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Snow Breaks Students' Routine

By Marty Richmond

Drizzling rain, a waiting line for the comptroller's office; bad grades, good grades, some in-between; 8:30 a.m. classes interrupting sleep, 1:50 p.m. classes interrupting the "Twirling World"! Unusual? No. Just routine. The old phrase: "Well, I guess we'd better get back to the old routine . . ." has been said one or two times recently, but "around the square" there's been a change in the routine! Sleepy heads stumbling across the room to slam the alarm clock off at 7:30 a.m. Friday morning were greeted by a new sight on campus when they looked out the window. "Hey, look! It's snowing!" Answer coming from the bed in response to the enthusiasm of the overjoyous roommate: "Well, that's nice; now would you please close the window!" Boots packed in the back of closets by some "Be prepared-type" Salemites were uncovered and the dust and roaches shaken out of them. The brisk cold startled early breakfasters, but phased them little as snowballs zipped through the air. Routine was forgotten as classes were reached a few minutes late in order that Miss X could pile snow down the back of Miss Y.

Saturday too, was full of new surprises. A foreign visitor (male) on campus took delight in throwing snowballs at the "hostess on duty" while people like Tish Johnston found there were faster ways to get down icy stairs than just walking. The usual romantic nighttime setting for pinning a girl was finessed by a certain Pika who chose to present Becky Gaston with her "birthday present" at lunchtime while they were double-dating. (Maybe he needed moral support?) Anita Hatcher received her beautiful diamond at a more conventional time but who cares about escaping routine times in such a matter as an engagement. I guess the entire school has heard the good news about Betsy Hatton's Sigma Nu pin. She said she was pinned in the middle of a football field at 11:00 a.m.—that's far from routine.

How many Salemites have had the privilege of seeing the blue bus? The Expressway Bowling Lanes didn't want Salem ladies to go through the routine of riding in cars so they pick bowling classes

up in this speedy (20 mph) streamlined bus. By the way, the Express Lanes are doing something not usually connected with bowling alleys. Wednesday, February 13, at 1:30 p.m., they are having a fashion show sponsored by Dupont and AMF in which five professional models from New York will model clothes from Mr. Mort, Catalina, Harbut, and others. Music will be

provided by the Lester Lanin Trio and an added attraction is an international dance team named Hel-ler and Helene. It's all free, so go and enjoy yourselves for two hours. The junior bridge party and the senior concert by the "Huntsmen" have helped break the routine. Now try basketball in the gym every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Dean Heidbreder Visits Taiwan, Tokyo, Hong Kong

By Bonnie Hauch

Permanent waves, water buffalo and "cycle cabs" were the things of every day life which impressed Dean Amy Heidbreder on her recent trip to Taiwan. Mrs. Heidbreder left Salem December 20 on a Japanese airline to visit her daughter and son-in-law who are living in Formosa for a year.

Her son-in-law is doing research on the island under an Academy of Science Award. Her daughter is teaching German to the Chinese at the Tung (pronounced Dung) Hi University.

On her flight Mrs. Heidbreder briefly stopped in Honolulu, Wake Island, Tokyo, and Okinawa, finally landing in Taiwan, formerly called Formosa. The climate is mild on the island of Taiwan — "it never freezes and a 40 degree temperature is rare." However, Mrs. Heidbreder commented on the lack of heating facilities in the homes.

Mrs. Heidbreder was surprised at the number of children she saw throughout Taiwan. Upon investigating, she found that 60 per cent of the Taiwan population is under fourteen years of age.

She found that most of the Taiwan women have learned the wonders of permanent wave and have Westernized their hair-styles.

The "pedicab" (rickshaw) has been replaced by the cycle-cabs. Instead of pulling the two-wheeled carts on foot, men ride bicycles pulling the carts behind them. This not only makes the task of pulling easier, but enables one man to take two or three persons in a cart.

The beast of burden on the island is the water buffalo. Wearing colorful red harnesses and bells,

these animals are seen pulling wagons through the streets of the city, as well as working on the farms.

Mrs. Heidbreder also managed to visit Sun Moon Lake, a resort in the mountains. The government has built hostels throughout the island where teachers can stay for a minimum fee. The hostels are an incentive for people to enter the low paid teaching profession. The hostel at Sun Moon Lake, which Dean Heidbreder described as "magnificent!" provides gardens, walkways, and even a swimming pool for the teachers who stay there.

Although Mrs. Heidbreder's primary purpose in making the trip was to visit with her family, she made the 50 minute flight to Hong Kong. She found it to be a city with two faces—the one a modern metropolis with new buildings and a harbor full of trading ships; the other a tenement dominated area teeming with Red Chinese refugees and the very poor. The contrast between the two sections is very distinct. Mrs. Heidbreder was able to go very close to the border of free China. A small stream is the only distinctive marking between free soil and "red" soil. Although the countryside seemed peaceful, Mrs. Heidbreder was told that the border is heavily guarded by Chinese soldiers in the small huts on the other side of the stream.

