

## Salemites Should Realize Significance Of Exams

With classes for the school year of 1967-1968 now things of the past and exams ahead of us, the summer seems very close and yet quite far away. First, all of us must cross the bridge of studying for exams and then taking them. And although the theory behind the tests is that they will help us pull together all that we have previously learned, many Salemites must realistically admit that many lights will burn long into the night and study rooms will be filled to capacity by frantic "crammers." Many of us still have neglected chapters to read and notes to get before we can seriously begin to just learn all the material. And for some of us, panic has set in.

But perhaps before we let panic and late hours get the better of us, we ought to sit down and consider what really is ahead. The faculty members here at Salem are, for the most part, sympathetic members of an academic community. They require grasp of the subject material to the extent that the student should be able to take the things that she has learned in class and "put some of herself" into them. They do not ask that we memorize the total text (let's hope!) but rather that we understand what we have spent a whole semester learning. Panic and lack of sleep will not make demonstrating understanding easy, nor will they make relationships with other Salemites pleasant. All of us, admittedly, are under pressure for grades and personal achievement, but we must remember that empathy, self-control, and patience will make these last days more pleasant and leave good feelings to be carried over the long summer ahead. Let's remember the power of a smile.

Good Luck to all on examinations. We'll miss you, Seniors.

## Mexico City To Feature 1968 Olympic Competition

By Lyn Davis

In just five short months, the Olympic games will open in Mexico City. Tourists and sport fans by the thousands will pour into this ancient seat of Latin American civilization to view the athletic contests and see the other features of the Mexican countryside.

The Mexican government has made an all-out effort to accommodate the influx of people. Hotels are being completed at a record pace; tourist attractions, both commercial and historical, surrounding the city are being advertised in an attempt to divert some of the people in the city itself; the buildings for the Olympics are in their last stages of construction. Some of the most beautiful and original in the history of the Olympics, the structures housing the various events are architectural monuments to the men who created them. The government has also renovated existing stadiums to create the best atmosphere possible for the games.

Tourist attractions such as Acapulco are bracing themselves for the onslaught. New areas are being developed in an effort to please the many tastes of the foreigners that will come. Roads, airplane routes, bus service, and trains are subject to constant governmental urging to improve the quality of service. Although Mexico has long been known for its policy of not rushing time, time will have to be on schedule this summer.

Yet the excitement caused by the preparations has been somewhat dimmed by charges of open, high-handed politics in choosing the sight of the Olympics. The choice of the country itself was not disputed; the choice of the actual city was. Mexico City, although it certainly has the best hotel accommodations and transportation, has a high altitude. Acapulco is lower and has equal if not better hotel facilities—but the transportation aspect is perhaps not as pleasing. Yet apparently Mexico City won the invitation only after much wheeling and dealing and outright pressure had taken place.

The choice of Mexico City has already had side effects. American athletes, for example, have had to train in Denver in an effort to accustom themselves to the higher altitude. Those countries who do not have mountains could very easily jeopardize the health of their athletes by allowing them to participate in the games this summer. The lack of oxygen will affect their health, as the representatives of their respective countries attempt to work at their usual speed. Fewer records will be broken because the men and women will not be able to accustom themselves to the higher altitude. It is even possible that a person could kill himself, if he exerted himself strenuously enough—as many of the participants will do.

All these are theories. Mexico will benefit from being host to the Olympics; it is a good opportunity to make money. But the profit, in the long run, remains to be seen.



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## Around The Square By Carol Carson

Summer's a'comin' and already Salemites have been working to accumulate those prized tans. An informal poll of the dorms shows that about one out of every five Salemites has gone to some fraternity's beach weekend. (And the story goes that some lucky girl or two has made it to more than one of the sun-fun affairs!)

While Parents Day weekend went on all around, Lynn Jones and Rette Ledbetter, a Theta Chi at Wake Forest and a native of Asheville, decided that being lavaliered might be a really nice idea.

