

## Pass-Fail System To Give Opportunities To Salemites

After reading and hearing about pass-fail grading systems being instigated on other campuses throughout the country, it is noteworthy that Salem is following suit by offering a limited number of courses on this basis to juniors and seniors. As time progresses, perhaps the program can be expanded to allow juniors and seniors to take a maximum of six or eight courses on a pass-fail basis, a maximum of two per semester.

Such a program will benefit the student by providing full academic credit of hours toward graduation, while at the same time free her to some extent for more intense concentration on studies in her chosen major. Upperclassmen have selected courses as electives and later found that these demanded time and study equal to that of required courses in their major. Taking electives on a pass-fail basis should alleviate some of these conflicts. The program will also be a welcome relief to some freshmen and sophomores who have been working to complete required degree courses so that they can begin advanced courses in their major.

The Salemite welcomes letters from any reader on any subject. These should be given to staff members or placed in Box 203 in Bitting. Letters received by 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday will usually be printed in that week's issue unless adequate space is not available—in which case the letter will be held for publication the following week.

## Students Test Anti-Anxiety Drugs For Researchers

By Lyn Davis

Students in the next five years may have another study aid besides "dex" and No-Doz. Researchers at the University of Miami (Florida) are in the process of testing an anti-anxiety pill that is designed to reduce all kind of tension in the individual. Two different formulas are being given to thirty students. Fifteen students received Type A, fifteen Type B. Neither the researchers nor the students know what drug they are taking. In this way, the scientists hope to be able to produce more accurate, unbiased results.

Student volunteers were recruited from a classified advertisement in the newspaper. Approximately half of those applying were rejected because their psychiatric problems were too great or they were motivated solely by the money offered to those participating in the test.

The entire project is now under the direction of physicians at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Students will be checked once each week during the duration of the experiment. After the month has ended, all participants will undergo the same type of exhaustive psychological examinations as they did before they were accepted into the program. The thirty who were selected generally suffer from such things as "insomnia, disturbing or repetitive thoughts, fears and tensions." The drug will be available only after many more tests and evaluations.

## Audience Raves About Limon Dance Company

By Nan Rufty

The performance by the Jose Limon Dance Company Friday evening was the most commanding and impressive I have seen.

Part I was a dance called **The Winged** which was in eighteen different sections with various members of the company dancing in solos, duets, or groups. Each section expresses an idea connected with birds. Although the entire company has beautiful technique, the two leading dancers are exceptional. Louis Falco is strong and dynamic and can demand the impossible from his body. Sarah Stackhouse is just as dynamic in a lyrical way. It was fun to see what each section was going to be and the extraordinary ability of the dancers.

Part II was entirely different. The dance was **Missa Brevis**, a religious dance, that was the most overwhelming piece of choreography I have ever seen. It was impossible to take your eyes off Mr. Limon. The dance completely captured the emotions and swept you into the communication of worship.

Then at the end the humility of Mr. Limon was so moving, the entire audience just raved.

Saturday morning a master class was taught by Sara Stackhouse at the School of the Arts for dance groups in the area. Salem had eight participants and they thoroughly enjoyed it.



Humphrey Supporter Donetta George models her campaign dress while promoting her candidate.

## THROUGH THE WALLS

By Sterling Winstead

Ever hear the old phrase "If you give an inch, he'll take a mile"? Well that's the way much progress comes about. Just in the last few years Salemites have been given the privilege to smoke in the dining hall after meals. But ever since woman suffrage, Salem women have been fighting for their rights, the right to smoke included.

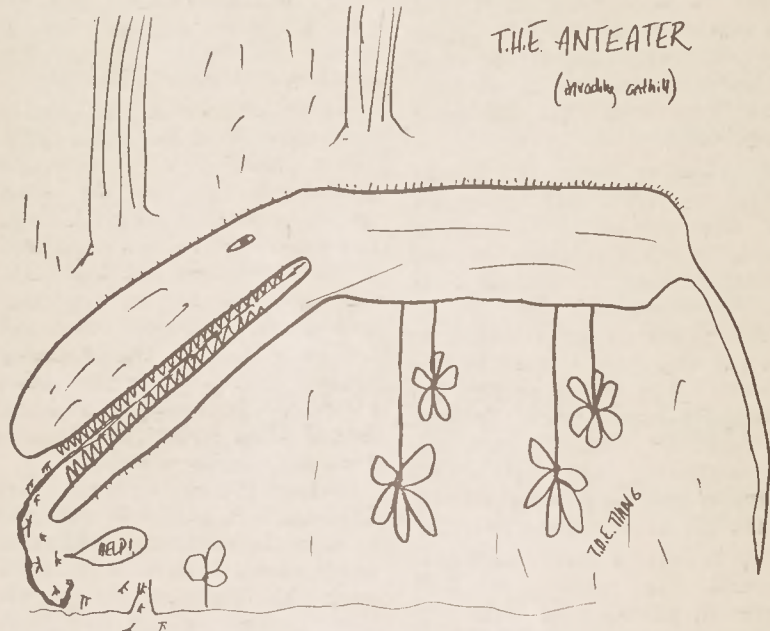
Because smoking had been going on secretly before 1931, in **The Salemite** September 19, 1931 the students were reminded. "Violation of the smoking rule is absolutely