Mrs. Heidbreder visited the hill-top and lake pictured in "Love Is A Many-Splendored Thing" and commented that the movie did not overrate them. Her overall impression of Hong Kong was that of a truly beautiful city.

Salemites Question Assembly Procedure

The moans and groans of Salem students each Tuesday and Thursday as they trudge toward Memorial Hall for another assembly have caused us to question the present assembly system. It would appear to observers, as we have attempted to be, that there is enough dissatisfaction over the present set-up to merit investigation. Recently the Legislative Board of Student Government voted to make such an investigation official, and we loudly added our "amen." We can see several reasons for changing the assembly pattern; perhaps a discussion of those reasons will influence the considerations of both the Board and the administration.

It is agreed by many that all the assembly programs have not been exciting or even interesting to the Salem College audience. Certainly to find excellent speakers for approximately sixty assemblies a year is a difficult and almost futile task. With the funds available and the mid-morning week-day time, it is virtually impossible to obtain that many excellent speakers. And certainly many outstanding speakers appear on campus under the sponsorship of organizations such as the Humanities Club, Lecture Series, the YWCA, Lablings, and IRC. These organizations are clamoring for student participation, and justly so. Yet how many hours will students listen to speakers? Perhaps if there were fewer assemblies more students would be more willing to attend other lectures on campus.

Certainly if assemblies were scheduled for one period a week, rather than two, the extra hours thus obtained could be put to excellent service by students. This would be an hour when no student would have classes: many meetings which otherwise might conflict with class time or evening study time could be scheduled then. As it now stands two assemblies per month are devoted to student body and class meetings. Certainly to be able to schedule meetings of standing committees, Legislative Board, Judicial Board, staff meetings and others would lessen the cry of "another meeting" heard so frequently.

It seems that there is already a lack of interest in two factions of the Salem audience: faculty and students. The sparsely-filled back rows indicate that, to the faculty at least, few assemblies are of interest. The frequent comments on the assembly behavior of students makes us think that the problem lies not so much in the students' wishing to be rude as in their being unable to repress their boredom. We question how many students would attend assembly from interest if it were no longer required. We would guess that the majority of the students use the allotted number of assembly cuts—and perhaps wish for more!

In short, we think that a thorough investigation and an honest re-vamping of the assembly periods must be made at Salem. In spite of all the screaming over intellectual atmosphere on campus, we think Salem's student body is interested in activities outside the square. But these activities must be presented to them in a challenging manner. When they are not, as is frequently the case in assembly, the students are bored and act accordingly.

We suggest a consideration of scheduling assemblies once a week and leaving the other day to be used by groups on campus when needed. This may not be the solution but it is a suggestion. We certainly think that something should be done.

Honor Society Gains Members

Salem College's Honor Assembly, recognizing students who had attained high academic achievements for the fall semester, was held Thursday, January 1, 1963. The speaker, introduced by President Dale H. Gramley, was Miss Mereb Ethna Mossman. Miss Mossman is presently the Dean of Women

at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. Her topic was the ability which one has developed to recognize problems and to solve them.

Dr. Ivy M. Hixson, Academic Dean, introduced nine juniors and seniors into the Salem College Honor Society: May Brawley, Nancy Hutchins, Letitia Johnston,

Nancy Knott, Susan Purdie, Marsha Ray, Alice Reid, Frances Spears, and Eleanor Workman.

The following students were recognized for work deserving of the Dean's List:

Seniors: Gay Austin, Jacquelyn Barker, Anne Heath, Becky Boswell, Anne Evans, Louisa Freeman, June Beck, Sally Glenn, Linda Wall, Barbara Harrington Williams, Margaret Higgins, Julia Jones, Kay Kearns, Mary Nell Lee, Kay Long, Carrol Jo Patton, Marsha Ray, Carroll Roberts, Martha Still, Judy Summerell.

Juniors: Frances Bailey, May Brawley, Ann Fowler, Marguerite Harris, Nancy Lytle Hutchins, Nancy Knott, Frances Spears, Annetta Jennette, Eleanor Workman, Letitia Johnston, Ann Martin, Peggy Perkins, Susan Purdie, Alice Reid, and Mary Rosenblatt.

Sophomores: Suzanne Boone, Gaye Brown, Betty Bullard, Mary Cooper, Daphne DuKate, Nancy Gardner, Harriet Haywood, Jerry Johnson, Lynn McClement, Sandra Morgan, Sara Thomasson, Pat Wilson.

Freshmen: Brenda Bethel, Anne Cleino, Judy Gilliam, Judy Kinche-lore, Lucy McCallum, Barbara Mallard, Margaret Persons, Linda Tunstall.

Special student Mrs. Marilyn O'Connor was also recognized.

