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Elephants and Butterflies is a weekly column that answers your questions about sex in an open, honest manner. It is a new and popular approach to solving the problems of human sexuality.

The column is written by Lana Starnes, a UNC student, and Dr. Takey Crist, an assistant professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at N.C. Memorial Hospital.

Question: Could you please tell me the reason for the mucous discharge which occurs in the middle of the menstrual cycle? - Signed, Sue.

Dear Sue: The increase in mucous discharge during the middle of the menstrual cycle probably represents the increase in estrogen and progesterone secretions (hormones of the ovary). It represents the body's response in anticipation to ovulation in preparing the vagina and cervix to better enable the sperm to travel from the vaginal canal up the uterine cavity into

the Fallopina tube and fertilize the egg.

Question: Can venereal disease be spread by cunnilingus and fellatio? Are gonorrhea and syphilis detected by the same blood test? What are the first symptoms of syphilis and gonorrhea? Signed, G.B.

Dear G.B.: Yes, venereal disease can be spread by cunnilingus and fellatio. No. Syphilis is detected by a blood test, while gonorrhea is detected by a smear and/or culture. The first sign of syphilis is a small, firm painless sore (chancre) which will appear at the site of infection, usually about two weeks after exposure. The sore will disappear without treatment. The first sign of gonorrhea may appear two days to two weeks after exposure. A man may notice a burning sensation on urination, coupled with white discharge. Inflammation may occur for awhile and then go away. In a woman gonorrhea may go totally undetected. Twenty-five to 30 percent of fe-

males are asymptomatic carriers of gonorrhea.

Question: Why is an episiotomy necessarily performed on a woman during pregnancy? - Signed, Ann.

Dear Ann: An episiotomy, the incision made between the vagina and the rectum at delivery, is performed to protect tissues from tearing or overstretching. Without an episiotomy, the tissues may be torn and unless repaired may not return to normal.

By performing an episiotomy, the baby can pass through the birth canal without overstretching or tearing the vagina. After delivery the muscles are stitched back together. Also an episiotomy may make for an easier delivery.

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Salemmites Come Home

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Perhaps amid comings and goings students have noticed three bright young faces in the Salem admissions office and wondered who they are. Officially, these girls are Mary Scott Best, Assistant Director of Admissions, Annie McLeod, Admissions Counselor, and Joyce McLain who refers to herself as the "Salem roadrunner."

Mary Scott Best, originally from Goldsboro, N.C., received her B.A. in history from Salem College and went to the University of North Carolina to do graduate study in Guidance and personnel. Upon receiving her Masters from UNC, Mary attempted to find a job and, as she says, fate is what led her to Salem again. During a visit to Salem totally unrelated to her job hunt, Ms. Best was informed of a job opening in the Admissions Office where she now is Assistant Director of Admissions. At this time, she spends her days corresponding with applicants,

conducting personal interviews, going over applicants' records and personal references, and making certain that all incoming students fulfill Salem's high standards.

Joyce McLain actually is an Admissions Counselor, but her nickname of "roadrunner" is apropos because of her scheduled months of traveling this winter. She will speak in high schools in the Southern and mideastern United States, which includes a lot of territory and a lot of people. Miss McLain is from Kingsport Tennessee and graduated from Salem with a double major in Art History and Latin. She has an older sister living in California and two younger brothers, one of whom is studying at Wake Forest. Like Ms. Best, Ms. McLain is happy to be back at Salem. She offers a few words of advice to those still enrolled at College: "Love the college while you've got it because you can't cut work like you can cut classes."

Annie McLeod, also an Admissions Counselor, hails from Winnsboro, S.C. Another Salem

graduate, she received her B.A. in English and History in 1970. Ms. McLeod was most impressed by the changes at Salem in three short years. Although several of the social and academic revisions were initiated by her own class, Annie cannot help her repulsion at seeing bare feet on campus.

She says that the job as Admissions Counselor "fell into my lap." After teaching school in Raleigh, she worked at a ski resort in Colorado. Open to suggestions for jobs, she heard about Salem's need for a new counselor by chance. Later, when she related some of her skiing experiences to Dean Johnson, she was told that she might be of help in the Admissions Office!

Once again settled at Salem, the Ms.' Best, McLain, and McLeod make daily contributions to the community by recruiting girls who will keep Salem the unique place that it is. We are glad to see them back, and are grateful for their worthwhile contribution to our environment continuity.

Salem Gains Special Girl

Eva S. Jakobson is a special student at Salem who comes to us with as varied and exciting a background as any nation's diplomats. She is stimulated by the people and places she sees around her, which is a quality that inspires others to learn more of everything too. The following is a brief account of her gypsy life: throughout she manages to infuse the reader with her excitement toward life and her sense of human identity, rather than allegiance to narrowing materialistic values.

by Eva S. Jakobsen

Most of the people at Salem College don't know that I'm Norwegian, and why should they? Only my middle name, S, which I shorten to an S

for obvious reasons, tells my nationality. How does a Norwegian girl end up at Salem College? I have been asked that question several times and my answer is first of all that Salem is located only 25 miles from my American home in Yadkinville; secondly the people I first met at Salem were very friendly and helpful. Thirdly, I like Old Salem and the surroundings.

