

# Norris Symphony Hall

By Elizabeth Norris

Editor's note: This is a freshman English paper which has been entered in the Freshman essay contest.

"Get away from there! It's my time!—Mama!"

All day long these words echo through the house—simply because someone wants to use the piano.

Can you imagine a home where five kids take piano — with one piano on which to practice? That's the situation at our house. From three o'clock until late at night it sounds like an asylum for mad musicians.

When my six year old sister tries to practice, twelve year old Frankie politely walks up, helps her from the piano with a slight heave (Did I say slight?), and takes over. Along come my ten year old twin sisters, Bonnie and Christine, who persist in making annoying noises at Frankie until he gets up to make them stop.

Then Connie sneaks behind him and takes a firm stand at the piano while he isn't looking. That makes Christine mad because she didn't take advantage of the situation first.

About that time I walk in and politely ask to use the piano. Of course Connie isn't going to give it up after her long struggle. I'm not in much of a hurry — I just have a date in an hour and haven't even taken a bath—so I won't insist on using it.

But after I've dislocated a few of her joints and she's yanked out a handful of my hair, I secure the piano while she runs crying to Mama. Mama fusses with me for picking on smaller children—She's right, but I did want to be able to tell my music teacher that I had

practiced that week.

Supper time—the rest hour of the day—but afterwards! It sounds like an orchestra tuning up before a concert. Dad plays clarinet, and my aunt plays the violin. The rest of us start banging on the piano, and Mother slowly goes insane.

This goes on until around nine o'clock. With nothing accomplished, each of us then plods up the stairs to our rooms—all but Dad. He loves to try to play the piano. About twelve o'clock, just as I'm drifting off to sleep, the last sounds that reach my ears are the haunting strains of a Chopin Waltz—which he can't play.

## '52-'53 Budget Is Distributed

The Student Budget for 1952-'53 was distributed at the meeting of the Finance Board last Tuesday. The amount of the budget collected so far is \$5,799.10.

The amounts received by the various organizations is as follows:

Senior Class	\$ 58.50
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Lecture Series	720.90
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Pierrettes	197.64
Men Students	12.15

This does not include the budget for the ex-servicemen studying under the G. I. Bill. Theirs will be paid by the government later during the year.

# Freshmen Beat Upperclassmen

The underclassmen of Salem defeated the upperclassmen on the hockey field this week.

On Monday the freshmen met the seniors in the first clash of the year. At the end of the first half neither team had scored, but in the second half the freshmen began to move and scored one goal. After this, the senior defense held their opponents and the final score was 1-0.

The sophomores met the juniors on Tuesday in a continuation of a bitter rivalry established last year. The game was carried by the sophomores who were victorious by a score of 4-1.

The seniors won their first game on Wednesday when they defeated the juniors by a score of 1-0. The game displayed an even defense except for the one goal made by the seniors.

The hockey tournament will be continued next week when the victors of this week meet each other.

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Mrs. Heidbreder further states the policy of the college which requires that accident insurance be taken out by each rider. Students may check at Mrs. Heidbreder's office to see whether they have college policies.

## Council Will Meet

Three college conferences will be held in Winston-Salem next week. The North Carolina Council of Church Related Colleges will meet at Salem on Thursday; the North Carolina Association of Collegiate Registrars and Directors of Admission will meet at the Robert E. Lee Hotel on Thursday; and the North Carolina College Conference will convene at the Robert E. Lee Hotel on Thursday and Friday.

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