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This is the first issue of the Salemite for 1926 and we want to wish everybody a happy and prosperous New Year. After an absence of several weeks, we greet you, and welcome you back to Salem for the second term. We hope that it will be successful and pleasant and that 1926 will be the best possible year for everybody at Salem.

While we are discussing this subject, the topic of New Year's resolutions thrusts itself upon us. It may be a beloved tradition, but this is our first editorial appearance since 1925 and we feel forced to make a few remarks about resolutions. In the first place, they are better never made at all than made and not kept. In the second place, there is no reason why the first day of January should be a better day to make good resolutions than the sixteenth; so if you have not made any yet, look over these and if you find any useful ones, adopt them. Budget your time. Do not waste minutes when minutes make hours and examinations are near. Be systematic. Take some exercise. Do not let a little snow keep you huddled over a radiator all day. Don't be afraid of cold weather. Don't knock your school. It's a good school, and anyway, boosting is better than knocking. Work hard but don't cram.

With these last suggestive words looms up the subject of examinations, which should not be, but often is, a dreadful nightmare. The reason for its dreadfulness in the first place, is that one has not worked during the term; if this is true, now is the time to begin. Don't wait till the night before to study. The second reason is that what one does try to study, the habit has been lost and the habit of dawdling, of wasting time, of procrastination has been formed. Drop this habit. Plunge into study without unnecessary preliminaries and examinations will lose much of their terror.

Always at this time of year the unpleasant subject of cheating is brought up and we wish to give a warning against any possibility of cheating or appearance of cheating. Carelessness is as much a cause of this error as anything else. If everyone will keep her papers covered or face down, and everyone will consider the littleness and meanness of cheating, there will be none and the almost certain unhappy results will be avoided.

Perhaps the Christmas spirit lingers on after Christmas is over; perhaps some other reason may account for the fact that an unusual amount of disturbance is evident in the dormitories at hours when quiet is supposed to prevail. At any rate, the fact exists, and exists without excuse. Every student is a member of the Student Self-Government Association and is on her honor to uphold the standards and keep the rules of this organization. Cooperation is impossible when noise and confusion are going on just outside one's door, and now is the time when almost everybody wants to concentrate. Those who do not should remember that others do, and show proper consideration for them.

## Open Forum

Simultaneously with the thought of examinations comes the thought of honor. To the majority of students, there is no question whatsoever as to which course they will take at the examination room. To a few students, in whom there is an inclination toward dishonor, examination week will prove a strenuous one for their honor, their character and their reputation.

There is absolutely nothing more detrimental to the character or conscience of an individual than the act of cheating. It has occurred at every college; sometimes the act has been discovered by those in authority, sometimes it has been unnoticed save by a few. There was no profit in the act, nothing gained. The student was branded as a cheat secretly by those who witnessed it.

A student's honor is trusted; she is given a fair and just chance, until she betrays the trust, and nothing—no regret, no dismissal can erase the memory of it. The cheat is fair neither to herself nor to others. She literally steals. She shows no respect for the work of her classmates. She is unfair, unjust, unkind. She is to be avoided, to be shunned. She cannot be trusted in any matter of importance; she is not worthy of holding a class or collegiate position; she is not capable of being trusted with funds; she is a thief—and is named thus by her classmates.

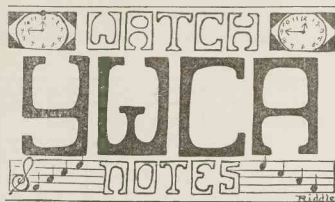
To take an examination, and by cheating to pass it, by no means erases the deed. The examination may be conquered, it is true, but the dishonest act will mark the guilty one, will gnaw at her conscience, will ruin her reputation.

Cheating may be a means of passing an examination, but the mark received is not worth the ink with which it was written. If there was no knowledge of the subject to be written down, the course was failed before the examination, and the mark amounts to nothing.

The situation rests with each individual. A student who is as far from being dishonest as the north is from the south may unknowingly encourage or stimulate another student to cheat and thereby stimulate another to do the same.

Among the contributions of Salem's many students, there has been nothing more outstanding than honor. Honor has pervaded the campus and the classroom since the college was

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The Y. W. C. A. wishes to thank every girl for what she contributed to the toys that were sent to the Children's Home at Christmas time. One of the large barrels in the dining room was full, and the second one was almost so. Through these gifts Santa Claus certainly visited those children and the "Y" appreciates the co-operation of every girl who helped.

At the first meeting of the new year Dr. Rondthaler gave some ideas indicative to serious thinking. He spoke of the privilege at the end of the year of being able to stop, turn around, and to see the magnificent view." But this is not the only privilege which a new year offers, for there is the opportunity to look around in the present a little; and then, above all, to look into the road that lies ahead and to see its possibilities. After this challenge for the new year will the road of '26 be left rough,

rocky, and the soil uncertain, or will it be firm, successful, and a help rather than a hindrance to all whom it may concern?

The "Y" wishes to state that if Rachel Davis is not able to return and must resign her position, another president will have to be elected. This election is in charge of the Cabinet, and will, of course, necessitate the appointment of a new member to the Cabinet. Nothing will be done concerning this matter; however, until Miss Davis has definitely resigned her position. The "Y" hopes that no changes will be necessary, and that the president will soon be back in her place.

As to the next few programs: During examination week the social department of the Y. W. serves tea every afternoon. This is helpful mentally, physically, and socially. For February 5th, a program led by Mrs. Harry

Long has been planned. Mrs. Long has been associated with the Y work in Poland, and is well able to give some very interesting information concerning the work there before and after the war. Another program on "Citizenship" and one on "From College to Home" have been planned. Definite arrangements have not been made for further programs, however, and the committee will be glad for any new ideas.

Let the "Y" be a help, and help the "Y" by coming to the meetings and offering suggestions.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

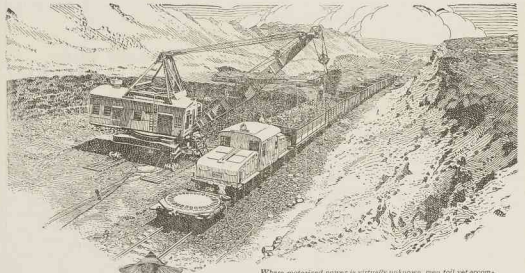
All students please notice the following excerpt from the catalogue: "Absences incurred at the last meeting of a course preceding or first meeting following a holiday or recess shall be counted double."

## Two Girls Do Not

### Return to Salem

Penelope Cannon and Sylvia Lawrence did not return to Salem after Christmas holidays. The former is at Holton Arms, Washington, and Miss Lawrence is piano accompanist to her sister in New York.

"I feel myself sliding," said the trombone.



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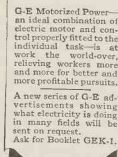
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