not being tolerated." However in an editorial in **The Salemite**, September 26, 1931, the Board of Trustees issued the statement "smoking is not a moral question but a question of health, social usage, and parental viewpoint and since secret and unlawful smoking threatens fire safety, breaks down the spirit of student honor, and promotes a dishonorable attitude, students might smoke at Salem at set times and places after due consultation with their parents." The places designated as the smoking room was in the basement of Main Hall and was called the

Green Room. Week days (Saturday an exception) 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Again in March, 1937, the problem of smoking was revived in an editorial in **The Salemite**. "I challenge those in authority to serious thought to the question of smoking privileges. We fully realize what a forward step was the movement several years ago to give Salem its Green Room but not even more liberalism might be desirable." The girls felt the Green Room should be open all day for the following reasons: "... an unmannerly rush from the table would be eliminated... during Green Room hours girls frequently smoke cigarette after cigarette make up for the closed hours. Such excess is far more harmful than moderate smoking. Of course a few girls would spend more time in the Green Room than they do at present, but their newly gained freedom would lose its fascination... for human desire is to do what we are forbidden to do."

Salemites still haven't lost their enthusiasm for change. It might be interesting to look at a Salem thirty years from now when the newly acquired apartment rule will be old hat. Is it time for another change? What will the next change be?



This unique drawing by Trudenelda's T.H.E. THING of "Anteater (Invading Anthill)" has been selected as the winning entry in Bitting's Anteater Drawing Contest. T.H.E. THING has amazed this group of art lovers with other drawings of such subjects as T.H.E. CAT, and T.H.E. DOG. Place your orders with her now for Christmas.

## Arts Students Perform Compositions In Assmblly

By Jane Dimmock

Talent is abundant at the North Carolina School of the Arts, and they consented to share some of it with us in assembly this Wednesday. Salem students enjoyed original compositions by Gary Buchanan, a college junior, and Keith Gates, a sophomore, as performed by students of the school. Somewhat surprising was the Sonatine for Tuba and Piano—who ever thought a tuba could play a soft melody: The flute sonata, by Buchanan, showed much the same style of composition, such as repeated notes and dissonances in the accompaniment.

Keith Gates is already accomplished as a composer, and promises greatness for the future as well. His string quartet showed originality as well as knowledge of form and techniques, although he has only played the cello. Unfortunately, the performance did not do him justice. But please, Salemites let's show a little culture and learn not to clap between movements!

The highlight of the program was, needless to say, the piano concerto which Gates performed himself. It is quite evident that he could be equally successful as a pianist, for he showed excellent thought somewhat unusual technique. The piece was powerful, full of life, and exciting at every movement. At present, Gates is the only person who can play it, since he hasn't even finished writing it down yet. One felt that every chord was pulled from his inmost self as he played, and an overwhelmed audience gave him a standing ovation at the end.

## Pass-Fail Passes

A student during her junior and senior years is permitted to elect up to four courses (but no more than one course in a given term), with the stipulation that grades for these courses will not be counted in computing the student's quality point ratio. A grade of **Pass** carries full academic credit; a grade of **Fail** carries no academic credit. A student must indicate at the time of registration that she is choosing to take a course under this arrangement, and she may not change it to a letter-grade basis after the first two weeks of classes. In preparing his class roll the instructor will indicate which students are registered on **Pass-Fail** basis.

Courses selected for **Pass-Fail** grades must be other than those submitted by the student to satisfy the basic course requirements, group requirements and those in the student's major and minor.

## Girls Attend State Meeting

By Sue Palaschak

Eight members of the Home Economics Club attended the fifty-first annual meeting of the North Carolina Home Economics Association in Greensboro. The girls attended the November 1 and November 2 sessions.

Brandy Aiken is presently Secretary and Treasurer for 1969-1970. Sherry Wendt is the newly elected Student Reporter. She will accept the duties for the 1970-1971 session in the spring.

Many points of view were presented at the meeting on Home Economics' Focus on the Consumer. Dr. Leroy C. Augenstein was guest speaker. Dr. Augenstein is professor and chairman of the department of biophysics at Michigan State University. He spoke "values for a set of tough shoppers." His focus was on the social, ethical, and biological problems facing today's consumer in the world of scientific and medical discoveries. Other speeches were heard on past and present legislation and social and economic concerns affecting the consumer.

The girls also saw many special exhibitions and were able to collect a "bundle" of free "goodies."



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