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**EXAM EXEMPTION.**

A proposition for the exemption of seniors from their second semester finals has been made. This proposition is, of course, limited by certain specific conditions. The general plan is that seniors be exempted from final examinations on those subjects in which they average ninety or over. This places the condition high enough to prevent any student who does not work from being exempt, and it is yet low enough for every senior, through hard work and earnest application to be exempt on one or more subjects.

There are at least two advantages to be gained if this ruling is passed by the faculty. First, through the efforts of the individual student the already commendable academic standing of the senior class will be improved. It is generally conceded that knowledge gained through thorough, daily application is much more lasting and valuable than that temporary information gained by cramming and last-minute boring. With the possibility of exemption as an incentive each student will do better daily work. Why not, then, allow this privilege to the whole student body? Grades are not infallible, and in order that a teacher may estimate the standing of a student with a fair degree of accuracy, she must know that student. By the time the faculty has observed the work and attitude of a girl from her freshman to her senior year, they are in a position to judge her.

The second obvious advantage is that the demands on the time and energy of the senior, which are almost unreasonably numerous during the spring, may be lessened.

This question has been thoroughly discussed in meetings of the President's Forum, and the attitude of both student body and faculty seems to be most favorable. Discussion and arguments both pro and con, are invited.

How many and what type of clubs do we have at Salem College? This is a very pertinent question. Through student clubs we can trace the trend of student thought. Such organizations are called into being by the voluntary and spontaneous interest of the students, and therefore stand, as nothing else could, as an interpretation of their attitudes and interests.

It is with great pride that we mention our History, French, Home Economics, and MacDowell Clubs. Each is most active in its own particular sphere, and all are doing much to advance student thought and the progress of the college.

In these clubs student initiative is the compelling force, and student opinion is the guide. The aim of these organizations is purely social, being the collective co-operation for enlightenment and progress in some particular subject that is of interest to the whole group. This is the procedure that modern educators are seeking to introduce into the classroom, and that will doubtless, some day be accepted as the best teaching method.

The following members of the

faculty are tendered a vote of thanks by the student body for their active interest in initiating and maintaining our various clubs: Mr. Heath and Miss Biddison of the History Club; Misses Leftwich and Green and Mrs. Meinung, of the Home Economics Club; Misses Hall and Smith, of the French Club; Miss Duncan, president, Dean H. A. Shirley, honorary president, Mrs. Rondthaler, Dean Stipe, Miss Forman, Miss Birrell, and Mr. Higgins, of the MacDowell Club.

**ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF FRENCH CLUB**

**Valentine Note Emphasized.**

On Monday afternoon, the members of the French Club enjoyed a social hour in the living room of Alice Clewell Building. French songs were sung and several interesting games and contests were held. The feature of the afternoon was the writing of original French Valentine verses on little red hearts. The hearts were exchanged and the verses read aloud. Many of them were quite pretty and cleverly written.

Announcement was made of the program for the next meeting which will be on Monday afternoon, the twenty-sixth of February, the hour to be announced later. At that time a native French woman, who is at present living in Greensboro, will talk on the girlhood and education of French women. This will be quite an interesting meeting, it is felt; and all students and faculty, as well as members of the club, are cordially invited to attend.

**THE WALKING CLUB.**

On Saturday afternoon a larger group of girls than usual gathered on the back porch preparatory for the customary walk. Though they found it muddy in some places underfoot, it was beautiful overhead, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed going through West End, the residential section of town, and on out through Ardmore, beyond the new Baptist hospital.

**OFFICE OPEN AT 9 O'CLOCK.**

All girls will please note that the office does not open until 9 o'clock a.m. No business can be transacted before this hour.

LOST—Brown woolen sport coat belt; has buckle which is light tan in color. Ruth Reeves.

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