I have been asked to write about the countries in which I've lived. I was born in Norway (and wish, by the way, to thank Allison Towne and Barbara Brothers who praised Asolo and all of Norway in the *Salemite*) and lived there until I was eleven years old. I spent the following eleven years in Denmark where I attended high school. Salem College is quite a contrast

to the school I attended there. We could not take notes, we had to remember everything, and we were asked any questions. In spite of that, I loved school.

I decided suddenly to see more of the world, and after a short stay in France I came to the United States in 1962. My first impressions of the U.S. were not very favorable. I remember thinking how dirty the cities looked and how ugly all the billboards were. (I still find billboards ugly.) I spent a couple of months in Atlanta and about half a year in the Virgin Islands.

I have lived in Barranquilla, Colombia in South America. Colombia is a fascinating country, and I have always enjoyed living there. Barranquilla which has approximately 800,000 in-



Ms. Susan Mauger, Salem's new P.E. instructor, clowns for the photographer.

Ms. Mauger Plays Games

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Susan Mauger is a Physical Education teacher who doesn't expect perfection. "How can I," she laughingly asked, "when I'm likely to trip over the field hockey ball myself?" A bright new face on the Salem campus this fall, Miss Mauger chose the teaching profession because she obviously enjoys it. Her enthusiasm for living and having fun extends to all phases of Salem and community life. As a graduate of a girls' school, Winthrop College, in Rockhill, South Carolina, Miss Mauger is not only aware of special girls' school traditions such as Founder's Day, but participated in a similar extravaganza at Winthrop called Classes' Night. "Everyone thinks their class is the best," she said, "but, my class really was the greatest." Recalling a particular Classes' Night when she and the other members of her class dressed up as oysters, Miss Mauger expressed enthusiasm for her first Salem Founder's Day. In the Winston-Salem community, she enjoys singing in the Saint Paul's Episcopal church choir. Miss Mauger lives in the Sherwood Colony Apartments, and although she loves dogs, she doesn't feel it's fair to have pets cooped up inside all day. "I like kittens, but I hate cats. It's such a shame they have to grow up."

Born in New Jersey, Miss Mauger's home is now Columbia, South Carolina. "I'm an only child, but I wouldn't say I was spoiled. I've always had to work for what I wanted." Miss Mauger kept busy during the course of

our interview, knitting a bright pink sweater for her mother's Christmas present, and had almost completed a white cardigan for her special fellow. "And, the best part is it fits him," she interjected excitedly. She also enjoys sewing, mainly because she claims it works her mind trying to keep the pattern directions straight.

A "ME collage" which personalizes the walls of Miss Mauger's office includes the phrase "where there's a wish there's a way." Swimming buffs will be interested in the fact that she considers synchronized swimming to be her specialty, and sees many opportunities for the expansion of Salem's swimming programs, making better use of our present facilities.

Miss Mauger comes to Salem from four years of teaching at Griffith Junior High School in Winston-Salem where she was active as cheerleader sponsor. Her four years of teaching were divided by a one year interim in which she worked toward a master's degree in Physical Education at Wake Forest University. When questioned about the difference in teaching junior high school and college students, she said the thing she misses most at Salem is the interaction with her students. "I know that much of the talking takes place in the dorms, and I expect, eventually, girls will begin to drop by my office more and more; however, I miss being able to talk to students and help them cope with their problems." Miss Mauger, in two words, can be described as a lady of involvement and enthusiasm, eagerly putting both traits to work for Salem.

habitants, is on the Magdalena River, 12 kilometers from where it runs into the Caribbean Sea. While living there I have travelled quite a bit; one of the most memorable trips was to Tierra del Fuego in southern Argentina, where I spent some time in Rio Grande and Ushoraia which is the southernmost city in the world. Heading toward the Pacific Ocean during this trip, I came through the Beagle Channel and then continued along the coasts of Chile and Peru back to Colombia. Another trip took me to Cuzco and Machu Picchu, the Tuca ruins in Peru. A few words cannot describe the magnificence of these ruins. The third trip I will mention took me to the Faroe Islands located in the Atlantic Ocean, north of the Shetlands. The Faroe Islands

belong to Denmark, but the language spoken there is similar to the Norwegian language; like the Norwegians the Faroese take great pride in their national costumes. Other trips include one across the U.S. by car to the West Coast and back.

I have learned a lot from all my visits here and there; most of all I have a better understanding of other peoples than I had. I have no trouble adjusting to life in a different country. Having lived for a long period of time in Denmark, Colombia and the U.S., I feel a bit Danish, a bit Colombian, and a bit American, which often reminds me of something I promised myself years ago... never to forget my native language. So far I have kept that promise.