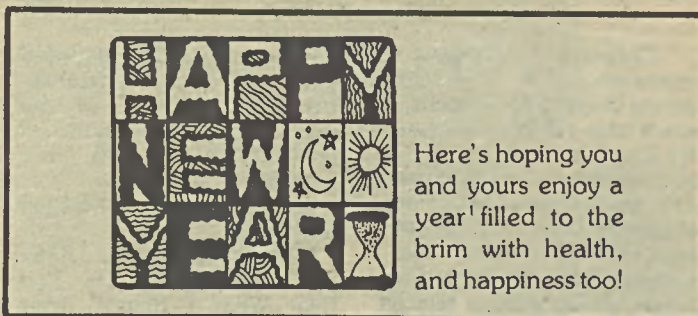
During the discussion about Play Day held in SGA on November 30, we understand that Instructional Committee position about Play Day to be as such:

1) concern that cancelling classes freed students to go to Play Day who then went "hither and yon" (Dean Alan Burris) rather than to Play Day; 2) and, therefore, concern that participation was not adequate to warrant cancellation of classes.

The Committee's representative stated that the faculty have no power to cancel Play Day; they have only the power to decide whether or not to cancel classes.

We also understand that the Instructional Committee was undecided as to what action to take; we realized that they had not at that time reached any decisions about cancellation of classes. Faculty suggestions reported, about cancellation, were:

1) holding Play Day with classes cancelled, as traditionally done; 2) not cancelling classes with Play Day being held anyway; 3) cancelling classes later in the



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day, cutting out fewer classes; and 4) holding Play Day on a Saturday.

We would like to address our thoughts to the above concerns as we understand them; if we are in error in our understanding of them, we wish to be corrected.

First of all, we realize participation in Play Day is not one hundred percent; it may even be under fifty percent. We feel, though, that the issue here is not one of numbers of participants, but of fairness of those participants. Why cancel an activity that these students enjoy just because they are not joined by the majority of their classmates?

If one looked at it from the point of view of majority rule, why should one not do away with all extracurricular activities that do not have a majority of students participating? If one takes this stand, one should cancel chapel, which we are all aware hardly receive a majority of students in attendance, and have 10 o'clock classes.

This leads to the faculty statement they haven't the power to do away with Play Day. As to having the power to

arbitrarily says, "Play Day will not be held," no, they do not have this power.

However, we believe that the faculty realizes that not cancelling classes is a very effective cancellation of Play Day. MRA could not, in good conscience, schedule Play Day when students had to choose between classes and the activity. The members of MRA are responsible students themselves and would never ask their classmates to choose between such alternatives.

In closing, we ask that classes continue to be cancelled in fairness to those who do participate in Play Day. As Play Day has been moved back this year and is being held from three-thirty until seven (instead of the previous two til five) we feel that the faculty suggestion to cancel classes at a later hour is a good one and we support this particular suggestion.

Finally, we feel that Play Day is a good activity and one that should be retained in Meredith's tradition.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Crowell
Jennifer Cottrain
Gerry Stott
Pam Gerace

The Meadowline Tales

by Ann Stringfield
"The Secret Banquet"

Somewhere in the fallout shelter:

"Now that we've all eaten, may I call this meeting to order?" Dr. Parramore asked, pounding his fork.

A hush fell over the gathering. Even the rats toned down, quietly munching Civil Defense food. One rat whispered to the other, "Think this stuff causes cancer?"

"Would you rather eat in the cafeteria?"

The rat considered for a second and then returned to his food.

"Now we all know what we're here for, so let's begin the discussion with Dr. Crook."

"Well, now this is not an ex cathedra utterance, but I feel further debate is useless."

"No, I disagree with you, Dr. Crook. The issue is worth debating but first we must make a study schedule and get our priorities in order," said Dr. Rose.

"I tend to agree," Mrs. Taylor stated. "And I think that regrouping would allow us to see the negative and positive. If we renamed and included things heretofore excluded, we will find a solution."

"Dean Burris, have you any thoughts?"

"Well, no. I can't think without my Oxfords."

"Mr. Packer, the macaroni had an interesting flavor," commented Dr. Browde.

"That was cauliflower."

"You sure you didn't serve my frogs by mistake?" queried Dr. Bunn. "I've been expecting a shipment for two weeks now."

"Well, it won't no Baptist punch. No way. But rejoice and be exceeding glad that no damage was done by the little beasties," said Dr. Cochran.

"May we adjourn now? 'Wild Wild West' comes on in a few minutes," said Dr. Samson.

"You know, James West is obviously representative of every woman's fantasy of being seduced by a fictional secret service agent. The train represents a higher elevation of this manifestation," postulated Mrs. Jones.

"I had a professor at Harvard who wrote his master's thesis on 'The Wild Wild West' and he argued that through this fantasy the woman is actually suppressing her desire to be seduced by the train and/or Ulysses S. Grant," said Dr. Holt.

"I'm for women's lib so they can carry up their own projectors," mumbled Dr. Tucker.

"The show is very educational in a historical sense," said Dr. Grubbs.

"In either case, we must keep the faith," said Dr. Johnson.

"Meeting adjourned."

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We do hereby grant our permission to Miss Ann Stringfield, Esq. to use our names and her perceptions of our personality traits and characteristic expressions in her column, *The Meadowline Tales*, provided she spells our names correctly, and if the column, generally speaking is not obscene! (Do you mean taken as a whole? (contributed by John Holt) Other parts contributed by Donald Samson and Bernard Cochran)

Signed this 14th day of November, 1979.

Bernard H. Cochran
Allen Burris
John Packer
J. B. Holt
Carl E. Johnson
Charles R. Tucker
T. C. Parramore
Helen Jones
Donald C. Samson, Jr.
Clara Bunn
Frank Grubbs

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"So there you have it," I said to my editor.

"This is the real story on Meredith?" he asked.

"Yes, that's it."

"Well, then, I suppose I need to move you to another assignment."

"That would be nice," I agreed.

"How about a weekly commentary on current events, social issues, etc?"

"Sounds good to me."

"Very well. You can go now."

"Goodbye sir, and thank you."

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I sort of hate to say goodbye to old Nan, but I feel that she has served her purpose and should now be retired. Next semester I will begin another column, the format of which I have not yet worked out.

I'd like to thank Tom Parramore after whom I patterned the reporter's editor. Thanks to Debbie Hutchinson who played Bugface and Steve Robinson who played my biology tutor. Thanks to Kristy Beattie for believing in me. And very special thanks to Brevard S. Myers, Jr. alias Khaki pants.

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