

### 1950s vs 1982

This section featured in the 1982 Oak Leaves compares student life at Meredith in the early 1980s to student life in the 1950s. Other sections in the 1982 Oak Leaves, showing what student and campus life were like at Meredith, include changes at Meredith since the 1950s, building construction over the past three decades, popular hangouts, and entertainment. To view the complete 1982 Oak Leaves or learn more about student life during the early 80s click on the links below or visit the [College Archives](#).



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## Life at Meredith

Life at Meredith has changed in many ways, but many things have remained the same. The closeness of Meredith students has remained constant through the years. Louise Stephens Upchurch '54, mother of Connie Upchurch '82, described Meredith during her years as "one big family." Meredith students felt loyalty during the fifties as we do now. During the fifties there were room checks once or twice a week. Lights had to be out by 11:00 every night. Unlike today's angels who have televisions and radios to use in their spare time, in the fifties many students played cards in their

spare time. Carolyn Compton '57, mother of Nancy Compton '84, remembers that, "Saturdays were usually days for cleaning the room" and washing clothes like today. Many students enjoyed "fixing up their rooms" as Gwendolyn Farmer '46, mother of Michelle Farmer '83, remembers. Panty raids by State boys and fire drills gave some excitement. One rule that isn't in effect today is the no smoking rule in the residence halls. Occasionally this rule was broken by Meredith angels in the fifties.

**WASHING CLOTHES.** Doing laundry on Saturdays is a must if a Meredith angel wants clean clothes.



**TALKING ON THE PHONE.** While reading a magazine and listening to the stereo, Linda Sellers talks on the phone.



**TAKING A BREAK.** Frances Mundy and Pauline Thompson spend their free time cross-stitching and watching their favorite soap.

**RELAXING.** Susan Fetzer, Tina Durham, and Lon Teachey take a break from studying to test taste Lon's cookies.

