

Swiss Fraulein, Signorina Find Salem Campus Life Exciting

by Dee Wilson

Visualize Alpine mountains, a huge snow-fed lake and a medieval town of 7,000 climbing up the slopes and one has the image of Rita Locher's hometown in northern Switzerland. Coming from the foothills of the Swiss Alps, Rita finds the humidity and 90° heat of Winston-Salem somewhat stifling. She is quite naturally an avid skier (prefers the American brand Head skis), but didn't bring her equipment along because of the size and bulkiness. However, that's not to say she won't be skiing in the United States; she's just anxious to try other sports and hopes to be spending Christmas vacation in the Florida keys with one of her roommates.

Blonde-haired and brown-eyed, Rita is the first one in her family of seven to visit America. She laughs shyly when questioned about her trip over. After a few days in New York City, she rode the bus down to Henderson, North Carolina with the intention of traveling on to Oxford to stay with an American family until the opening of Salem. Arriving late one afternoon in Henderson, Rita was informed that the bus for Oxford had already departed and furthermore, another one would not be going that way until the morning. Rita admits she was somewhat dismayed because trains in Switzerland depart every hour; however, she sat down and patiently waited, finally being rewarded with the appearance of her American family who realized what had happened.

Rita finds Salem unique because of the close contact between faculty and student and the equally close ties established among the girls

themselves in dorm life. She explained that attending the University of Zurich meant either commuting daily from Cham (her hometown) or finding a residency in town with some family. European universities do not have a campus life; rather, the students meet informally after classes as fellow commuters on the trains or in local establishments in town. She says they do not share rooms in a dorm and laughingly remarked about the great extent of paraphernalia including hairdryers, record players, extra furniture, and huge piles of luggage most Salem girls find necessary to bring.

Rita's English is good, indicative of a strict and well-structured educational background. She attended elementary school for six years, deciding then to enter the high school specifically attended by students headed for the university. Rita spent six more years in high school studying on the tri-mester system, which meant she went for a longer time period than American students. Most Swiss youth graduate from high school at age 19. After graduation, the students go on to the university, concentrating in one subject. Rita is an exception though, she secured a scholarship from the University of Zurich for an American school. That school as we know happened to be in North Carolina—a state Rita was unfamiliar with and hastened to look up on the map. After her year at Salem, Rita hopes to devote her time to traveling and then in July she will return to her Swiss-German town.

Soft-spoken Silvia Aldini originates from a different climate and a more cosmopolitan area, for she is a

native of Bologna, Italy. Silvia is not as new to the college world as Rita, rather she enters her third year, having previously studied at the University of Bologna. Wearing big-framed glasses which accentuate her intelligent-looking eyes, Silvia has the air of a scholar. She comes from an academic background in that both her parents are high school teachers. And, like Rita, she too had rigorous secondary educational training. Silvia stated the school system under which she studied required much preparation for the 11-12 subjects taught. She explained further that Italian high schools as well as universities suffer from many student riots, because of the demanding requirements and the lack of good teachers. Most Italian students attend school from 8-1 p.m. six days a week with only one ten-minute break at 11 O'clock. There are no extra-curricular activities and students feel they need more democracy, particularly the right to have assemblies.

Silvia also shares Rita's excitement in the novelty of campus living. Silvia finds dorm living a totally new and very human experience. She compared it to community living and considers it a very important part of her education. In Italy, she feels girls are too protected because they always live at home and consequently cannot mature socially.

Silvia thinks there is much to discover in the world and therefore she enjoys traveling. She doesn't approve of going as a tourist but advocates going to work or study, as it affords an opportunity to speak with people about mutual problems. Naturally, she plans to travel in the States, although this isn't her first time here. Silvia has studied in New York also.

Most of her spare moments she spends reading everything from Proust to 20th century American poetry. She admires contemporary American literature and especially enjoys the poet William Carlos Williams because she agrees with his view on progress.

However, both girls prefer spending their spare moments talking and meeting all of us. Silvia is in 319 Babcock, and Rita dwells in 5 Sisters. They have much to share and much to learn not only about Salem but about us



of cabbages and kings

by Sarah Dorrier

Due to circumstances beyond my control (i.e., Founder's Day and a Dr. Gossett paper) I was unable to get my cabbages in a row. Of cabbages and kings will return next week—same time, same station—with comments from Carol Perrin and Pam Langston about the upcoming national election.

GOOD LUCK
ON
FOUNDER'S DAY
EVERYBODY
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Intrepid Trio Travels U. S. Finds Gregarious People

The summer of '72 was enjoyable for many of us. For three particular Salemites it revealed exciting adventures and new horizons they never before had encountered. On the morning of May 24, Susan Milner, Nan Wilson, and Susan Phillips left the safety and comfort of their homes for the unknown wilds of America . . . Destination: U. S. Campsites.

Susan Milner and Nan anxiously sped out of Raleigh in a bright red shiny van the morning of their departure. In anticipation of all the excitement ahead of them, they got lost before leaving the city limits. While they saw their town the hard way, Susan Phillips waited in Henderson, N. C., nervously hoping they had not left her.

The first stop of the girls' trip, after getting Susan P. in Henderson, was for a fried chicken picnic in they were to have for a while! They arrived at their first campsite in the Salem Square. It was the last meal Smokey Mountains National Park at 5 p.m. It took them 45 minutes to put up their sleeping tent, which was such a disaster of an experience that they could never believe they would be able to erect it in four minutes using only two girls by the end of the trip. The night's activities included a trip into Gatlinburg, Tennessee, which boasts as many tourist activities amid rural splendor that any camper could desire.

