

FEATURES

More than an English teacher

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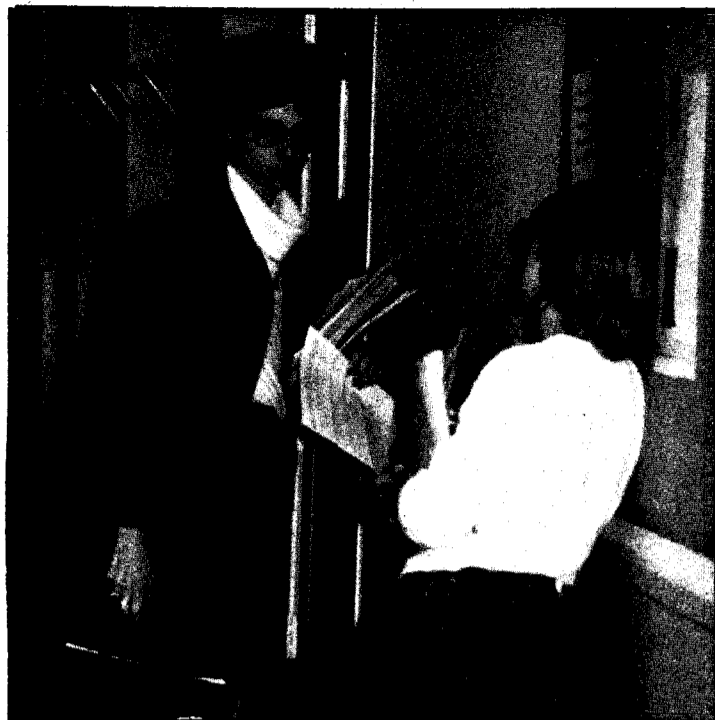
Dr. Betty Brewer, chairman of the Meredith English department, is more than a faculty member; she is a vital part of the Meredith community. A 1967 graduate of Meredith, Dr. Brewer began teaching here in 1972 and became head of the department in 1981. During that time she has been on the Academic Council and the newly formed Writing Across the Curriculum, while serving as advisor for all English majors, as well.

Dr. Brewer received her master's degree at North Carolina State University and her PhD at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Since that time she has lived in Raleigh with her husband, John. They have a 17 year old son, Allen, and a 24 year old foster daughter, Mishelle. Together they have spent several

summers traveling in England and Ireland. With Irish Literature being her specialty, Dr. Brewer worked in various Irish libraries during her stays.

The Raleigh community is of great interest to Dr. Brewer. She is on the Board of Directors of the Raleigh Consort (an early Renaissance music group), is a member of the North Carolina Coalition Against the Death Penalty, of Amnesty International, and of the Pullen Baptist Church. During her free time she enjoys exercising and running, as well as grading papers.

Meredith to Dr. Brewer is a special place. She feels that Meredith students on a whole are excited and serious about life and she is eager to help them in their endeavors.



Dr. Betty Brewer

CATCH-ALL

Dear Nosy,

I have quite a dilemma to pose to you. My boyfriend and I have been dating for 6 months. We are very much in love, but I think he is demanding too much of me right now. He wants to physically express his love to me. Nosy, I'm just so confused, I just can't deal with it. I was brought up in a strict Catholic home and premarital sex is nonexistent in our house. Please advise me; I love him so much I don't want to lose him.

Sincerely,
Angel in distress

Dear Angel,

If you're going to lose him because you won't have sex with him, he's not worth keeping. If he really loves you, he'll respect you and your opinion of right and wrong. If his pressuring you is making you uncomfortable, you need to find someone whom you are comfortable with. Slow down and consider what this is doing to you and evaluate your beliefs.

Dear Nosy,

After hours of trying to work out a touchy problem, I have decided to write you for suggestions. I have a very close friend whom I am very fond of. Lately, she has been going out a lot and neglecting her studies. She has been making a habit of staying out late and then sleeping in in the mornings. Since we have several classes together, she has found it convenient to "borrow" my homework. I find it very unfair for me to put forth an effort to do my work and even give up some of my social life just to keep up with my studies. To top it all off, I saw her cheat on a quiz the other day. I have mixed emotions on the subject and do not know how to handle

it. I am afraid that if I confront her with the problem or turn her in for cheating, it will ruin our friendship. Please help me. I am fed up and confused.

