

# The Ups and Downs of Meredith

by Cynthia Washington  
Well, I'm finally here, here at Meredith College. I'm all moved in (believe it or not), and I'm not flunking English or Religion yet. Looking back on it all, Meredith is different from what I thought it would be.

For instance, this beautiful campus will fool ya. I'm sure that when you visited here before you didn't know that you have to walk a quarter of a mile from your room to your mailbox, a quarter of a mile from your room to your class, and a quarter of a mile from P.E. to anywhere, and well, you get the picture.

The temperature in North Carolina probably stays pretty much the same all day, unless of course, you're living on Meredith's campus. My room must be about 100

degrees above zero; it's at least 30 degrees below zero in Cate Center, and while I'm dripping with sweat in the freshman dorm, the seniors in Heilman wear sweaters and lie in bed with quilts over them!

Little did I know before I got here that I'd give up my life long friend and companion, my diet, for midnight pizzas and Doritos, and soda and cookies, and whatever else my roommate happens to be munching on.

Yes, Meredith is different from what I thought it would be, but it is still my place for the academic and spiritual growth, the experiences, the friends and fun that will forever affect who I am today. Even in spite of all the little hassles named up above I'm proud to be a Meredith Angel.



GODSPELL cast finished musical number, "We beseech thee, hear us."

## Musicals dominate theater scene

by Shirene Hritzko  
GODSPELL

This summer Charlie Krebs of the Meredith Drama Department undertook a formidable task of producing and directing the musical Godspell in McIver Amphitheater on the Meredith Campus. The production was done mostly by non-professionals whose only goal was to enjoy themselves while entertaining the public.

The production, which drew a total of almost 4,000 on the three night span of performance, was free to the public. The majority of funding was handled by Cooperating Raleigh Colleges, with a starting amount of \$2,500. Godspell was a result of a lot of labor and time for Charlie Krebs, the cast, and those who worked behind the scenes.

The overwhelming success of Godspell was described by Charlie Krebs as

"a dream come true." As an ode to Godspell, Debi Taylor, one of the cast, wrote these final words: "Dreams come true are everlasting monuments proclaiming the joys of man's desires--."

### CAROUSEL

As an exciting academic year begins at Meredith, it triggers the theatrical year on campus also. The director of the theater department, Mrs. Phyllis Thompson Busby, anticipates a great season beginning with Rogers and Hammerstein's musical Carousel.

Auditions for the play will be Tuesday, September 9 and Wednesday, September 10. No experience is necessary -- just an enthusiastic attitude. There are parts for 15 women, 15 men, and several children.

The musical, which includes popular songs as "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "June is Busting Out All Over" will be performed

November 13, 14, and 15. The cost is \$2.00 for students and \$3.50 for the general public.

The main goal of the production is to involve as many areas of the Meredith College departments as possible. Students are encouraged to become involved in the show, each individual determining the amount of time she is able to give.

Another project of the Drama department is to revamp the curriculum in January by adding classes to enlarge and enhance the Meredith theatrical experience.

Also, the drama organization of campus, the Meredith Playhouse is presently planning projects such as a theatrical trip to New York, selling T-shirts for Carousel, and a dinner raffle. The Playhouse, whose president is Dana Warren, is open to everyone with interest.

## NTE Test dates set

Students completing teacher preparation programs and advanced degree candidates in specific fields may take the National Teacher Examinations on any of three different test dates in 1980-81. Educational Testing Service, the nonprofit, educational organization that administers this testing program, said Sept. 2 that the tests will be given November 8, 1980, February 21, 1981, and June 20, 1981, at test centers throughout the United States.

Results of the National Teacher Examinations are considered by many large school districts as one of several factors in the selection of new teachers and used by

several states for the credentialing of teachers or licensing of advanced candidates. Some colleges require all seniors preparing to teach to take the examinations.

On each full day of testing, registrants may take the Common Examinations, which measure their professional preparation and general educational background, and-or an Area Examination that measures their mastery of the subject they expect to teach.

Prospective registrants should contact the school districts in which they seek employment, state agencies in which they seek certification or licensing, their colleges, or the appropriate educational association for advice about which examinations to take and when to take them.

The NTE Bulletin of Information contains a list of test centers and general information about the examinations, as well as a registration form. Copies may be obtained from college placement officers, school personnel departments, or directly from National Teacher Examinations, Box 911, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08541.

## The Acorn seeks student contributions

The Acorn, Meredith's literary magazine, is published two times each year. While keeping a high standard for creative writing, the Acorn also accepts the most outstanding contributions in art and photography. This should be one of the most exciting years in Meredith's history, and her literary magazine shall strive to mirror these times.

Contribute the best of your efforts. Be original: we already have Rod McKuen, Helen Steiner Rice, and cheap greeting cards. Create your art from your own experiences. Give us your best.

All creative writing should be typed and include the writer's name and address. All art will be returned. Place contributions in the drop box on First Joyner by October 10th. The best of these efforts will be recognized in the spring on Awards Day. Studies of acorns and autumn leaves for the autumn edition will be excellent contributions. Please remember that if your material does not appear in this issue, you may resubmit.

Set your standards high. I look forward to working with you this year.

Lisa Sorrels  
Editor, ACORN

## Notes from Career Services

ASPA TO MEET: Tuesday, September 16, 6:00 p.m. - Alumnae House.

On September 16th, the student chapter of ASPA (American Society of Personnel Administrators) will hold their first meeting of the year. All interested Meredith students are invited. Officers will be elected and plans for the year will be presented. Student members of ASPA receive the magazine "The Personnel Administrator," the newsletter "Action" and publications on Fair Employment and OSHA. Meetings planned for the year include "Careers in Personnel," "Federal Laws Affecting Personnel" and "Mock Interviews."

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