

Sports Rambling

Oh! what a situation! We're caught like helpless animals between Christmas vacation, exams, basketball, and here comes a snow! After an exhilarating snowballing, the cruel facts of term papers and the semester's closing horrors rise up en masse to tribulate a poor scholar's mind, body, and soul—from which there seems no respite.

But what has this to do in a sports column? It's the "respite" that puts it here. Webster says respite is "temporary intermission of labor", and following the steps of reasoning, we find that exam study is a Salemite's labor.

Now to get the real point—a good suggestion for the break in study periods that everyone needs and usually makes is a game of ping-pong or badminton or even a brisk walk out-of-doors. This is, Salemites, to be preferred to "slinging cards in the 'smokehouse,'" and even a person with "kitty-brain" sense knows it!

In order to help us through the gruelling two weeks ahead, Miss Anerill urges that we make good use of the gym for recreation, and she offers that anyone who wants access to the gym after hours only needs to see her, and she will gladly oblige.

If you don't feel inclined towards ping-pong or badminton, practice basketball just for fun. Although basketball does not officially begin until exams are over you may play in the afternoons. And as heretofore, the students plan to challenge the faculty to a showdown on the hardwood!

(Now here is the conclusion that ought to be a transcribed recording.) For the temporary intermission that refreshes the person from his laborious and dulling studies, there could be nothing more beneficial than exercise to tone up the listless body, to clear out the stoggy mind, and to soothe the troubled soul! (It had to be good).

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church service, when 800 voices join in the Navy Hymn; about the jokes and traditions that already are a part of life at the school.

Near the end of the course, the big excitement was the prospect of orders, which might keep one at Northampton as an instructor, might send one to Banana River, or might direct one's path to a Wave's dream—a Naval Air Station. The eight of us who survived from room T-250 were scattered from Florida to California, and all have very interesting duties.

I am still in Massachusetts, for two months' training in Communications at Mount Holyoke College. The school here is much smaller than the Midshipmen's School at Northampton, and life is a bit more leisurely. There are SPARS and Marines here, too, and the comparison of the services and uniforms makes good conversation fodder.

Florence ("Floss") Harris was in class ahead of me at Hamp and I was the first to salute her after she was commissioned, thereby winning the dollar that is awarded on such occasions. But Floss and I decided that the dollar was to be long to Salem, to be passed on to other Salemites. Louise Bralower got the dollar from me, and I hope that she found another Salemite to receive it.

I could say a great deal about what being in the Navy means to me way deep inside, but suffice it to say that I'm glad to be where I am right now.

And, also, I'm glad to have those four years at Salem in the background. For those Salemites who are in the Navy will agree that we are as well prepared as those graduated from the largest colleges and universities, and in addition, we have something that only Salem can give.

Sincerely,
Leila Davidson Johnston
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Several letters were received by the War Activities Council and the Home Economics Club from boys in Wards 6 and 14 at B. T. C. No. 10 in Greensboro thanking Salem College for the gifts, favors, etc., sent them at Christmas. Among the items sent were books, magazines, jigsaw puzzles, favors, placecards, and a crate of citrus fruit. All these gifts seemed to have been greatly appreciated by the boys and the Red Cross staff at the hospital. Personal thanks were also extended by the Red Cross assistant field director stationed at the hospital.

To quote from one of the letters: "It makes us happy to know that we were not forgotten during the holiday season. It contributed immensely toward our happiness." This letter was from three boys in the orthopedic ward, where patients spend from 6 weeks to 6 months.

The War Activities Council takes this opportunity to thank the student organizations who made it possible by their contributions to send these gifts.

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Two films, "The Nervous System" and "The Endocrine Glands", were shown Wednesday afternoon in the Old Chapel. The films, produced by the Erpi Classroom Films, Inc., were shown by Dr. McEwen. Member of his psychology classes and visitors attended.

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