A studious student

Dear Studious student,

I'm afraid your friendship is already going downhill. You're right, the situation is unfair and it's hard to tell a friend that you saw her cheating; but I think you should tell her that it bothers you and that you can't let her borrow your homework anymore. Please remember that you are helping both of you by doing this.

Dear Nosy,

I've noticed that my roommate has been eating my food without my permission. It disturbs me having these feelings of resentment towards her but the problem only seems to be growing. At first I would notice my favorite snacks missing when I returned from class. Now she openly joins me in helping me eat my food. She has even gone so far as to give me suggestions as to what I should buy when I go to the store. Of course no money has been offered to help pay these expenses. I think she could be a nice person but I don't know how much longer I can take these inconsiderate acts. Nosy, please help!

Hiding my food in Vann

Dear Hiding my food in Vann,

There is very little you can do to actually stop her from eating your food but you can tell her that this is really bothering you. Make sure she knows exactly how you feel about it. Then tell her that if she wants to help you buy some food then she is more than welcome to it. She can't read your mind, so you must tell her how you feel.

College Republicans Meeting

DATE: Sept. 26 (Wednesday)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: 104 Joyner Reception
SUBJECT: SPEAKER: Hunt Broyhill
Reagan-Bush Youth Co-ordinator

Phi report

Enthusiasm is mounting as the Phi's make plans for an active year. Our first meeting was on September 17, and at the next meeting will be held October 1st. We will discuss, in more detail, the project

requirements (i.e., Pals for Palsy) and our fundraiser. Please be there!

Robin Reid,
Phi Reporter

CAREER NOTES

Study abroad

German for Foreigners in Salzburg and Vienna, Austria. Intensive courses conducted during the academic year and during the summer; students will spend full time in German language study.

Examinations are offered at the end of each level of instruction. Contact International Education, Study Abroad Programs, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

Scholarships

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SCHOLARSHIPS IN LAW

\$10,000 will be paid to each Patrick Wilson Scholar the first year. Subject to satisfactory performance, a similar sum will be paid each of the remaining two years of the legal education program, thus giving each scholarship a value of \$30,000.

Applicants for the scholarships should be in all respects superior. Qualities of conscientiousness, dependability, awareness, courage, and high moral standards are considered along with academic achievement as evidences of leadership potential. Applications available in Career Services office.

CONFUSED, CONSERVATIVE

Sex on campus

Aside from being generally in favor of it, what do college students think about sex? Two recent studies at Rutgers U. and the U. of Maryland indicate the dust has settled from the sexual revolution.

While students attitudes have become more liberal in many areas, such as homosexuality and abortion, other attitudes, like those toward monogamy and contraception, remain moderate to conservative. Sexual behavior among college students doesn't seem much different from that in the general population.

The Rutgers study, conducted by psychotherapist Pat Murphy and sociologist Ann Parelius, found that less than half the male population was sexually active, and only 70 percent reported having had intercourse within the last year. Fewer Rutgers women reported occasional intercourse (67 percent), but more (50 percent) described themselves as sexually active than did the males.

A large percentage of both groups said they were sexually monogamous (83 percent males; 90 percent females).

Fear of herpes and AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) has made 27 percent of the males and 29 percent of the females change their sexual practice. Still, medically diagnosed venereal disease appeared in 13 percent of the female population and 14 percent of the males. The Maryland study, which compared student attitudes in 1973 and 1983, found that

awareness of where to go for information on campus about V.D., contraception and abortion, has dropped from 91 percent ten years ago to 75 percent today.

At Rutgers only 35 percent of the sexually active students said they had an adequate contraceptive method that they always used. While most students said using contraception eased their minds, 35 percent of the males said they would be "disappointed" if their partner used a diaphragm, and 25 percent said they would be "turned off." Twenty-seven percent of the women showed a similar attitude, saying they would be turned off if their partner wore a condom. Interestingly, unwanted pregnancies were reported by both sexes in roughly the same percentages as venereal disease.

The major findings at Maryland were that more students engage in premarital sex now than in 1973. Attitudes toward abortion have become more liberal, and fewer students feel homosexuals need psychological treatment. However, more students in 1983 said they would keep their homosexuality secret than in 1973.

The study also turned up an increasingly conservative attitude toward what's acceptable sexual behavior for women. The belief that women should have sex only with partners with whom they're involved emotionally has increased from 42 percent to 52 percent in ten years.

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