

# Stee Gee Leaders Participate In Various Campus Activities From Theatre To Basketball

## McQueen Likes Games, Milkshakes

Salem's new Stee Gee president, Margaret MacQueen, can be found any afternoon at 5:00 down on the athletic field so long as the A. A. has the gym open. The tall, tousle-headed junior is an avid sports fan—swimming, basketball, ping pong, and even hockey; so her summers are spent in summer campus helping with the recreation program for children. After graduation, Margaret will be teaching high school children Latin, and no doubt helping her classes organize projects as she has done this year as president of the junior class.

Known for her late, late studying hours, Margaret usually winds up in the reserve room of the library, perched on a table with a Latin book before her. Leisure hours find her at the bridge table concentrating on her favorite indoor sport, sprouting tales of life as a Presbyterian minister's daughter, and wishing for a milkshake "for her health."

Her serious side shows up in her high academic average that won for her the Honor Award for the sophomore with the highest average, discussions with other students on Salem's student government problems, and her membership in the Scorpions.

A Latin book, a fancy hookshot on the basketball court, a rhythmic bopster, forceful leader in A. A. and class projects, an occasional smoker—that's Margaret.

## Freshmen Poll Shows Worry About Major

The Freshman Seminar, conducted annually for the past seven years, is a program through which first semester freshmen are exposed to the "inside facts" of college life—to those things that cannot be included in any college catalogue.

The purpose of this seminar is two fold—first, to serve as a means of orienting the freshmen and, secondly, to show the administrators, through a student evaluation of the seminar, where the freshmen's difficulties lie. The seminar program is subject to revision yearly as the students indicate their weaknesses and interest areas.

Each year, the same questionnaire is given to the freshmen; this method of evaluation provides the Dean of Students with a definite basis for comparing freshmen problems, strong points, and opinions. In comparison with the total evaluation of the present sophomore class' seminar, this year's freshmen's answers have not deviated more than twelve points, one way or the other. In other words, the two classes' needs and opinions are essentially the same.

The seven-year seminar graph revealed that Salem is unique when compared with the majority of colleges in the nation because students do not have as their foremost problems, the lack of funds and worry about home and family.

The resume of the 1957 freshman seminar for 126 students shows that the greatest areas of difficulty, listed in order of degree, are uncertainty of vocational goals, confusion in selecting a major, and too much noise in the dormitories. The largest number of freshmen felt that the seminar was most helpful in that it gave them a better understanding of college life. To the question, "What areas or subjects would you wish to be more fully covered in the seminar discussions," thirty-four wanted more information about credit hours, majors, and minors, while thirty-three felt that the seminar program had met all their needs. Fifty-two felt that the seminar as it was presented this year, was worthy to be used without revision or additions for next year's freshmen. As to the method of establishing sooner better study habits, the majority felt that day by day study reaped the best results.

## Williams Likes Books, Basketball

Well known on campus last year as president of the Freshman Class, Nan Williams, newly elected secretary of the Stee Gee can be found daily in the Science building working toward her chemistry major.

Participating in AA activities, Nan not only plays in many of the teams but has also served as hockey manager for the AA in the fall.

As Duke Orsino, Nan made her first appearance with the Pierrettes this year in their production of *Twelfth Night*. She doesn't claim the theater more than just a pleasant past time since her favorite hobbies are basketball and, "I guess my real favorite is reading."

Last summer, Nan was a counselor at Camp Juliette Lowe in Georgia. When asked about her plans for this summer, Nan expressed ideas for summer school at "one place or another". She says that UNC will most probably be her destination but she also mentioned that her application for the Strong Scholarship in Oslo, Norway, has

already been filed.

The girls in Lehman say they are glad that Nan will have to spend a few more hours out of the science building now that she has been elected to a student government office.

## Candidates Give Their Views Ideas

At the Kick-Off Dinner held March 4, the other two candidates for the office of the president of Student Government also presented their views of what comprises a good student government and how our present system can be improved. The other two candidates were Ruth Bennett of Hartsville, South Carolina, and Marcille Van Lier of High Point, North Carolina.

Ruth outlined her objectives for the Student Government to include a better understanding between students and the Student Council. She also proposed that students should exercise their right to attend meetings of the council, and to inquire into certain decisions of the council.

