

Of Red Lights

The intersection of South Main and Academy Streets is constantly crossed by students, yet cars repeatedly speed through the red light, endangering the lives of all the pedestrians. Two years ago, a faculty member's son was struck by a car that did not stop for the light; however, nothing has been done about the common offense.

At all public schools and on most university campuses, adjacent streets are marked "School Zone" or "Student Crossing" and a lower speed limit is enforced.

This intersection should be so marked or some other means of enforcing the red light should be devised so students', faculty's, and tourists' lives will not be threatened.

Salem Nursery

Salem is a small college but it is not a nursery school for a few students who have refused to accept the responsibilities of life or to act as adults. Not every communal situation is perfect yet the services performed for the students by the faculty, administration, laundry, dining room, and maintenance staff are of above average quality.

However, there are some individuals on campus that feel as though the Salem community should revolve around them and that rules should be modified to suit all of their whims. The result of such an attitude may be seen in disrespect for those who serve us and in juvenile behavior in the dining room.

We've passed the age when our Mother's tie our shoes, so why should a few expect to be waited on hand and foot; expect to find everything to their liking, and expect to be considered "cute" by performing facetious stunts in the dining room.

Sayonora

Bosley Crowther said *Sayonora* was a "lovely" movie, and it was if scenery, photography, and costumes are the only criteria. While the view was pleasing, Marlon Brando's portrayal of Lloyd, incongruities in Lloyd's character, and certain obvious devices in the plot spoiled the total effect.

The first objection to Brando was his accent. For a man coming from a respectable family and being a West Point graduate, the pseudo Southern drawl made him seem like uneducated "white trash" rather than a famous jet ace. This also made the character, Lloyd, unbelievable and, in many instances, he seemed insincere. Besides the insincerity imposed by the voice, there were certain incongruities present in Lloyd's character. If he was such a good friend to all of his men, why did he continue to meet Hana Ogie at Kelley's house when he knew it would cause trouble?

The simplicity of the plot and the lack of conceivable conflict were also at fault. Hana Ogie fell in love with Lloyd much too quickly after she had vowed that she would never speak to an American. The hinted romance between Lloyd's rejected American fiancée and the Japanese dancer was unnecessary, and seemed added just to assure the viewer that no one was broken hearted at the end. If the dancing girls were so carefully watched, how did Hana Ogie meet her soldier friend so easily? The episode at the puppet show did not advance the plot, but was an oversimplified allegorical device to inform, especially the least intelligent members, that Kelley and his wife were going to kill themselves and to romanticize the deed.

If any of the actors is to be commended, Katsumi is certainly the one. Her movements and facial expressions were captivating and immediately won the audience's affection.

The basic problem of the movie, the difficulties surrounding a Japanese-American marriage, was well presented. Lloyd's and Hana Ogie's final decision to be married was not unrealistic, nor were there any objections to a "happy ending". It was the intermediate faults which prevented this from being the intense movie that it could have been.

—M. J.



"Guess I'll be back next year. I didn't get engaged this year."

Around The Square

By Margaret MacQueen

I saw ivy-covered brick walls and slave-laid brick sidewalks covered with five inches of ice and snow.

I saw that 190 Salemites signed out for the week-end—all of whom returned with tales of ice and snow—even Hila Moore, who returned from Jacksonville, Florida, where it snowed two inches for the first time since 1896—and two returned with pins. Audrey Kennedy returned with Wayne Smith's pin. Wayne is a Kappa Sigma at Wake Forest. Katie Kichtitzk returned with George Summer's pin. George is a Delta Sigma at Duke.

I heard Margaret Fletcher say that she was sorry she decided to attend a biology class at Davidson with her date Saturday. The lecture was on the reproduction. The embarrassed professor let his class out thirty minutes early and remarked, "Under the circumstances, I just couldn't do justice to the subject."

I saw Martha McClure in the Atlanta Air Terminal figuring out by the Student Friday of the College year by the Student Friday of Salem College.

I heard Sue Cooper say that she had spent her week-end at Davidson in hiding. The snow prevented everyone at Mid-Winters from leaving campus.

I heard Ruth Bennett and Nancy Walker saying how much they wanted to keep the clothes they modeled for Thalhaimer's last week. All the dresses were from the bridal department.

