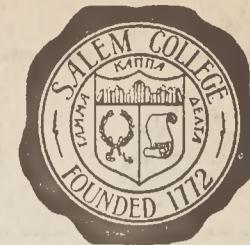




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## Foreign Student Tells Of Mexico At International Relations Club Martha de la Garza Gives Customs

Mexican Foreign Student Martha de la Garza gave a brief talk to the International Relations Club on Thursday, February 9. Her talk consisted of pointing out how various Mexican customs and attitudes are a direct outgrowth of what she called the "psychology of Mexicans". She pointed out that basic differences in the Mexican mind and the North American mind result in a vastly different set of customs and viewpoints.

Mexicans are not the least bit interested in hurrying and seeing how much they can get done how fast. North Americans often interpret the slowness of service in eating places as reflecting a basic lack of efficiency on the part of waiters. To the contrary, Mexicans believe that a meal is a real occasion and make a great ceremony of serving their notoriously elaborate four and five course dinners.

Also in line with their tradition of not doing things at a break-neck pace, for many years Mexicans took a break from their 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. work-day for a siesta. This practice has been abolished in most places in favor of the, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. work day observed in this country. Martha hastened to point out that

in some smaller towns the siesta is still a great part of the everyday life of the working people and tourists are amazed that they are unable even to find gift shops open during siesta time.

Martha was astounded at the attitudes toward drinking in this country. She pointed out that here drinking is either condoned or condemned. The opposite is true in her country. Drinking, especially wines, is an accepted part of life. Children begin at a very early age learning to drink beer with their

meals, much as we drink cokes or milk.

Mexicans are also notorious for their great holiday celebrations. They close up shop and celebrate any holiday which calls for a celebration. Perhaps the most well known is the traditional pre-Lenten Festival which ends on Shrove Tuesday, the day before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

An informal question and answer period followed her talk. At a later date, Martha will speak to the student body in assembly on her country and its customs.

## Ski Club Offers Chance For Realizing Day Dream

By Karla Newsom

Has this ever happened to you? It is Sunday afternoon and the highlight of the day, Sunday dinner, is over. The books are calling, and it seems as though the campus is empty except for you. You begin by going to the study room, but somehow you start dreaming of what the "real you" should be doing. Everyone of you is a Walter Mitty at heart—in New York being swarmed by fashion coordinators

dying to consult you, in the Baltic Sea being chased by that hunk in Eric cigar commercials, having a dinner date in Hawaii with the sweetie in the Wind Song ad, or perhaps being swept off your piano stool in the Fine Arts Center like the ad for Tabu.

It is usually at times like these that the sudden urge to be in the ski lodge overtakes you. Yes, that is you, leaning against the fireplace with your cheeks rosy and a cup of hot cocoa in your hand. The men are all husky, good-looking dreams who have seen you whiz down the slopes and are quite impressed.

If this sounds appealing, look into the Ski Club at Salem, which has joined with the Winston-Salem club to offer Salemites good rates and good facilities. The bus rates are \$4 per person; the boots, skies, tow rates and poles are \$6; and a letter from parents to Dean Wood is necessary. The Ski Club will plan one more outing, and from all reports, if you have been dreaming of the slopes, this is your chance!

In fact, several Salemites decided that the perfect way to spend their semester break was on the slopes. Several Sigma Chi pinmates and some other couples headed out. Yes, Nancy Coble was last seen hunting madly for woolen mittens. Nancy Taylor and Sara Hunt frantically did exercises for skiing flexibility. Unfortunately, however, all that greeted the group was one or two sad little piles of snow big enough for a chipmunk.

Mopsy Stoneburner, Molly McPherson and Mimi McCarley had another tale. They had plenty of snow and perfect weather. However, it seems that Sapphire Valley was not ready for these three couples. Molly broke her leg, Mimi

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## Mary Dameron Tells Of Trials In Gramley

Ed. Note: Mary Dameron was president of last year's Student Government and is employed now in the Admissions Office. She acted as House Counselor in Gramley dormitory during Mrs. Margaret Gerlond's absence due to illness.)

By Mary Dameron

You've done it a hundred times: open the door, explaining as you do, " . . . named for the current President of the College . . . You would sign out on cards like these. House Counselor's suite behind this door . . ." Only this time there is no prospective freshman accompanying. This time you don't gesture towards the Counselor's door. You open it and go inside, carefully changing in the closet your choice of something grown-up looking to wear for tomorrow's new role.

