



ANIMAL FARM

By Patti Pig

It seems that Salem always has to be sand-bagged into moving on. We are so afraid of being foolish or impolite in assembly that we will do anything short of crawling under our seats to avoid public exposure of our minds. Hence, the sand-bag procedure in Monday's assembly by Dr. Lewis.

It was a classic example of the Salem lady's Let's-Get-On-With-It technique of paying homage to the assembly slip. Nothing less than a roaring circus of pink lions and three-legged baboons would have interested such a ho-hum audience. I guess that Mr. Potter didn't know that we expect robot-perfect speakers and instant, just-add-water knowledge, because he tried to interest us in such an interesting but clubfooted subject as art! He tried as capably as he could, and all the response he got was a lot of coughing and some doodlewong from Dr. Lewis.

Come on, Salem, give assemblies a chance. Why expect a speaker to supply us with a scholar's knowledge of the subject in fifty-five minutes? Why be embarrassed when someone dares to challenge a speaker? Why be ashamed to challenge a challenger too? Let's eliminate the necessity for Dr. Lewis' sand-bags by becoming participants as well as observers!



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Barbro, Jette Holding Their Own

By Jeanne Patterson

Barbro Nevert is tall, blonde and from Karlshamn, Sweden. (Where else?) Yet life in the United States is not new to Barbro. She spent the summer of 1969 in a suburb of Boston, Mass. In fact, Barbro's roommate, Susan Lundeen, was surprised to find that Barbro, as a foreign student, has needed so little help getting adjusted to the language and most American customs.

Barbro arrived in New York on September 7 and spent one day there. Then she flew to Winston-Salem and spent a few days with Mary Leight. Barbro said that she liked Winston-Salem much better than New York, but she was surprised that it is not as crowded as Boston.

Barbro was curious about attending an all girls' school, since she graduated in a class with five girls and twenty-one boys. "I thought that the girls would talk about nothing but boys, but that is just not true."

The dating practices of American girls did surprise Barbro a bit. In Sweden teenagers go out in groups. The first time she heard of the good old American custom of "blind" dates she was surprised to hear that a girl would really go out with a boy nobody knew.

Last weekend Barbro went to Smith Mountain Lake in Virginia with a group of girls where she was introduced to partying at the mountains and to the "Biting Bug."

Barbro likes her classes because she is unused to the close teacher-student relationship. The honor system confused her. She could not believe that girls were allowed to "sit so close together" during the Handbook test. She feels that the Honor System is good because "it really makes you not want to cheat."

Founder's Day was new and exciting to Barbro. She took part in

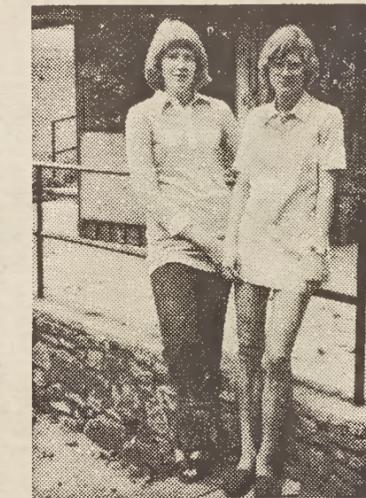
the Junior class skit and in making decorations.

When asked about American food—specifically refectory food—Barbro said she likes everything except the "orange cheese" and "the beans—there are so many different kinds!"

By Laurie Daltroff

Jette Wessel is a Salem student. Jette is also an exchange student from Denmark. Whenever one sees her roaming around campus in a group or alone, she appears at home, a fact which should make no impression upon anyone who accepts people for themselves.

Jette arrived at Salem after months of waiting and expectation, anxious to see the place which had



Barbro Nevert and Jette Wessel are foreign students at Salem this year.

selected her through the International Exchange Students program. She has come to us prepared for her sojourn in a foreign

land, for she lived in England with her sister for a short time, and has studied English for about eight years.

Jette, who rooms with Louise Wilbur, enjoys everything about Salem. She particularly likes the small classes and close atmosphere of this college community. "It's rather strange to be in this type of school. I went to a very small school, but if I were to go to the university there would be thousands of people."

Jette says that she loves the way the girls at Salem are so friendly. She spent a short time in New York before she came to North Carolina to go to school, and disliked the way people in the city ignore everyone. She feels that the open atmosphere here is delightful.

The only criticism that Jette offers is dismay over the food served at school. "Your breakfasts are so strange here. You have eggs and meat with biscuits, or some other heavy foods. In Denmark we eat rolls and coffee or tea, nothing so large. And your meat! It is overcooked! I cannot get used to your meat."

Louise Wilbur has many things to say about the experience of rooming with Jette. She feels that this is an opportunity for which a person should prepare, maintaining an open mind about the background and ideas of someone from outside the United States. "Over here we develop preconceived ideas about types of people and how they should behave, which Europeans usually do not do. A chance to live with a girl from another culture is very exciting and can teach one so much."

"Jette is amusing and interesting. She has a delightful sense of humor, always coming out with unexpected remarks at very appropriate times. She is interesting because of her British accent, and because, well, she is Jette. Jette is a completely natural person."