



News and Notes

Did you know that there are 167 older than average undergraduates on campus this fall? From time to time, we'd like to use this column to introduce you to some of these individuals by asking them to share facts and feelings, experiences and perceptions, relating to their return to college. We think you'll agree that they are interesting people, just as you are, and that the mix of older and younger students at Meredith can be stimulating and fun.

Meet Anne Suggs and read her "musings of a perennial transfer."

I don't quite know what to make of Meredith College. But I do know it's different from the other halls of learning I have attended in the area. You see, I've been around, and can tell you stories...Wait! Reroll your eyes and give me a chance to explain what I mean.

I'm no newcomer to college campuses - or anything else for that matter. The fact that I am transferring credits from three major universities should establish my credentials as an expert in sampling colleges. I've had some interesting experience in the process.

Have you, as a student in the classroom setting, ever been told by the professor that

you intimidate her? I have, and was puzzled by the statement. She explained that I reminded her of how she used to feel when her mother "watched" her in dance class. Then, there was another professor who moved her lectern so that she wouldn't have to make eye contact with me during lectures. Her explanation was that I appeared not to believe a word she said. What could I say?

Of course, those are isolated incidents. Professors and students usually react more subtly to class members who are older than the average undergraduate. But, I've caught on quickly. It only took one time for me to realize why the university jocks in my classes welcomed me into study groups so enthusiastically. I thought it was because they liked my motherly qualities, but what they wanted were the results of my labor in the library. And for a long time, I kept score of how many times professors swallowed uncomfortably before they could think of a descriptive term for my sort of student. It seemed so important to them to give me a label.

I don't want to give you the impression that my entire college experience to this point has been unpleasant - quite the contrary. There have been many situations in which neither student nor teacher seemed to notice or be in the least con-

cerned about this "more mature classmate." (That term was used routinely on one campus and was always accompanied by a wide and patronizing smile.) I have been welcomed profusely as well as ignored completely.

The point is, it's different here at Meredith, although, as I said earlier, I haven't decided exactly what is different. But what I have noticed is that none of my professors have hesitated to call my name in the same informal manner they use with other students. Also, they seem to expect no more or less work from me than from my classmates. I think what expresses it best is what one teacher told me the other day - that I didn't count, meaning that I was one of the group; that I fit in. The freshmen open doors for me when my arms are loaded, as they do for each other. People smile in my direction, but hardly ever call me "ma'am." There's a friendliness evident everywhere - during my exploratory interview in the registrar's office, in the snack bar, with teachers, and among students of all ages.

Now, well into the rhythm of daily routine, I'm inclined to believe that friendliness makes the difference. Also, there's more focus on attitudes about learning, and teaching, rather than about individuals. I'm almost convinced that you con-

sider me a serious student and believe that I'm not here out of boredom, just looking to "fulfill myself." You make me feel at ease about taking a few chances. I may even risk a tentative answer to a classroom question or invite you to share my thermos of coffee. We'll see.

ALMOST 7 OF 10 AMERICANS CAN'T AFFORD COLLEGE WITHOUT HELP ANYMORE, A

SURVEY OF "AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD EDUCATION" FINDS.

Almost 8 of 10 believe college costs are rising so fast that they'll be out of the average American's reach, the survey of 1299 adults by a coalition of college groups found.

Huge majorities favored increasing federal student aid programs for needy and middle-income students.

Students accept alcohol laws

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forcing the city's new noise law.

Illinois State students now must get permission from town officials 15 days before holding any outdoor parties. Then they have to have security guards at the parties.

Marquette, Michigan officials passed a tough new noise and litter ordinance designed to control parties on and near the Northern Michigan University campus.

"We're seeing a real turnaround in the way alcohol is being viewed not only by administrators, but by students themselves," says Gerardo Gonzalez, president of BACHUS, a national group aimed at controlling student drinking.

"More and more schools are integrating new policies to limit drinking, and show that

alcohol doesn't have to be an inherent part of college life," he reports.

The control efforts began in earnest on many campuses during the 1982-83 academic year, and have accelerated since as more states raise their legal drinking ages and more college towns are emboldened to try to control student noise.

Roughly half the states now have drinking ages set at 21, compared to 20 states a year ago. Several others "21 states" have also closed loopholes that allowed 18-year-olds to drink wine and beer.

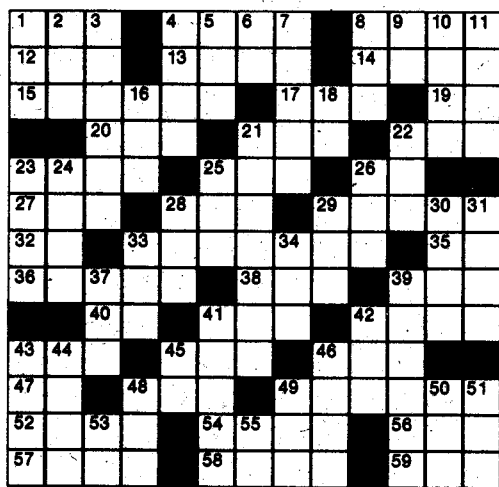
Arizona and Ohio are currently considering raising their legal drinking ages to 21, Bingaman says.


Bingaman remains op-
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**PREREGISTRATION FOR SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS**

The 1984 spring semester schedule of classes and registration instructions have been distributed to students and faculty in anticipation of preregistration which begins on November 9 and continues through December 14. Advising conferences have already begun for upperclassmen so any students who have not obtained these materials should pick them up either in Room 120 or at the Switchboard in Johnson Hall.