The next morning the three girls arose at their usual 6:30, ready to check out the University of Tennes-

see. The itinerary also included such institutions as Vanderbilt, the University of Colorado and Berkeley. They met many students across the nation in addition to encountering a few long-lost friends. "The people made the trip," comments Nan.

One couple traveled with them for almost a week. In addition, there were two other groups of campers maintaining a similar route to theirs, so the three groups had a reunion almost every 1000 miles.

Their favorite places included Colorado, San Francisco, the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone. They are convinced that they had the most fantastic trip imaginable for a trio of hardy females, and want to offer helpful hints for future travelers. Anyone interested in the comical aspects of their trip can make a reservation for one of the slide shows in their rooms.

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Campus Ministers

The following campus ministers will be available for appointment each week on the following designated days:

Bill Kercheval—Monday (Presbyterian)

Jake Viverette—Tuesday (Episcopal)

Mark Rose—Wednesday (Methodist)

All appointments should be made through Mrs. Hale in the Lifespan Counseling Center.

Incunabula

Incunabula art contributions may be turned in to Room 62, located in the Fine Arts Center basement. Written contributions may be turned into Room # 8 Sisters or the yellow box located by Main Hall Bulletin Board.

Student Center

The Student Center Committee for this year has been elected and will be meeting at lunch on Thursdays. We are anxious to begin working on new ideas to make the Student Center a place that more students can use and enjoy.

The TV and the radio have been replaced and we hope that new pool balls will be next. The coffee shop is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings so come on down and enjoy a mid-morning snack. While you're there, please take a look around and see how we could make the Student Center more liveable.

Please feel free to join us for lunch with your suggestions, or let a committee member know of them.

Members of this year's committee are Jane Vincent, 125 Babcock; Jeanie Hendrich, 214 Clewell; Nancy Adams, 228 Clewell; and Allison Towne, 302 South.

Daily Celebration Sparks Holiday Atmosphere

Didn't you impress all your friends last week with those amazing facts about Balboa and Francis Willard? Weren't they overwhelmed at your savoir-faire and cosmopolitan knowledge. Expecting these results, April Arts has released the background information on this week's dates—enabling everyone to stay on top of their dazzling new image. Feast on these goodies:

Oct. 1—Mountain State Forest Festival in West Va.—On the completion of that part of the Seneca Trail in the Monogahela National Forest in W. Va. in 1930, the citizens of Elkin planned a celebration. The first director general was George H. Dornblazer. In 1936, Mary Jane Bell was crowned Queen Silvia VII by President Roosevelt—Miss Bell was the first young lady to hold such a title.

Oct. 2—The Veiled Prophet Festival at St. Louis. In 1878, a group of about 20 business men of St. Louis met to consider what could be done to stir the pride of the people in their city, and to attract visitors to it. After considerable discussion, they decided on an annual festival or pageant and ball, presided over by the Veiled Prophet of Khorassan, that powerful and mysterious ruler whose story is told in Thomas Moore's *Lalla Rookh*.

Oct. 3—Founder's Day at Lehigh University. On a convenient day in the autumn of every year Lehigh Uni-

versity at Bethlehem, Pa., honors Asa Packer, its founder, by appropriate exercises. Large numbers of alumni assemble on that day and it is custom to confer honorary degrees on distinguished citizens.

Oct. 4—Birthday of Rutherford B. Hayes. Rutherford Birchard Hayes, 19th President of the United States was born in Delaware, Ohio, on Oct. 4, 1822. He was the son of Rutherford Hayes, a farmer, and Sophia Birchard. His father died before he was born and he was brought up by his uncle, Sardis Birchard.

Oct. 5—Birthday of Chester A. Arthur. Chester Alan Arthur, 21st President of the United States, was born in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Vermont, on October 5, 1830. He was the son of Reverend William Arthur, a Baptist clergyman.

Oct. 6—German Day—The first German settlement in America was made at Germantown, Pennsylvania on the arrival of 13 families on October 6, 1683. Two hundred years later, in 1883, the anniversary of the arrival of these colonists was celebrated at German Pioneer Day. This is believed to be the first formal notice taken of the importance of the German migration to this country.

Church Dorm Boasts Genuine Home Living

At 9095 Church Street, in the Church Street Dorm, live 10 Salemites. There are 3 Seniors, Mary Alice Nelson, Andrea Fregosi and Charlyn Sewell; 4 Juniors, Janie Redfearn, Mary Dashiell, Meredith Hardy and Karen Hobbs; and three Sophomores, Sharon Allison, Tricia Anders and Pat Anglin.

The house in many ways is like a dormitory. We share the same campus regulations observed by other Salemites. The difference is that instead of having an authoritative figure to enforce these rules, we enforce them upon ourselves and each other. We're fortunate to have our own kitchen which we greatly enjoy. And at the moment, it is not unusual for us to hear the noise of workmen who are installing added bath facilities and a washing machine. Contrary to popular belief, we do not have a maid who comes in and makes our beds in the morning. We are responsible for keeping the house, kitchen included, as neat

as possible. Geneva comes down and performs the same duties she would in any other dorm.

Rather than checking out keys on SDH, we each have our own key. This is because the house is kept locked at all times, even during the day. At times this can be a problem during mad scrambles for keys amid an armload of books. After walking to classes, the refectory and the bookstore, it is nice to have our own garage so that we do not have to hike to the FAC everytime we want our cars.

To us, the best thing about living in the house is the relationships we can develop with each other. The 10 of us have different interests and varying personalities; yet we enjoy living and working together. We are finding that we are not only learning a great deal about other people, but we are also learning about ourselves. We want everyone to visit us. Our Salem friends are always welcome.