

Mr. Lloyd Benton Smith

## Smith Enjoys Relaxed Attitude Of Math Class

By Nancy Peter

The question on the board was "State the negative, converse, and contrapositive of this statement." Having taken freshman math in the days when one plus one equaled two and it didn't matter why, I tried to puzzle this out while waiting for Mr. Smith, the new instructor in mathematics.

Mr. Lloyd Benton Smith comes to Salem from Elon College where he was instructor of math and acting head of the department in 1959. His experience before that time is one of variety. Originally from Philadelphia, he moved to Louis-

iana. He completed his undergraduate work at Southwestern in Memphis and then returned to Louisiana for graduate work at Louisiana State University. His studies were interrupted temporarily by the army, and during this time he lived in Texas and Japan. Returning again to Louisiana State University, he met the head of the University of North Carolina math department and became interested in North Carolina. Between 1956 and 1959 he studied and taught math at UNC. From there he went to Elon as professor of mathematics.

Salem College and her students were not unknown to Mr. Smith. While at Carolina, Mr. Smith met and married the former Betty Jean Cash, a Salem alumna. Mrs. Smith, who majored in French and English at Salem, is originally from Winston-Salem. The Smiths have one boy, ten months old.

For Mr. Smith the transition from teaching at a co-ed school to an all girls school has not been difficult. He finds Salem freshmen "better than average" math students. To him, the students here seem more relaxed in the classroom and willing to contribute more. This may be because they are all girls in the class, he says.

One of the "relaxed" members of the freshman class entered the room in a panic, exclaiming that she absolutely could not understand the converse, contrapositive and negative.

Mr. Smith patiently began the explanation as I began the descent from the third floor of the science building.

Salem welcomes Mr. Smith.

## LEGISLATIVE BOARD

At their weekly meeting on Tuesday, October 24, the Legislative Board considered a second petition requesting a change in the drinking rule as now stated in the handbook.

The Board decided to request to Dr. Gramley that the petition be presented to a committee composed of five members of the Legislative Board, the Faculty Advisory Board and five members of the Board of Trustees. This committee would act in an advisory capacity, giving further insight into the nature of the petition and any long range effects of a change that the older members of the committee might foresee.

Legislative Board members elected to serve on this committee are: Louisa Freeman, Judy Summerell Gay Austin, Sallie Paxton, and Dean Major.

The petition was tabled until a report is obtained from the advisory committee.



(Editor's Note: Books reviewed in this column are available in the Salem College Library. All books are reviewed by Mrs. Anna Cooper, librarian.)

Franny and Zooey, the recent novel by J. D. Salinger, concerns the two youngest members of the Glass family. Salinger, who is the current literary idol of the younger generation, has adopted this flamboyant and theatrical Jewish-Irish family as his literary milieu.

Franny, a college student, is all mixed up and on the verge of a breakdown from what the family thinks is love, but turns out to be a religious and emotional crisis. She is seeking Christ by withdrawing from her family and society. However, she is soon restored to health by the supposed voice of her dead brother assuring her Christ can be found everywhere, even in this phony world, and her withdrawal is only a form of egotism and selfishness. This seems to be the author's central theme.

In telling this slim story, the author manages to acquaint us with many members of this interesting, if sometimes zany, family and makes some sharp swipes at modern society. His style is terse and fast paced. The conversational method used carries most of the story.

Salinger is one of the outstanding writers of our time and warrants our attention, even though we may not always understand what he is trying to say or like the way he says it. He is concerned with an emotional and mystical form of religion which is personal and may not fit any of the patterns we know. However, he tells us that there is little difference between a man greedy for material or intellectual treasures and the man who is greedy for spiritual treasures. He has great appeal to the modern adolescent, a disturbed and lonely generation who has inherited a mad world he does not like.

We will read more about the Glass family in future books by this author. Ma Bessie alone would justify a whole volume.

## Freud Views Football

How would football have looked to the late Dr. Sigmund Freud? What the father of psychoanalysis might have said is presented in "Freud, Football and the Marching Virgins," a November Reader's Digest article by Thomas Hornsby Ferril, Denver poet-editor-publisher.

"Obviously," he writes, "football is a syndrome of religious rites symbolizing the struggle to preserve the egg of life through the rigors of impending winter. The rites begin at the autumnal equinox and culminate on the first day of the New Year with great festivals identified with bowls of plenty; the festivals are associated with flowers such as roses, fruits such as oranges, farm crops such as cotton, and even sun worship and appeasement of great reptiles such as alligators . . .

"The ceremony begins with colorful processions of musicians and semi-nude virgins who move in and out of ritualized patterns. This excites the worshipers to rise from their seats, shout frenzied

poetry in unison and chant ecstatic anthems."

"The egg of life is symbolized by what is called 'the oval,' an inflated bladder. The convention is repeated in the architectural oval-shaped design of the vast outdoor churches in which the services are held . . . Literally millions attend . . . in anticipation of violent masochism and sadism about to be enacted by a highly trained priesthood of young men . . .

