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Letter to the editor

New committee erodes student responsibility

Dear Editor:

The changes outlined in the TWIG of Feb. 12 for electing hall proctors are a bad idea that ought to be dropped. By whatever euphemism designated, the new committee, including members of the Student Development Office staff, is a screening group wherein the staff gets a shot at discouraging from candidacy certain of the nominees for hall proctor. It represents an erosion of student responsibility in the process of self-government for Meredith staff to exercise this kind of influence and the student leaders should not have agreed to this concession. No doubt the staff sees the office of hall proctor as a key position, but it is likely that from the student viewpoint other positions such as SGA president, Judicial Board chairman and so on are still

more important. On what grounds should Student Development be denied an influence in the nomination of these other offices once it has established its influence in hall proctor selections? If Student Development has full faith and confidence in the ability of students to govern themselves, let it signify this by removing itself from the nominating process. If not, then perhaps we should dispense with the illusion of self-government altogether and turn that business over to the wiser heads in Student Development. Needless to say, the same objections apply to the new plan of encouraging and permitting faculty nominations for hall proctor.

As matters presently stand, it is difficult to find a phase of student government without the heavy hand of staff and faculty influence in

guiding its deliberation and warping its objectives. Go to a Judi Board or Student Life meeting, for example, and observe the subtle persuasion that can be exercised by the mere presence of staff or faculty personnel. I believe that what student government needs is not more of this kind of thing but a great deal less. Student leaders should not be placed in the position of currying favor or future employment in the exercise of their duties but should be free to reach decisions based purely on the aims and goals of the student body. No doubt it is healthy for staff and faculty to take an interest in student government, but they must be careful to demonstrate that interest in ways that avoid even the appearance of manipulation.

Sincerely,
T.C. Parramore,
Department of History



Seniors angered by guest speaker

The first time we graduating seniors were allowed to wear our robes, Founders' Day was supposed to be, and usually is, a time for reflecting, rejoicing, even crying. So what was the common emotion on the faces and in the voice of the seniors as they left Jones Auditorium Friday morning at 11:30? Happiness or sorrow? No, the most frequent expressions I saw were anger and disbelief, emotions which I myself felt. With all due respect to Dr. Cecil Sherman, I beg the opportunity to disagree with him. I think, at least I hope, that either I totally misunderstood or Dr. Sherman did not clearly explain the points he was trying to make. I THINK that what Dr. Sherman spent the majority of his time saying was that it is not possible to be successful at more than one facet of life, specifically career and family. Now, I find that interesting. Ever since we have been at Meredith, we have been encouraged to find our place in the working world, but it has never been even hinted at that we could not handle a family, too. In fact, in the Marriage and Family class, we are given statistics which prove that working married women are happier than non-working married women. And what about a society in which the men have been juggling careers and families for centuries? Are none of them either happy or successful? Has society been wrong all along?

Dr. Sherman used the example of his cousin, who was successful as a professional accompanist and professor at Julliard but was divorced and had problems with alcohol, as an example of not being able to handle more than one area in life. Is this typical of all people who become really successful at their professions? And what makes a person successful in his career? Is it fame? Money? Or rather satisfaction? Positive influence on other people's lives?

I know that it is possible that Dr. Sherman was trying to give us some tidbits of wisdom and that the points which I have addressed were not the only ones he made. I also know, however, that Dr. Sherman's speech was not very encouraging or accurate. There are women here at Meredith who may choose either family or career, but I think that the majority of us will choose both. Are we doomed to failing at one of them? And can the women who choose either family or career succeed in anything else, such as community or church work, hobbies, or sports?

I personally would have preferred to have been encouraged rather than discouraged by the Founder's Day speaker. True, life will not be all roses, and we will have to face problems, but we might as well leave Meredith with a positive outlook. I for one intend to attempt both family and career, and successfully at that. Good luck to all of you who do the same, despite Dr. Sherman's warnings.

D. B.

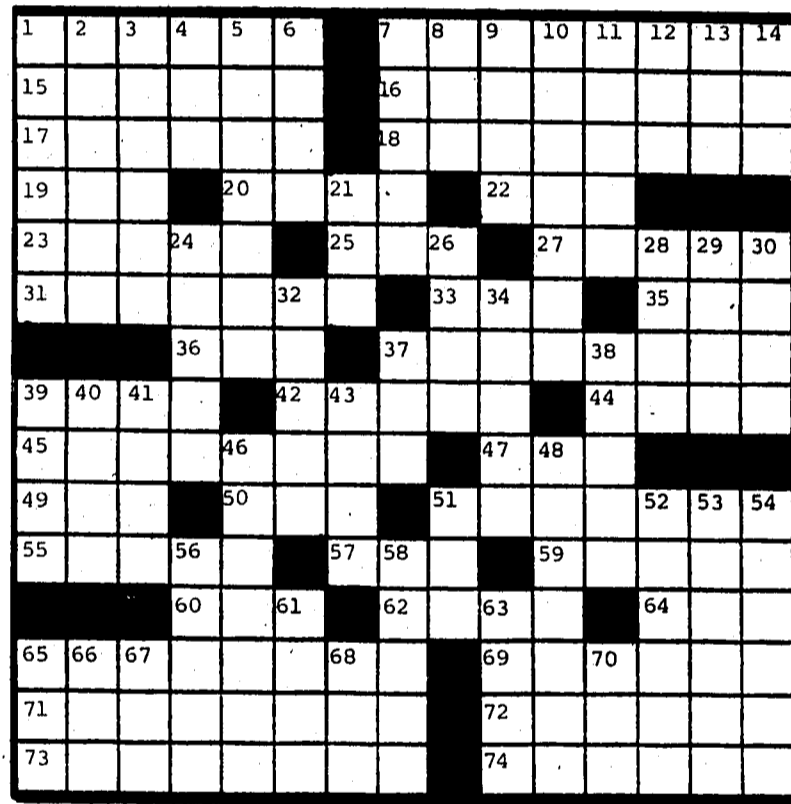
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- 64 Loud noise: abbr.
- 65 Get favorable response
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