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Salemites Call For Lights In Remaining Dark Places

The recent occurrences of finding strange men in the dormitories has led to warnings for students to be careful about locking windows and doors and walking to the Fine Arts Center and Farmer's Dairy with a companion. These precautions are good safety practices, but the buddy system is not always practical and windows and doors cannot always be bolted at dusk.

The Salem campus is generally well lighted, but a few additional lights could help lessen the present gnawing fear that accompanies students walking about campus at night. The sidewalk running alongside the swimming pool, with three small but treacherous steps at both ends, seems to loom a mile in length at night. Color television in the Student Center is hardly worth tumbling down the steps beside Strong into the hands of the unknown. Could arrangements be made for a light in the vicinity of the Anna Catherina House on the way to the Farmer's Dairy?

A few lights would be quite inexpensive in comparison to the cost of possible physical injury due to a fall or the psychological injury due to meeting a surprise visitor in these dark places.

Roommates May Affect One Another's Grades

Do college roommates affect each other's academic performance? For certain groups of students, the answer is yes, according to a study on "Roommate Choice and Academic Achievement" recently conducted by Robert A. Pierce, instructor in psychiatry at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and clinical psychologist in the University's Student Health Service. Colleges and universities tend to regard the provision of housing facilities for their students as a service --- perhaps more for parents than students---rather than as an educational tool, Dr. Pierce says.

However, housing arrangements do appear to have educational implications, according to his survey of two groups of students and their roommates. He found that the students in the fall semester of a class in Introductory Psychology tended to achieve at a level similar to that of their roommates, but that there were interesting differences when the group was broken down by sex and class.

For the overall group, only men's achievement levels were significantly related to those of their roommates. Broken down by class, however, the survey showed that freshmen, "who are for the most part arbitrarily assigned to teach each other, tend to accommodate their level of achievement to that of their roommates."

Among upperclassmen, who are free to choose their roommates, it appeared that "men choose roommates who achieve similarly to themselves---while women seen to pay no attention to this dimension at all."

Repeating the study with the spring semester class and their roommates, Dr. Pierce again found that the overall group tended to achieve at a level similar to that of their roommates as did the freshmen. "But the findings that upperclassmen match their levels of achievement even more closely to that of their roommates, or choose roommates of similar achievement levels, was not borne out in the second study," he said.

On the basis of his findings, Dr. Pierce concluded that among certain groups of students, school achievement correlates positively between roommates and that "overachievement" probably accounts for a fair portion of this effect. (An overachiever was defined in the study as a student whose class standing at the end of the semester or of the academic year was higher than his ability as measured by College Board scores.)

The latter conclusion was based on the fact that of the roommate pairs whose achievements were most similar, nearly half showed mutual overachievement, rather than mutual underachievement, "Convergence" (the brighter student underachieved and the less bright student overachieved).

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Who's superstitious?

Beware Students Of Friday 13th Many Strange Things Happen

By Carol Carson

As if having that supreme witching day of Halloween in the month of October were not enough for this month, it also can claim the distinction of having October 13, 1967, fall on a Friday. So this is a doubly evil month for all the ghosts and goblins that are known to roam around Salem campus. Each Salemite is urged to avoid the "lower pleasure grounds" on these two dates, especially during the dark hours as Mary Dell is the beasties' favorite haunt.

If you think that tripping on the bricks is almost a once a day occurrence for every student here at Salem, beware, because you'll think those bricks are doing it all on purpose today. And who knows, maybe they're out to get you, 'cause of that hard pounding you gave them last weekend while you ran to get into the dorm before closing time.

And if this was the month that began without your remembering to say "rabbit, rabbit," you should be really on your guard for little beasties to haunt you. Friday is the perfect day to catch up with you for forgetting to salute that prolific creature.

Stop! Put this paper down and watch where you're going. You almost walked under a ladder just then. And on the 13th, too! That could be very dangerous you know. And after all the warnings you've been given, too. Before it's too late perhaps you ought to go find yourself a horseshoe and some clover.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Archway would welcome any written or art work from students or faculty. Submit work to any staff member or put it in the box outside the Archway Office. Please do not put your name on the work itself, but put your name and the title or description of the work on a separate sheet attached to the work.

Any interested students are invited to the next meeting, October 18, at 5 p.m.

