



## Babcock Dorm and New Faces Highlight Orientation Week



Recreation Area In Babcock Dorm, Scene of the I. R. S. Combo Party

### Salemites Impress New Faculty

After walking through the new classrooms in Main Hall, I found myself on third floor. I was completely exhausted when I passed Mr. Wilmer Sanders in the hall. He invited me to stop by his office. After the preliminaries were over we talked for a long time.

Incidentally Mr. Sanders is the new language professor. He is teaching Freshman French and German. He is also teaching Intermediate German and a German Literature course.

Mr. Sanders is a native of Lyons, a small town in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sanders attended Kansas University and Muhlanberg College. While in the Army he became interested in the German language thus, he attended the University of Marburg in Germany and the University of Basle in Switzerland. He has also studied at the University of Vienna.

Mr. Sanders did his graduate work at Indiana University. And he is completing his work there for his Doctorate in German.

Before coming to Salem this year, Mr. Sanders taught for three years at Wake Forest College.

Being curious, I asked Mr. Sanders why he came to Salem and what impressed him most about Salem. He said that he came to Salem because he would be teaching both French and German. He also likes this section of the country and wanted to continue living here after he left Wake Forest.

The first impression Mr. Sanders had of Salem was the friendliness of the girls. He also mentioned the reception he received from the students. He likes the way girls introduce themselves to him and the ease with which he can talk with the students. And Mr. Sanders was especially impressed by

the close contact between the students and the faculty.

By the way girls—Mr. Sanders is not married.

As I left Mr. Sander's office I ran into another new face—Mr. J. Carl Meigs. Since I was not ready to climb down the steps from third floor yet, I went into Mr. Meigs' office for a short chat.

Mr. Meigs is new in the English Department. He is teaching Freshman and Sophomore English.

A native of Badin, North Carolina, Mr. Meigs attended Wake Forest College. For his graduate work, Mr. Meigs went to Tulane University where he is completing his Doctorate work. Prior to coming to Salem, Mr. Meigs taught at Tulane.

I decided to ask Mr. Meigs why he came to Salem. He came here because he is from North Carolina and he thought Salem was a nice school. Also, he wanted to teach in a small school where he would have small classes which he believes promotes better teaching.

Mr. Meigs is very pleased with Salem. He did say that it was quite a shock to walk in a classroom and see only girls. He is used to seeing only boys at Tulane.

Mr. Meigs is married and he has a three year old son.

When I left Mr. Meigs' office it was time for my appointment with Miss Inzer Byers, the new history professor. I found Miss Byers' office on the second floor of Main Hall.

After our discussion of Radcliffe and the merits of graduate school, I asked her why she came to Salem. She said she came here because of Salem's reputation and because of its excellent academic rating in and out of North Carolina. She also wanted to teach in a small college and in a woman's college.

Miss Byers lives in Greensboro. She is originally from Durham and she has lived in Massachusetts for ten years.

Miss Byers attended Randolph-Macon College for Women where she did her undergraduate work. She did her graduate work at Radcliffe where she received her Doctorate.

One of the first impressions Miss Byers had of Salem was the well-organized procedure for school opening. She liked the Orientation Week program for the new students and thinks it was very successful.

Miss Byers is teaching American history, American government, Russian history, and Western Civilization.

Mr. Denton, the new professor in the Sociology-Economics department, has an office next door to Miss Byers. I stopped by his office to say hello.

I learned that Mr. Denton is originally from Oklahoma.

He attended Oklahoma A & M for his undergraduate work. Mr. Denton did his graduate work at the University of North Carolina. And he is completing work on his Doctorate this year.

In 1951-1953 Mr. Denton was a member of a research group from the University of North Carolina. This research program was in the Hydrogen Bomb area in Aiken, South Carolina. His problem was one concerned with housing and community change.

While in graduate school, Mr. Denton was an assistant in the Institute of Research in Social Science.

Mr. Denton came to Salem because he is interested in the Liberal Arts college program. He had never been to a small school, and

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### Fashions, Carnival Highlight Freshmen Orientation Week

Orientation Week at Salem College began Sunday, September 15, with the arrival of the new students and ended Sunday, September 22, with the Y. W. C. A. recognition service. During this time freshmen and new students underwent an extensive week of preparation for their 1957-1958 year at Salem. They were tested, welcomed, entertained by many different groups.

These girls from twelve different states and five foreign countries were greeted as they arrived at Salem by the members of the Student Council and House Governments. Later, they were introduced to Dr. Dale H. Gramley and the faculty at an open house given by the Day Students and Music Club in the Day Student Center.

Sunday night, an informal sing and get-acquainted hour was held in the modern Terrace Room of the recently completed Mary Reynolds Babcock Dorm. At this time, Mary Curtis Wrike, President of the Student Body, welcomed the new students.

The new students were tested during the following week in English, reading, math, French, Spanish, Latin, music, and motor ability. Various members of the faculty assisted them with registration for their first semester courses, depending on the results of the tests. Student advisors also assisted the new students, explaining to them the rules and regulations of Salem as stated in the handbook.

Various student organizations on campus explained their activities Monday night at a Club Carnival. Curt Wrike, mistress of ceremonies, introduced Jane Bridges, Martha Duvall, Lynn Hamrick, Marybelle Horton, Martha Jarvis, Shirley Redlack, Barbara Rowland, and Betsy Smith. They hoped to "sell" their organizations with their humorous skits.

Tuesday night, Salem was host to the Wake Forest boys at a combo party given by the I. R. S. The Royal Sultans' three piece band played while the freshmen met and danced with the guests.

At a freshman costume party Wednesday night, given by the Pierrettes, Mr. R. J. Campbell was the master of ceremonies. The judges for the most original and imaginative costumes were Dr. H. M. Lewis, Mrs. Lucille Scott, Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens, and Mr. R. L. Wendt. First prize was awarded to the "Six Brides for Seven Brothers," second prize to "The Beauty and the Beast," and third prize to the "Wizard of Oz." The prizes were free movie tickets.

The May Day Committee (Jane Bridges, commentator) presented a parade of Freshman Fashions Thursday night for all the returning students.

The Formal Opening of Salem College's 186th Session was held Friday, September 20. The Rev. John H. Johanson, College Chaplain, gave the Invocation, and the Rev. R. Gordon Spaugh, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, gave the salutation. After President Gramley made the opening remarks, Ivy M. Hixon, Academic Dean, read the academic honors. Mary Curtis Wrike and Mrs. D. E. Ward Jr., president of the Alumnae Association, greeted the Student Body. Following the Convocation, the freshmen and new students were entertained at an open house at the Gramley's home.

On Sunday, September 22, the Home Moravian Church, honoring Salem College, was host to the entire student body. The Rev. James C. Hughes spoke on "Living With a Goal".

The final orientation event was the Y. W. C. A. recognition service held Sunday night in Old Chapel. The freshmen, dressed in white, were made official members of the "Y" in a candlelight service which ended around the fountain with the singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds".

One hundred and fifty-two girls had become a part of Salem and Orientation Week was over.