

# Rain And Rush Week Come To Davidson Frosh

By Jean Calhoun

Davidson College freshmen were heard to say after the Lenoir-Rhyne game last Saturday that "all rainy weather and no football victory makes Jack a sad freshman." Reason? Twenty-five minutes before the game a typical Davidson monsoon soaked ball field and anxious spectator alike, and as the kickoff whistle sputtered with water, every Davidson freshman was discovered in his seat saturated with this heavenly dew. Before the end of the game, though some ardent fans, we must admit, were known to have retreated to dryer ground, the freshmen remained, rather dampened in spirit by the 21-7 score, and soaked to the skin by the football weather. Reason? Davidson freshmen must remain through the entire game, come high water. Things took on a brighter cast, however, as they thought of Rush Week and the October 6 Citadel game.

### Invitations Issued

From the East Carolina College campus were issued approximately 2,000 invitations for Homecoming Day, October 6, to graduates by the Alumni Association. Dorms are expected to bloom into colorful garb of paper mache and shiny tinfoil. A parade, preceding the anticipated Elon-East Carolina football clash, will be composed of floats and enthusiastic boosters. Other plans include a luncheon for alumni and students and an informal dance in the evening.

From the University of North Carolina campus come words of success of the Greater University Day, last Saturday. Once each year the gentlemen from the Hill open their hearts and their arms to their sisters from W. C., and are more than tolerate toward their brothers from State. The day is sponsored by the Greater University Student Council and its purpose is to further relations and co-ordination in student activities among the three schools. About 960 girls were brought to the Carolina campus in 25 buses. Following the game, during which the W. C. girls struggled to cheer an equal number of cheers for each brother team, the visiting ladies were treated to a reception at the Graham Memorial. The ladies met suave gentlemen and some not quite so suave and were ushered, preceded and followed by them to a dance in Wollen Gymnasium. The W. C. girls were greatly outnumbered, but despite this handicap, they managed to enjoy themselves.

### Leisure Utilized

From two college campuses combined come reports of two students, each having found a different way to spend his spare time. Duke proudly points to William Styson, who graduated from Duke and incidentally also attended Davidson College. This young man has had his newest novel, "Lie Down In Darkness", described as "comparable to the publication in 1929 of Thomas Wolfe's "Look Homeward, Angel" Reports come from State of a student who went joy riding to kill his extra time. His only complaint was that before he was "taken in" a patrolman clocked his average speed as 95 m.p.h.

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# Student Finds Making Decisions A Problem

By Eleanor McGregor

One of the big problems which faces us as college students is developing enough independence to break away from home and make decisions for ourselves. Although we are at school for months at a time, our parents still feel that they should be allowed to dictate all of our significant decisions. So we don't know whether to rebel and run the risk of hurting them, or to go on as always, complacently accepting their decisions and losing the chance of ever becoming independent personalities.

Most of us have been over-protected. Our mothers have been along when we bought clothes to pass on our selection; our fathers have always decided for us whether we should take the trip to New York or save the money for something more "sensible;" and we have simply asked whether we should go on with science or take the English course that sounds so interesting. Whatever the question, our answers invariably come back with answers that seem logical and that satisfy us for the time.

But now we're confused. We're away from home, and this is the opportunity to start living our own lives. The trouble is, we can't decide what kind of life it is that we want. We're so accustomed to having everything decided for us that now it is hard to make up our minds about anything. We tried thinking through a couple of things on our own, and it turned out that they were all wrong. Then, after months, or even years, of thought, we went home Christmas and told Mom and Dad just what we thought we wanted to do with our future. But when they looked at us with that she'll-get-over-it-she's-still-young smile, we began to lose all confidence in our potential abilities ever to become independent. "Of course you must make up your own mind," they said, "but—"

So there we are. Our parents

are older and more experienced, we think, and it will probably happen that they were right all the time. Then, too, if we do what we want, we run the risk of hurting their feelings or causing a family upset. The easy way out is just to do what they say. At least if it goes wrong, we don't have to accept the blame for it.

But the easy way out is also the coward's way out. Just as it has always been simpler to follow the crowd when other questions are at stake, so is it easier to do what others think in regard to our lives. It takes a lot of courage to say, "I appreciate your advice, but still I think this is right for me." Our parents may have ideas about our lives, but the world has changed a bit since the time they were our age. It's hard for them to realize, for instance, that there are other things for a "nice" young girl to do besides teach school.

We have to choose between being a puppet and a person. We can't expect to please everybody—if we tried that, we would become nothing but compromisers with no minds of our own. We have to decide first what is best for us—not selfishly, but intelligently—and then follow our choice.

# Little Theater Plans Six Plays

The Little Theater plans to sponsor six major productions, three by their own group and three by the Barter Theatre Players.

The first of these plays, Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice, will be presented Oct. 1 at 8:00 p.m. in Reynolds Auditorium. Season tickets are now on sale to all Salem students.

The other productions will be Light Up the Sky, The Vinegar Tree, Candida, Mrs. Moonlight and The Voice of the Turtle.

# Lectures Series Tickets To Be Distributed

Tickets for the Lecture Series will be distributed in the reception room of Clewell Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m.

The Lecture Committee is composed of representatives from the faculty, the student body and the city. The faculty group includes: Miss Jess Byrd, Miss Lelia Graham Marsh, Miss Edith Kirkland, Mrs. Kate Pyron, Mr. Warren F. Spencer, Miss Catherine Nicholson and Miss May McMillan from the Academy.

Student members are: Jane Watson, Jean Patton, Faye Lee, Lu Long Ogburn, Fay Fuller, Freda Siler, Eleanor McGregor and Cicely Darr from the Academy.

City representatives selected to serve on the committee are: Mrs. Emil Shaffner and Mrs. Burton Craige.

The committee met last year a short time before vacation began to discuss possible lecturers. After a tentative slate of speakers had been chosen, Miss Byrd made the arrangements.

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# Honor Chapel Next Thursday

Next Thursday's chapel program has been designated to stress Salem's honor system. Margaret Thomas, president of the student body, will explain details of the system, and everyone will be given an opportunity to sign the honor pledge.

Newly-elected treasurer of Student Government, Carmen Johnston; house presidents, Mary Lou Bridgers, Jean Moye, Ann Hobbs and Daisy Chonis, and a representative to the Student Council from the senior class will be installed.

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