I saw Dr. Welch running around making last minute changes on the forth-coming Faculty Play.

I saw a bridge hand almost cause a family crisis when the Calhoun sisters teamed up to play in the bridge tournament.

I was puzzled when I saw the following note hanging on Mary Jo Wynne's bulletin board:

Inspected by Tau chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order. This wholeheartedly meets with our approval. Signed,

Brothers and Pledges of K. A. P. S. All have been tested for durability and strength.

It seems that Mary Jo's Mother sent her a box of lingerie by a K. A. at Wake Forest, and when Mary Jo finally got the box, she found this note.

I saw Frankie Cunningham nursing a black eye, and Miss Byrd inching her way across campus in the snow.

Some Salemites aren't content with our snow supply so they are heading north. In the colder regions of Annapolis, will be Nancy Willis, Irwin Robins, Anthea Taylor, Jane Irby, and Mary Jo Wynne.

—Margaret MacQueen

Merge In Mideast

Middle Eastern countries are evidently deciding there is strength in unity. First Egypt and Syria announced their plans for a unified state. Now, the Hashemite kingdoms of Iraq and Jordan are joined under a common flag. What does this mean to the Western world?

When the merger of Iraq and Jordan was announced, the United States appeared greatly concerned. The primary concern was that Iraq would withdraw from the western-sponsored Baghdad pact. Sentiment in the Middle East seems to favor this withdrawal. At present, the Arab world seems to be depending on Egypt's Nasser. This union, coupled with Iraq's membership in the Baghdad Pact, could be a separate force of Arab influence. Also Saudi Arabia has indicated an interest in joining the Iraqi-Jordan merger, and yet is definitely opposed to membership in the pact.

A possible solution to this problem was accepted, when Iraq and Jordan agreed to stick to previously signed treaties and that neither country would be subject to agreements of the other.

Another source of anxiety for the United States as well as the United Nations is the country of Lebanon. This country is the weakest of the Arab countries, and is the only country in the Middle East officially Christian. At present Moslems in Lebanon are pushing support of Nasser and anti-western policies.

President Camille Chamoun of Lebanon stated recently: "We wish the Arab people all possible good . . . but we also would like the leaders of the Arab countries to do the same and not to meddle in . . . (our) affairs."

In reply President Eisenhower has pledged "continued collaboration" with Lebanon.

Beirut, Lebanon, now has the only free-zone port in the Middle East besides an International Airport.

Another country seemingly worried over the union is Israel, for it has joined two enemies of the Jewish state. Just last week, King Hussein of Jordan hinted at a possible blow against Israel. However, sources at Tel Aviv consider the new state a lesser of two evils; the other being if President Nasser extended his rule to include Jordan.

Iraq and Jordan are both members of the United Nations. So are Syria and Egypt. What should be done as to seating and membership in the U. N.? No situation has occurred in U. N. history so far to set a precedent.

However, the decision of Iraq and Jordan is not a complete upset, and in time may prove beneficial for the west. For in Iraq, it provides a firm anchor for Jordan, a country which has long been existing on U. S. subsidies.

What will the merger mean? We can only suppose at present. It might unite the Arabs to ward off Communism or expel U. S. influence. The results are indefinite. One thing is sure. If Iraq withdraws from the Baghdad Pact someone will have to think up a new name—Baghdad is the capital of Iraq.

Source: *New York Times*

—Anne Catlette

What Is This Pinning Business?

Pinning is always a timely topic of discussion; and since the onset of many new pinning after January 1 has hit Salem as usual, this might be a good time to pro and con the topic and its sidelights. Salemites from each class participated in a survey last week; the answers to questions were as heterogeneous as the boys they date.

Being pinned means many things. Some think it's a little better than steady dating, and collect pins almost as easily as Indian-head pennies. Others regard it as a special bond of closeness with the boy, and to them it's a more serious matter. Mary Oettinger said, "I think it's wonderful; you're mighty lucky if you are pinned!" Ann Pearce stated, "I'd rather be engaged than pinned; there is more security in that." Esther Adams declared that being pinned was like being "engaged to be engaged." And Nancy Neese muttered that it meant "wanting to trade in Susan for a new roommate."

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