The assembly schedule for the week of October 16-20 has been rearranged. Yass Hakoshima, Mime, will present an assembly Monday, October 16, as part of the Lecture Series and Dr. Eugene Odum will speak Wednesday, October 18 as a Rondthaler Lecturer. Friday will have the free 11 a.m. period.

Clover chains have been known to protect many a careless maiden on Friday the 13th.

If all the four-leaved clovers are picked before you get a chance at the patch, there's always hope that someone might have a hex sign they'd let you use for the remainder of the day, that is, if they beat you to the clover.

Since all Salem girls wear slips, if yours is on inside out you certainly

will be well-protected today. But if you had it on inside out and you turned it right-side out, then you're really in trouble, especially today.

Beware when you spill that salt at the table tonight! Be sure and pick up a pinch of it and throw over your left shoulder immediately before it and the 13th get you. And settle down to a comfortable and leisurely dinner. After all, in only six more hours it will be all over!

Nation's Attitudes Create Problems For Democrats

By Lyn Davis

It almost happened to Taft, to Hoover, and to Truman. Could it happen to Johnson---could he be dethroned; denied the Presidential nomination at his party's national convention.

A nationwide movement is being fostered to dump LBJ in 1968. Republicans and Democrats alike are declaring their intentions of seeing the President defeated in his bid for another term. Following the pattern of the last few years, the Republicans are unable to come up with either a strong platform or a strong candidate. It is the Democrats who show more organization and even perhaps more determination.

Their slogans range from "ABJ" (Anybody But Johnson) to "REFK" (Robert F. Kennedy, the Senator from New York). Their leaders are individuals as varied as their proposed means of defeating Johnson in the primaries. Robert Vaughn, the man from U.N.C.L.E., John Kenneth Gailbraith, author of *The Affluent Society* and chairman of Americans for Democratic Action; and Al Lowenstein, past president of the National Student Association and a rising aggressive New York attorney---all are heads of these different groups.

Opposition to the war in Viet Nam seems to be at the heart of the movement. Support for the President's domestic policies can continue, but the injustice of the war beats out this area of approval.

The common cause and the common goal are not yet enough. The several anti-Johnson groups just unite among themselves. To overcome "party inertia," alliance with other organizations who are opposed more to the President's programs than to the man himself would then become necessary. Only in a concerted and fast-moving effort will their goal of refusing Johnson the Democratic nomination for President be attained.

Sources: *Newsweek*---October 9, 1967

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twentieth National Student Congress

WRA Presents Hockey, Tennis In Season Plans

The main fall sport is hockey, and the hockey season had a kick-off picnic on September 27 with approximately 25 girls present. The hockey manager, Gini Herbst, and the coach, Virginia Johnson, each gave a brief talk explaining practice, telling about the games, and explaining other subjects of interest to the players. Practice began on October 4 and will be held every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

The hockey schedule this year includes three home and three away games, with the possibility of an invitation to Hockey Day at Converse College. The first game is with the Academy on Monday, October 16, with the rest of the season rounding out as follows: Thursday, October 19, Wake Forest University at Salem; Tuesday, October 24, Salem at UNC-G; Tuesday, October 31, Salem at Catawba; and Tuesday, November 7, Salem at Wake Forest University. The interest in hockey this year is great, and the coach anticipates a successful season.

Not to be forgotten in the fall is tennis, especially the Freshman Tennis tournament which is taking place during October and the early part of November. Approximately 35 to 40 girls are participating in this tournament, and the results of the first and second rounds of play will be published in next week's

Salemite.

There has also been much interest among the faculty in playing tennis with the students in the afternoons, and there are many students who have taken advantage of this opportunity to become better acquainted with the faculty members.

Society Donates Untitled Relief

An untitled relief was presented to Salem College this morning by the North Carolina State Art Society and is hanging in the foyer of the Fine Arts Center.

Mrs. George Pascal of Raleigh, president of the society, made the presentation to Dr. Dale H. Granley. The work, by Doris Leep of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, is a 75" by 75" relief in enamel on plywood, colored in red with blue and green. It will become part of the College's permanent art collection.

The relief was a \$500 second place winner in the North Carolina Artists annual competition in 1966, which had its first showing in the Salem College Fine Arts Center. The society makes a practice of donating prize-winning works to art institutions.

Writers contributing this week were Beth Chronister, Mary Day Mordecai, Joy Bishop, Barbara Horney, Debbie Lotz, Claire Haines, Susan Shore, and Sandy Kelley.