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Price of love high on V-Day

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Roses are red,
We know this is true.
But whoever pays for them
must surely feel blue!
It's really sad someone must
feel this way,
Especially on an occasion like
Valentine's Day.

If you think that rhyme is pitiful, wait until you hear this: For your Valentine's Day pleasure - the price of roses can, as much as double itself.

With the exception of one day, one dozen red roses will sell for \$30 to \$35 throughout the course of a year. On this special day, however, a dozen roses will cost anywhere from \$40 to \$60.

For those romantics who are a little more practical, spring bouquets and carnation arrangements are also Valentine's Day favorites. Tulips and daisies, too, are

popular flowers to send to the Valentine of your choice.

Despite the high cost of flowers, zillions of them are delivered on Valentine's Day. In fact, a goodly number of this number is delivered to Meredith women. (Has anyone ever thought of sending some to the switchboard operator?).

Although flowers may seem impractical because they are expensive, short-lived, and unable to match any earth-tone dormroom, not many ladies can resist them. In an informal survey taken in a class of forty Meredith students and one instructor, one hundred percent of the women said that they liked receiving flowers on Valentine's Day. Just the sight of a flower bouquet brings about freshness, beauty, and above all, a visual message of love.



Valentine's Day has always been a popular affair at Meredith, as seen in this 1979 photo.



Four actors who portray many characters in the play "Under Milk Wood" at Meredith are clockwise from top: Michael Neal Patrick, Anna Bess Brown, Isabella Cannon, and Skip Mendler. The performance, part of Meredith performs 82-83, is being held now, February 12, 17, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. in Studio Theatre, lower level, Jones Auditorium on the Meredith campus.

Jury duty taken very seriously at Meredith

As a citizen of the Meredith community, you have certain responsibilities, such as representing the college with dignity, upholding the Honor System, and appearing when summoned for jury duty. Unfortunately, many students do not take this last responsibility seriously, but failing to appear for jury duty is a serious offense.

Before each Judicial Board hearing, 25 students are chosen from a computerized list as prospective jury members; from these 25 students, 12 are chosen as jurors.

If called for jury duty, students must appear. Only in rare cases may a student be excused from jury duty. However, a prospective juror

may be excused if she believes she cannot be objective after hearing the accused's name and the charge.

Again, it is your responsibility to the college appear for jury duty if summoned. For more information, please see page 89 of the 1982-83 Student Handbook.

Special programs offered

Several exchange and special programs are available on campus, according to information from the Student Life Committee.

Committee member Linda Sellers reported at the January 25 meeting that several universities sponsor programs that Meredith students can attend.

American University in Washington, D.C., offers a "Washington Semester" for students who wish to study government, foreign policy, economics, journalism, urban affairs, criminal justice, public administration or arts and humanities.

American University also has a special study abroad program in London.

The Washington Center for Learning Alternatives offers a 35-week internship program that includes lectures and special events. For more information on this program, see the Jan. 31 edition of The Twig.

Drew University in Madison, N.J., offers a London Semester that Kristy Kemm, a Meredith senior, is attending this spring. Drew also has a special United Nations Semester that offers nine semester hours.

"The cost of most of these

programs is slightly higher than a semester at Meredith," Linda reported at the meeting. However, financial aid can apply to these special semesters.

Student Life Committee Chair Joni Parker expressed her concern that many students were unaware of these programs. The Academic Affairs Sub-Committee offered to check into publicizing them.

For more information on any of these special programs, contact Dr. Clyde Frazier, Chairman of the Politics Department.

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