Beth Taylor celebrated comps in a new and different way by becoming engaged to Tom White, a med. student at Bowman Gray. But apparently Tom thought that Beth needed to recover from those oral comps she had just finished as his visit was reportedly short (might I surmise however that it was sweet?).

A Georgia Tech Sigma Chi and a Floridian too, Charlie Fisher, migrates all the way to Winston-Salem just to be pinned to Ferebee Allen. And to add to the uniqueness of the occasion, Ferebee was soaked in the shower twice as soon as she returned from Atlanta.

Another member of the roll of those pinned recently is Cyndee Grant, a sophomore here at Salem. Cyndee is pinned to Phi Kap. Rick Armstrong, a Washington and Lee sophomore from Asheville.

Apparently Hannah Nicholson's

attempts to learn the art of home-making (especially turning on a stove) have made an impression on Bobby Poteat. He has taken the final step in giving Hannah an engagement ring which belonged to his grandmother. Their wedding is planned for August 31. Wasn't that a lucky choice for a busy month?

Debbie Yager has transferred her allegiance to Davidson recently and is proudly wearing the dangleir (that's the dangle of a frat. pin on a chain) of Sigma Nu David White. It seems that the ordered necklace

is still on the way. Maybe it will come some rainy day in the middle of an exam.

Well, the sun is going down and the sunners are moving in to hit the books in a frantic effort to accumulate a lil larnin' from the books. Here's wishing everyone luck on those exams and fun for the summer. But, most important of all, remember that Salemites should develop a well-rounded personality rather than a well-rounded derriere from study room seats so don't forget to take study breaks. Anyone for tea and crumpets?

## Salem Seniors Take NTE To Evaluate Pedantic Skills

By Anne Stuart

Approximately thirty Salem College seniors took the National Teacher's Exam February 3.

The test itself is a six hour session divided into two parts, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The morning part tests the student's knowledge in the general profession of education. The afternoon test is directed in the specific teaching area. All questions are multiple choice.

The NTE tests a person's common sense—not necessarily what he has learned. How can a multiple choice test evaluate effectively a teacher's classroom technique and ability?

One student felt that the test did not allow for an overall view, pose new questions, or make one think.

However, others did feel that the

test was worthwhile but should not be the sole determinant of whether or not a person gets a teacher's certificate.

Students were also asked whether the education courses here have been useful in accordance with what the test expected them to know.

The responses were the following: "No! People who had not taken education courses did as well or better than those who had." "Yes!!—especially history and philosophy of education." "Pretty much—especially educational history and philosophy . . . but a lot of the test depends on what you've learned in all fields of liberal arts." "Practice teaching was most useful in the area question . . . music appreciation, art survey, and government courses were very helpful."

## Alumnae Recognizes Junior As Prize-Winning Poet

BEYOND THE BANK

that squat cathedral of currency,  
bricked, flat, and full of glass  
and full also of habited clerks,  
and notes of promise,  
and unpromise  
perhaps;  
the parking lot looms up and out  
to catch and hold  
within the virgin whiteness of its lines  
the rows on rows of cars  
against its black.  
—But right up through  
that shiny asphalt,  
freshly paved and new,  
the milkweed pushes up and up  
and rises wave on wave  
through crack on crack.  
Oh, common floppy flower,  
dirty in your greenery  
and milky in your veins!  
You strain upward with no interest  
but that old mystery  
that you contain.  
All summer you endure  
beside the passing cars and people,  
unnoticed by the glaze  
of their unseeing  
moneyed  
eyes;  
and then you harvest forth  
an autumn of crazy flowers,  
red and white;  
and the final fruit,  
the pods  
that crack and wither in the wind  
and spill  
a skillion seeds.  
WATCH OUT, HERE COMES EVERYTHING!  
—compounded in its interest  
and multiple in its needs.  
For,  
no matter what the winter's loan  
to pavements or banks,  
the milkweeds, world over, will spring through.  
They simply wait their time  
and say,  
YES!

—Susan Leake, '69