Marcille outlined her objectives for Student Government as being, "not concrete" ideas, but a basis for the new council to build upon. She proposed a program in which each student would feel that they had a voice in the decisions of the council, so that the council truly represented the students, and therefore Salem.

## Dr. Austin's Favorites Are Poetry And Trips

Although I have Dr. Lucy Austin everyday for Latin and Greek, I continue to be amazed at her knowledge of all things. However, I had no idea that, to a large degree, her knowledge was based on first hand information.

Rumor has it that Dr. Austin writes poetry for a hobby and, while this is true, traveling is a

ways, she plans to spend several weeks in Rome and Naples. She will spend the remainder of her time in Athens and sight-seeing in other ancient cities of Europe where Roman history was made—Milan, Lyons, and Marseille. She also mentioned that she may decide at the last minute to go to Brussels for the World's Fair.

Next summer, her tentative itinerary includes taking one of the President Line's ships to China, Japan, and the Hawaiian Islands.

—Margaret Mac Queen



Dr. Lucy Austin

second hobby of hers. Her travel diary includes visits to thirty-six of our forty-eight states, a pleasure trip to Hawaii, and two trips abroad.

Dr. Austin says that the highlights of her first trip abroad were Rome itself, Venice where her "first gondola ride made her smile spread from ear to ear", and Heidleburg which included a ride down the Rhine on a lazy steamer with the thick fog settling around the bow. Her second trip was climaxed with a six weeks course of study at the American Academy in Rome.

Her plans for this summer include another trip abroad. As al-

## Welfare's Has Been Sold To Old Salem, Inc.

The twenty-four hour cold cures and fresh orange juice will soon be a thing of the past for Salem students. Welfare's Drug Store has been sold to Old Salem, Inc. for restoration. The drugstore has played an important part in the lives of generations of Salemites for the past 44 years.

The building will be restored to its original form as the first tobacco shop in this community. It is the third oldest building of the early village left standing. The original portion of the building was constructed in 1771 of logs on a stone foundation. Johann Miksch, the proprietor of the Eighteenth Century shop manufactured snuff and chewing tobacco in small quantities. The shop and kitchen were downstairs and there was an attic for sleeping.

The building was occupied by various families until May 13, 1913, when Sam Welfare purchased it and opened his drugstore. Restoration will begin in July.

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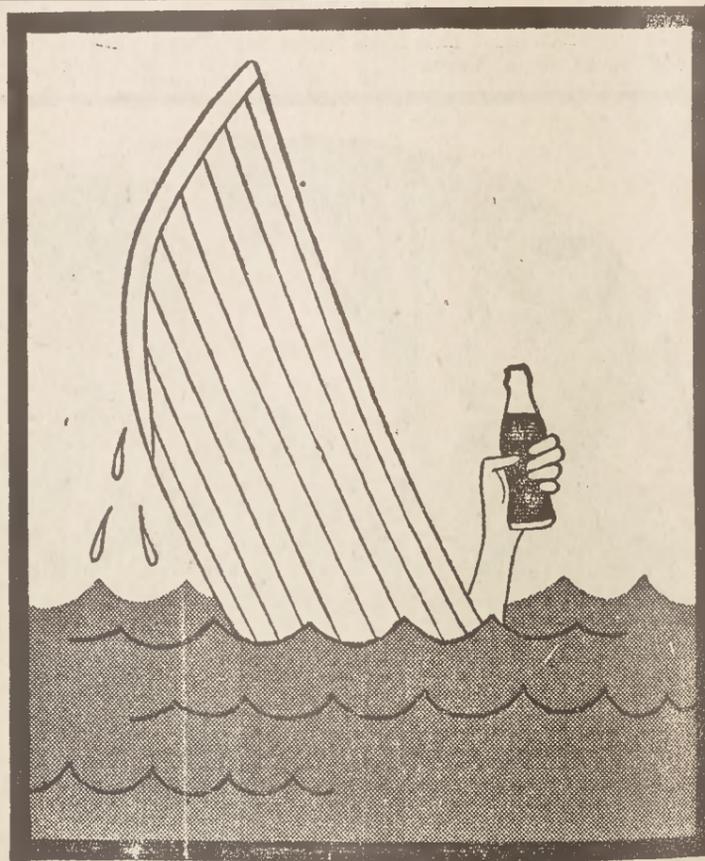
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