

# 125th Anniversary Edition

## Remember When...

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An excerpt from "I Wonder..." by Page Sink on November 15, 1957: "Thirty years from now – 1987, and Meredith College will still be, well, Meredith College! With a few minor changes, of course, let us project our minds to the future and think seriously about Meredith College of 1987.

Perhaps by that time we'll have our new science building – and a new gym, new dorms, a new cafeteria, a highway through the stables, and, yes, even a lack of a rotunda. Hmmm – let us not wander too far. Anyhow, we'll have a science building – and probably 1,500 students to use these modern facilities. And perhaps we'll have some really drastic changes – like another contemporary course in English literature, or maybe socks in Cameron Village.

But some things will never change. They'll still have fried chicken on Sunday and eight-thirty classes. Our daughters will fuss about chapel; our sons will fuss about 'those idiot slips girls have to sign' [to leave campus]. Dot will play her radio and make delicious coffee. And we'll all sigh, and remember, and say, 'This younger generation isn't so bad after all.'

Can we all just take a moment to appreciate that Meredith women in 1987 could have been our own

mothers? Therefore, now in 2016 – 89 years later, we'd be in the granddaughter class of Ms. Page Sink: Or would we be grand-sisters? Who knows?

Anyhow, she was right about a couple of things. Our enrollment has gradually increased over the years, and we do have several English literature courses to choose from, including British, American, African-American, post-colonial, young adult, and much more. Under former President Heilman (1966-1971), Meredith College completed a three-year fundraising campaign for six new additional buildings, including Carlyle Campbell Library, Cate Student Center, Weatherspoon Gym, both Heilman and Brewer residence halls, and also the Massey House (which is where our very own President Jo Allen currently resides).

Our current science building, which is one of our youngest additions to our campus, was built in 2003, and it includes a beautiful rotunda that was actually designed by former Meredith students. We still walk the same brick steps that lead up to the dining hall, which has received substantial renovations over the years, and going to chapel isn't quite a necessity anymore. In fact, it's not mandatory at all. Also, we definitely have more

freedom than our Meredith sisters who came before us. We don't have to sign any slips when we leave campus, and we don't have limitations on where we are allowed to go or with whom.

In thirty years, maybe our very own daughters will be walking these same halls here at Meredith College (My future daughter isn't going to have a choice, but I'll try to be hypothetical here.). In 2046, I have no doubt that "Meredith College will still be, well, Meredith College!" We aren't going anywhere.

However, there will be changes. By 2046, maybe Meredith will finally be done with the turf renovations and actually take those signs out of the ground. We will also have the renovated Johnson Hall, and other buildings on campus will undoubtedly receive renovations of their own before and during this time as well. Hopefully the library will be expanded, and maybe our academic buildings may actually get their temperatures at a consistent level. Oh, and the gym – the gym ought to be expanded, too, and I can vouch for current students that an outdoor pool behind the Oaks apartments wouldn't be a bother. New majors and degrees may be added to our curriculum, like engineering, and perhaps we'll find a way to move graduation back onto

Meredith grounds. Our daughters will be horrified when we listen and sing along to the trap music on throwback radio stations on the way to drop them off here at Meredith their freshmen year, and they'll think that we are too old-school for our own good. But that's okay – they'll get it one day.

In thirty years, our sisterhood will still be bonded, and the students will eagerly listen as we tell them stories about our time here in Wonderland. More than likely, the Meredith women will still love their Wolfpack boys, and they'll still choose to dress comfortably for class. The women will still stay up during the fall semester to rehearse for Cornhuskin' and, in the spring semester, the daisy chains will still be made in honor of the senior class. The bats may still come to visit Heilman Hall, and the bonfire pit will surely be the home to many more memories to come. Western Avenue will probably still be the destination for the late-night munchies, and the Cate Center will most likely remain as the best location for school events.

In thirty years, we will relive our Meredith years vicariously through our daughters, and we will phone our girlfriends with our "Remember When's." Meredith will always be a part of us, and we'll always be a part of her.

## Women of MC: Three Generations in One Family

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"When I graduated from Meredith College in 1968, I knew I was part of a rich heritage. What I didn't know was Casey, my daughter, would also choose Meredith for her undergraduate studies. When Leslie graduates on May 7, the heritage will become richer as three generations strong, we celebrate our Meredith College experiences together."

– Ruth Overman Bass, Class of 1968

"While at Meredith, I found myself surrounded by women who pushed me, challenged me, supported me, and made me more than I ever believed I

could be. I count it a true blessing to know that the two women who mean the most to me share this same legacy."

– Casey Bass, Class of 1989

"One of the coolest things about MC is that, while we each made the Meredith experience our own, we were all surrounded by faculty, staff, and other students that pushed us to be the best versions of ourselves. We each took a different path, but we will forever share the bond this place and its people have given us."

– Leslie Bunch, Class of 2016



## Test Your Meredith College Knowledge!

1) Which of these individuals created the design on the Meredith seal?

- A. Norma Rose
- B. Ida Poteat
- C. Carlyle Campbell
- D. Jo Allen

2) What was Palio?

- A. a student organization that promoted the arts
- B. a medieval festival inspired by an Italian celebration
- C. a dance trend popular in the 1950's
- D. a kind of diet

3) Which of the following did not write a history of the College?

- A. Suzanne Britt
- B. Mary Lynch Johnson
- C. Oliver Larkin Stringfield
- D. A and C

4) Which activity was never part of Cornhuskin'?

- A. Limbo dancing
- B. Donut catching
- C. Cow milking
- D. Chicken calling

5) What kind of flower has a variety named after the college?

- A. Daisy
- B. Iris
- C. Rhododendron
- D. None of the above

6) In addition to President Jo Allen, how many alumnae teach and work at the college?

- A. Fewer than 20
- B. 20-28
- C. 38-50
- D. More than 70

7) Which Nobel Prize laureates have visited the college?

- A. Former President Jimmy Carter
- B. Holocaust survivor Elie Weisel
- C. Kenyan Activist Wangari Matthai
- D. B and C
- E. All of the above

8) What happens "whan that Aprile with his shoures soote, The droght of March hath perced to the roote"?

- A. Students go on spring break
- B. Pilgrims head to Canterbury
- C. The lake floods
- D. A storytelling contest is held on campus

9) The Meredith Herald was once called –

- A. The Angel Times
- B. The Twig
- C. The Angel Herald
- D. The Weekly Branch

1-B, 2-B, 3-C, 4-A, 5-B, 6-D, 7-E, 8-B, 9-B

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