WHERE ARE WE HEADING?

If you have heard of the Sophomore Testing Program—and who has not; if you have been initiated into the mysteries of G. R. E.'s -you wise old seniors; if you know of the testing programs for would-be students; or if you have merely scanned the smart new managementations and the smart new managementations and the smart new managementations and the smart new managementations are sent new managementations. catalogue, you have undoubtedly become aware of the academic momentum that Salem College has for some time been acquiring. Salem is responding magnificently to the great responsibility which lies upon all women's colleges, the responsibility of keeping alive the tradition of the liberal arts and of seeing that total war does not even for a brief interval interrupt the advancement of learning nor widen the "cultural lag."

The Graduate Record Examination for seniors, administered this year for the third time is giving to individual students an opportunity to learn, through standardized and scholarly means, whether or not the heritage of the liberal arts has been truly absorbed or acquired. Seniors may be awakened to great gaps of knowledge or abysses of ignorance which somehow have persisted through the past four years. But now rather than later each senior can know wherein lies her academic weakness or her strength-and can act accordingly. Within a short time each member of the sophomore class will receive a profile record of the progress which she has so far made toward the goal of liberal education and the intelligent, appreciative, and competent citizenship which such an education offers. Those who are freshmen or juniors may anticipate a testing program in the year which follows, and this anticipation may carry with it diligent and persistent efforts toward a goal of sound scholarship.

But where are we heading with this increasing awareness and testing of individual accomplishment or lack of accomplishment? Already has Salem College received highest accreditatiion from such groups as The Association of American Colleges, The Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the National Conference of Church-Related Colleges, and the North Carolina College Conference. The work of the School of Music receives full recogition from the National Association of Schools of Music. The course in medical technology has the approval of the American Medical Association, and the work in dietetics is approved by the American Dietetics Association. It is not possible for Salem College to become a member of the Association of American Universities (known generally as A. A. U.) The active membership of this organization is designed only for those institutions which are universities in the full sense of the word, and which at present includes thirty-three members. It is now the desire of Salem to receive from the A. A. U. formal recognition as an approved college, recognition that is dependent upon adequate endowment, broadened library facilities, and a superior student body. Through the present endowment campaign and through the continuing increase of library acquisitions, progress toward the goal is no longer tinged with doubt. At the same time the technicality that now bans membership in the American Association of University Women may then be removed. It is true, of course, that Salem College has held A. A. U. W. membership since 1931. However, in the summer of 1939, all colleges whose A. A. U. W. membership did not begin as early as 1930 were automatically banned unless the particular institution was at that moment on the list of the A. A. U. By the space of eleven months, Salem was affected by the new ruling.

Since 1939 Salem College has moved steadily toward higher academic goals. The grading system, the policies for admission, and other details of academic procedure are consistently carrying Salem forward. The Honor Society, perhaps an embryo Phi Beta Kappa. marks notable development although it must be known that conversion into a national society always requires some several years. Qualified Students who have received degrees from Salem College have for many years entered leading graduate schools, as well as professional schools. It is hoped that in increasing numbers the graduates of Salem will hold Fellowships, Scholarships, and other graduate awards. The heritage of civilization must today be upheld and maintained by women students who have had the privileges of a liberal education.

Where are we heading? The answer lies in the development of the potentialities of each individual. Through the liberal arts program of a college whose ideal has always been the Christian education of young women, the students of Salem College may lead Salem and themselves to the best that the world may offer in time of war and in time of peace.

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Don't Quote Me....But---

We have been back in the old grind so long that it does not seem in the least fitting to even bring up the subject of them alas-all-toofew-holidays . . . anyway we utterly abhore going back to pick up loose ands-so . . . Forward . . . hup . . . hup . . .

