

Around The Square

By Martha Ann Kennedy

Weird costumes and ears were everywhere this week. It was all in observance of a quaint and time-honored Salem ritual — RAT WEEK! In working the freshmen over well enough to produce proper humiliation, the sophs declare they very nearly killed themselves.

Tuesday night the Rat Group put on a very entertaining program for the vicious Sours. Particularly good were the imitations by M. C. Nyra Boyd, the waist-pincher parody of the Alma Mater, and Rosemary Laney's shivery singing.

Wednesday night's Rat Court was twice as terrifying—what with that limousine entrance — and mortifying as last year's, because the dreaded gentlemen audience (mostly WF) really was there, not just threatened as in years past.

The "Nursery Rhymes" theme may have seemed just kid stuff to the rats at first, but I hear Peter Piper had quite a rough time.

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The new little Jacobowsky, Salem

faculty's latest addition, and his mother, Mrs. Eugene Jacobowsky, are home now and getting along fine. The father has evidently assumed his share of parental responsibility, too.

One of my grapevines said that Papa Jake besieged the kindly nurse at Baptist with frantic inquiries, and she spent several hours drawing large charts for him. Title of charts: How To Put Diaper on Baby.

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Visitors to South this week were somewhat startled when they glanced into the living room and saw Juniors lying on the floor, heads on large pieces of art paper and Ann Fordham holding a lamp aloft. Well, they were just having their profiles struck by Mademoiselle Potts, who has spent each night drawing the members of the class and Housemother Mrs. Lovitt.

Homework has been neglected, as everyone has sat around admiring the portraits (and stealing a few more fascinated glances at his

own). Everyone is invited to drop in the gallery and view the "objets d'art."

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The 1956 World Series ended Wednesday afternoon amid Salemite screams of pleasure and of agony. The pennant-winning Yanks may not have been your favorite team, but I think everyone will have to admit the perfect game (first in 34 years) pitched by Don Larsen Friday was pretty thrilling.

The Winston-Salem Journal gave it pages one and two. It's a pity that the owners of those classroom portables won't have an excuse to bring them any more, though.

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The Saturday night TV audience in the Student Center was predominantly female. No, I'm not mentioning any names — but the Ford Star salute to Cole Porter was great.

George Chakiris and Gordon MacRae looked handsome — even thru the ping pong balls that kept bouncing through the Salemite audience. As a matter of fact, Cole Porter looked good Saturday night.

You are living in the most exciting time in the history of the world. The twentieth century is far more radical than the Renaissance was. And we here in America go on living in the nineteenth century way of thinking.

Dr. Michael Lewis

Students Like Davidson, U.N.C. For Blind Weekend

Carolina and Davidson ranked tops in the poll taken this week by the Salemite. Students were asked: "If a friend you trusted volunteered to arrange a blind date for you during a big week-end (Homecoming, etc.) at any school in the state, which would you choose?"

Carolina got 113 total votes and Davidson received 92 votes. Freshmen voted 37 for Carolina and 38

for Davidson. Among the upper-classmen Carolina came out ahead with 76 votes while Davidson had 54 votes.

Duke came out third in the total count with 48 votes. Fifth was Forst ranked fourth in the five listed colleges with a total of 33 votes. 25 votes were from upper-classmen and 8 votes were from freshmen.

Other colleges mentioned by the students as their favorites were: University of Virginia, Guilford, The Citadel, Atlantic Christian, Washington and Lee, Catawba, Bowman Gray, Georgia Tech and Princeton.



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