It's not "mother," you remind yourself. You are there to counsel—to dig into all twenty-two years worth of accumulated wisdom for something in case a tap on your door signals a need.

Shortly before midnight the inevitable tap comes. Ah, they need you. "Miss Dameron, are you . . . any chance taking a shower?" You answer, with maturity and poise, that you have just run your bath. "Well, water started pouring out of the rec-room ceiling and we've traced it to your bathroom."

You make sure the mop is put back in the proper place after the clean-up and you don't sleep very much that night. Impossible, you keep telling yourself. It was nowhere near running over . . .

After a few days you begin to feel a little more at ease with the freshmen. Sophs you know, but there remains a mass of unfamiliar faces. You get downright nervy on the basketball court and ask a member of the '70 team if a certain rule has been changed. "Yes m'am,"

she answers. Sweet little thing—you think—a little nervous about playing against such seniority. Thirty seconds later she has out-jumped you and plowed straight through you, who lie sprawled on the court with fiery knees and face.

Later as you sit at the reception room desk, radiating power, you sense that two unsolicited male callers are reeling over the information buzzer. You tell them there certainly is not a party over here, and they want to know who you are to say. While you assert your position as House Counselor you notice them noticing your dangling shirt tails, your tenni-pumps and white Bonnie Doons. Suddenly they remember they have to go somewhere . . .

At House Council you can't help staring and you hope they know it's out of admiration. When the Call Down list for lateness is read, you wonder if they know how close you came to getting one last night. Somehow the people in the reception room hadn't seemed to notice!

It has been a week now and you wonder if you're going to have to call a U-Haul to get all your things back to the apartment. You put the key back in its hiding place and walk out past a colorful "Welcome Home, Mom" sign. If you meet anybody, you'll tell her it's just something in your contract . . .

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Oslo applications are now available outside Dean Hixson's office. Any interested student is urged to apply, since the Oslo scholars, one rising senior and one rising junior, will be selected on the basis of overall qualifications, and not just academic average.

The results of a questionnaire filled out by Salem students in November suggesting improvements in assembly programs have been tallied.

The Assembly Committee reports that all four classes suggested the following as major areas of interest: foreign policy, United States involvement in Vietnam; religion and morality; music and the arts (includes drama and literature); current social problems (such as



"Best Dressed" senior Nickye Yokley models one of her favorite outfits, a beige knit ensemble complemented by a smoke-ring scarf and bright red shoes.

## Salem Votes Nickye Yokley For 'Best Dressed' Contest

By Lyn Davis

"I'm tired of McMullen blouses, sweaters, and pearls. I like real bright, dressy clothes." Thus Nickye Yokley, Salem's nomination for *Glamour* Magazine's annual "Best Dressed" contest, described her preference in clothes. The senior from Nashville, Tennessee, was chosen by the students last week from four other finalists, Nancy Coble, Chris Connor, Sharyn Dettwiller, and Barbara Keck, for presenting a well-groomed appearance at all times.

Dressy clothes, particularly in bright red, yellow, or blue, rate

highest. Short skirts are "all right," but the mini-skirts are not good because she thinks that most people don't have the legs to wear them. Pantsuits fall short in suiting her taste for femininity. She likes clothes fashioned by Eloise Curtis and Junior Sophisticate because they are well-made, distinctive, fit well, and stylish but not stereotyped.

Three photographs of the candidate will be sent to *Glamour* for the judges' decision. Pictures of Nickye in a school outfit, a dress suitable for a party or church, and a long or short formal will accompany her written statement. Such things as her posture, clean, shiny hair, unusual but not extravagant taste in clothes, and her overall appearance will be taken into consideration.

After the semifinalists are chosen, the finalists will be awarded a trip to New York City. All expenses will be paid as the girls are taken on tours of landmarks, to beauty salons for complete treatment, and to designers' showings of next year's collections.

Nickye has been in the May Court for the last three years and active in I. R. S. After graduation, she plans to return to school to earn her teaching certificate. She then wants to use her major, French, to teach at the high school level.

## Assembly Committee Gives Results Of Questionnaire

drug addiction, alcoholism, LSD.

The types of programs liked best were good speakers with good presentation, who can talk on the student's level; music programs; movies; student participation (travel, panel discussion, skits); panel discussion; and programs with visual aids. All classes mentioned the following topics to add variety to assemblies: music programs; movies; and panel discussions.