We have now heard all . . . definitely the last word . . . you are bound to have heard of the inebriating process that took place helping us with our problems, and even with in the Chemistry Lab . . . you couldn't have missed it . . . but for our school work. We will all miss Miss Rankin's those of you who are slow on the up-take, it was like this . . . the quiet, efficient presence. whole class was asked ("You do this or we shall meet again in the fall!") to go through the noteworthy experience of eating a stomach pump . . . after 'doing so, it was thought best, by authorities, to drink an altoholic beverage (water & 1/10% alcohol) for digestive purposes. One poor child was given a glass of the enticing liquid, and she obediently gulped it down. In a short time she, and her companions, became aware of the fact that it was too highly chargedthe opposite proportions. It was at least white of them to let her out of lab . . . the last we saw of her, she was down by the brook giving lessons to the birds on "How to Fly . . . High"

We can go no furthur without mention of Edward Weeks ... without any doubt or hesitation we can say that, to us at least, sandwiches every now and then, and you've he was the most refreshing and delightfully spontaneous speaker we have had the pleasure of hearing this year-absolutely no exceptions ... wasn't it perfetly lovely having someone who didn't have to make that 9:35 train to New York? . . . and a more gracious soul has yet to set foot on our fair campus . . . what we especially like about him is his clean, strong wit . . . and then there were those high-pitched bursts of laughter at his own jokes . . . and his choice and variety of words . . . it seems such a long time 'till next year when he will be back . . . Love that man! (when we say, "'til next year" we have merely prognosticated a bit)

Let's don't even mention the G. R. E's. . . .

Have you noticed the square? The next time you walk through the arch, took up . . . it's the beautifullest part of the year right now, while the leaves are still a soft baby green and make lacy patterns on the walk . . . makes us think of May Day . . . golly, that's the nicest day in the whole year . . . to be sure . . .

It has been a gruelling day-what "gruelling" means, we'll never SUBSCRIPTION PRICE - \$2. A YEAR - 10c A COPY know-but that's exactly what it's been . . . a gruelling day . . what with missing busses and strolling into classes a half hour later than usual . . . ugg . . . By the way, if any kind soul knows where Behmont-on-the-continent is, please, won't you let us know? Dear "Shagspere" . . . Dear, dear Dr. Willoughby . . .

'Tis true . . . "sleep knits up the raveled sleeve of care" . . well, we don't know about that "sleep" business, but we sure feel like that "raveled sleeve of care" . . . yawn . . . hummmmmm . . "To sleep . . . perchance to dream . . . that is the question."

Apuntes Espanoles

RAROS PERSONAJES

"No sabemos lo que haga el senor senor William Saroyan ahora mismo, pero si tiene dificultad en encontrar personajes para sus dramas recientemente en los periodicos hay algunos muy buenos. Algunos son: la Senorita Winifred Moore de Hattiesburg, Mississippi, la que puede leer la musica Brialle con los pies cuando toca el piano con las manos; el empadronador en Watchung, New Jersey, el que termino su Katherine Schwalbe, Nancy Stone, Virtie Stroup, trabajo y desaparecio de la vista mortal, llevando consigo informes; Margaret Styers, Helen Thomas, Normie Tomlin, Bartambien el Obispo Raimundo de Ovies, decano de la Catedral Episcopal de San Felipe, en Atlanta, el que enseno sus clases de Biblia dibujando personas comicas, probando que la Familia Santa no es diferente de "Baby Dumpling" y "Daisy," el perro. Ademas hay el estudiante de la Universidad de la Carolina del Norte, el que disparo cinco tiros a su novia, errandola, pero matando a dos senores quienes estaban en pie, y un momento despues, dijo que esperaba que esta accion no impidiese que fuese redactor de la revista de humor colegial "

From "Talk of the Town," New Yorker, August 3, 1940, p. 9.

Backing the Attack!

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Rankin was with us only one semester, but as she unassumingly fitted herself into Salem's routine, we felt as if she were one of us. During her short stay here, she made many friends because of her sweet, understanding person - always there to help and sympathize with us when we needed her.

She was especially helpful and encouraging to the freshmen, who were newcomers as she was. She did all she could for the students-

SALUTE TO MISS STOCKTON

We salute you, Miss Stockton! You probably didn't hear those ooohs and aaahs omitted as we entered the refectory last Sunday night. But those spreads, that ham and cheese, those plates filled with sliced tomatoes ready to be made into sandwiches were as delightful as delicious.

Somehow, we still like to concoct our own certainly given us a glorious opportunity. We appreciate the cooperation of the kitchen staff in complying with the Salemite editorial, and we want you to know that we now look forward with pleasure to Sunday night suppers. In fact, they're even giving stiff competition to the Toddle House! Thank you, Miss Stockton, and your staff!

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