## Movies

Winston Theater

Friday and Saturday:

Good-By Again

Starting Sunday, October 29:

Back Street

Carolina Theater

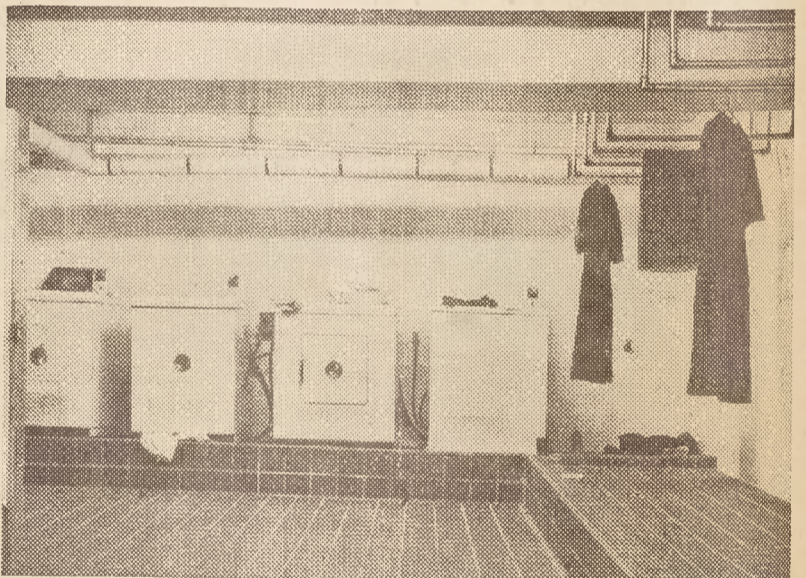
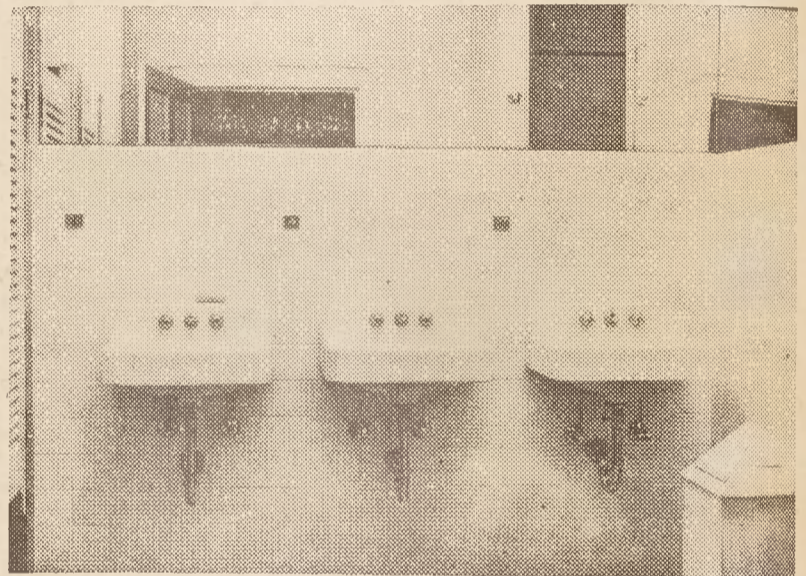
Friday through Wednesday:

The Pit and the Pendulum

Starting Thursday, November 2:

The Second Time Around

## Clewell, Sisters Receive Repairs During Summer



Salem received a face-lifting job this summer.

Pictured above are two examples of the changes made at Salem this past summer. The top photo is the new bathroom in Sisters. They have installed new tile, lighting, sinks, floors, and showers. A new drip-dry rack for clothes has also been added. The laundry room in Clewell has been renovated, including the addition of new tile, new floor, lighting, drying racks and showers.

In addition to the above changes, Mr. Jack White said that the underground wiring was checked and repaired, where necessary. New lighting was put in the library stacks and the brick walks under Main Hall were re-laid.

## NSA Announce Publication Of New Magazine

USNSA has announced that **Current** magazine will be made available to students at a substantial discount this year by virtue of a special arrangement between **Current** and the student government.

Students will now be able to buy subscriptions for \$5 instead of the standard \$7. Magazines sent to students will also contain a special four page monthly supplement containing national and international student news, edited by USNSA.

**Current** is a new publication whose purpose is to inform the American public of the frontier problems of the day. The editors of the monthly magazine sift through several hundred periodicals, books, articles, and speeches for each issue, reprinting only the most significant portions.

## CALENDAR

Monday, October 30:

5:00 p.m. Judicial Board

6:30 p.m. YWCA

6:30 p.m. Dansalems B

8:30 p.m. Civic Music, Charles K. L. Davis, tenor

Tuesday, October 31:

5:00 p.m. Legislative Board

6:30 p.m. IRS

Thursday, November 2:

6:30 p.m. Lablings

6:30 p.m. Phi Alpha Theta

7:30 p.m. Music Club

## GIRLS:

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