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Janie Barkman relaxes in her room with some of the spoils of her victory after the Salem reception. She received a letter of congratulations from President Nixon Monday, September 18.

Barkman Bags Rewards; Effort Brings Satisfaction

It took her 2700 miles and an airplane trip across the Atlantic Ocean, a car trip which should have taken only 10 hours but due to complications was extended an additional 12 hours including a lay-over in a small Virginian town for car repairs, before Janie Barkman, Salem's singular gold medalist, finally set foot on campus. Even then, it was 5:30 in the morning. In fact, the marathon Janie endured just in getting back to Salem must have reminded her of the tremendous patience and skill it requires to make it to the Olympics. However, despite the many disruptions in plans, Salem's banners still fluttered a greeting and the banquet food still tasted great as all Salem's people welcomed back a blushing and exuberant Janie.

The center of excitement was of course the refectory where red, white, and blue decorations emphasized the American role in the Olympics. Seated at the head table were faculty members who knew Janie particularly well, Dr. Chandler, Dean Johnson, Mr. Joines, Janie's roommate, Christina Spence, and a good-looking male who was introduced as Janie's boyfriend. In the speeches which followed, Janie was presented the key to Winston-Salem by Mr. Joines, a representative of the mayor, and she also received a scrap book from her fellow Salemites.

Janie is no novice in the world of the Olympics. She participated in the 1968 summer games held at Mexico City, and captured both a gold and bronze medal. This summer in Munich, she participated in the 400 meter freestyle relay, swimming the American crawl on the third leg. It was with her performance that the American team pulled out ahead to secure another gold medal. Becoming a member of the U. S. team is a difficult task for competition is stiff. Between the first and fourth position on the American relay team of which Janie

was a member, there existed a time difference of only .9 sec. in the time trials which determined who would be swimming in that particular event. That's less than one full second, an extremely close margin. Undoubtedly, Tarzan would be proud of our Jane. In case anyone missed the significance behind that one an

explanation does exist. The best male American swimmer in the Olympics during the 1930s' was always offered the role of Tarzan by Hollywood film producers, Johnny Weismuller being a case in point. It's too bad the Tarzan fad passed on, Salem might have had a movie actress as well as a gold medalist.

Freshmen Have Personality; Brains Grace Class Too

Without a doubt one may unreservedly say of the '72 freshman class that it is unique. The most noticeable quality of Salem's newest group is its size, 193 students, of which 188 are boarders—the largest class in five years. Many upperclassmen have wondered about the disappearance of study rooms and have feared to open a closet door without a freshman popping out to invite us into her room. Now, we can understand why every space must be utilized. In addition to this numerical increase, a wide variety of eager students represent 128 different schools throughout the country. Of these many institutions, 55 freshmen attended private schools and 138 graduated from public schools. However, regardless of their background, the freshmen agreed that the best instruction came in their English and Math courses. It must have been fine instruction too because SAT scores were quite impressive, the upper quartile of the class scoring above the 550 mark on each section with math scores edging English by a slight margin. Class ranks for this freshman group are also outstanding, 13 girls having been either 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in their graduating class and 2 girls achieved top honors as valedictorians. So with their come brains as well, and what's more a wide geo-

graphical distribution. Surprisingly enough, only 47% of the incoming freshmen are native North Carolinians with over half (53%) having permanent residency outside the state. A total of 20 states are represented including our northernmost state Maine, extending southward to Florida and to the deep South with Mississippi, and finally reaching westward to include Ohio, Illinois, and Michigan. One foreign country is also represented, which is Germany.

In a class of such proportion and distribution there exist many alumnae connections. One girl's ties with Salem date back seven generations to her great-great-great-great-grandmother who was a former Salemite. Seven of the freshmen have sisters who attended and are still attending Salem, and approximately 40 more girls are cousins, nieces, daughters, and grand-daughters of Salemites. The most interesting connection though lies not in the female side of the family but arises through the male line. One freshman bears the distinction of having had her father attend Salem.

Notwithstanding family connections, all the freshmen come to Salem with the usual hopes, goals and interests. The girls plan future careers in everything from teaching the new fledglings success and ex- to medicine and one girl has even confessed that she wants merely to be a housewife. In the attainment of their goals here at Salem we wish tend a warm welcome to them from all Salem's people. We are glad they are able to share this 201st year of Salem College with us.

Academy Enlightens Jrs

"Are you one of those shut-ins? Or perhaps you are one of those budding geniuses!" These are typical questions Salem Academy students ask the College students living at the Academy in faculty suites.

As our friends might notice, life across the May Dell is something for which we really did not know how to prepare. Life with the "girls" is arranged around a system of bells which range from the inaudible to sonic booms. College life at the Academy is very quiet most of the time, excepting the hour 9:00-10:00. This time period encompasses Telephone Hour. Does anybody know what it is like to experience a stampede of elephants charging a ringing bell? Does everybody know that Beth has a date with the boy who has long blonde hair, wire-rim glasses and smokes?

Perhaps Salem collegians have wondered how parliamentary procedure is carried out for the girls at the "Outer Banks." The college house president is Nancy Sandridge; the hall presidents are Bonnie Black

and Karen Merritt. Debbie Warner is the legislative board representative. The dorm secretary is Bonnie Black, treasurer is Karen Merritt and Debbie Warner is Fire Chief and Foreign Correspondent. The Outer Banks social calendar for the year includes Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas parties, as well as birthday parties for the four inhabitants.

We want everybody to visit us. We have a spacious living room complete with a television, a refrigerator, a hot plate, sets of dishes for six, four bathrooms—all singles—one guest room and one room for which we haven't figured a use. To reach our humble living quarters merely walk to the Academy's main entrance and ask the lady at the desk how to find us. Better still, give us a call on extension 322 (before 10:00 p.m.) or at 725-5222 anytime, and we will meet you at our gate.

Anybody interested in helping us organize a black market should contact Debbie Warner: the Academy girls have threatened us and have demanded to smoke "ANYTHING."

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