

# Becky Ranson Says "I Took Advantages"



Rebecca Ranson, senior at Salem, knows how to mix a good drink. And she enjoys meeting people who can't speak English. Becky spent seven and one-half months in Europe studying at Asolo and working as a bartender in Zurich, Switzerland.

She originally went to Italy to study at Salem's Asolo program. After the summer school ended in August, Becky decided to stay

in Europe. She wanted to travel alone and make some money.

She got a job in the Movenpick Dreikonighaus restaurant through Lisa Godwin, who worked there two summers. While working at the restaurant Becky became a proficient bartender and learned that European men treat women with respect even when intoxicated.

Becky is an advocate of women's liberation. But she learned that the movement is considered a joke among European men and women. In Europe she found that there are definite advantages to being a woman.

"It goes against the philosophy of women's liberation but it was mostly an advantage to be a girl. I got rides when I thumbed because I was a girl. I got a lot of free meals and drinks that I wouldn't have gotten if I were a guy. And if I got lost or something, people went out of their way to take care of me."

"Everyone was sort of protective because I was a girl and I was traveling alone. The few times I did travel with another girl I got a lot more hassle. I have to admit I enjoyed taking advantage of the situation because being a woman has been a hindrance in the past."

Becky felt she was really liberated for the first time when she was in Europe. During her seven month stay she changed a lot of her ideas about the United States and her own goals.

"In Switzerland there were many different nationalities and everyone was very nationalistic about their own country. I really was ashamed of myself because I wanted to be proud of America but I really hadn't been trained in that kind of environment."

"People in America are very proud of their state or their city, but the country is too big to have tons of feeling about

the landscape or the language. We've had so many nationalities fed into the country and it is so diverse that one can't get that nationalistic pride that people have in Europe."

Becky said she tried to develop pride in America while she was in Europe. She was succeeding until the United States resumed the bombing of Vietnam.

"Then I couldn't stand it. It was so hard to be an American. I was in Denmark when that happened and everyone who had been friendly to Americans suddenly began questioning our country. That's all they could talk about," she said.

Becky thinks that her extended visit helped her direct herself toward some goals. She said that most of the students she met in Europe were of the working class. They were studying to be in a trade.

"Liberal arts doesn't seem to be the thing over there. They all have a trade in mind from the time they are about 14. They really work toward that goal. They seem to be more practical and not as idealized as American students."

Becky has made some interesting observations about European men. She has categorized them by countries. Italian men, she says, are just like their wolf stereotype. English men are very similar to Americans but they have a fascinating accent.

Greeks, according to Becky, treated her better than any other men. She said that they are romantic and gallant.

Becky said that she did not see many local women in Greece and Spain. The religious feelings and family feelings are so deep that they do not let the women out of the homes alone, she said.

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**Question:** I need to know if tubal ligation has side effects or complications. Do you recommend vasectomy or tubal ligation? What is cheaper? -- Signed Mother.

**Dear Mother:** The choice of the operation whether it be done in the male or the female should be left entirely up to the couple. The physician should be an advisory, but the final decision as to who should have the operation is the couple's responsibility.

As to the side effects or complications from a tubal ligation, that all depends on the method used, the type of anesthesia used, the age of the patient, the number of pregnancies she may have had and what kind of care she will receive.

The vasectomy is a much cheaper operation, particularly if it is done on an outpatient basis.

**Question:** While taking the pill, is sexual intercourse safe for the whole 28 days, or only for the 21 days on the pill? Also, is it abnormal for my periods to be scantier while on the pill? --

Signed, Wondering.

**Dear Wondering:** If the pill is taken correctly you are safe the entire 28 days of the cycle. Intercourse may be a little messy during the seven days since you will normally be having your period, but it is safe.

It is perfectly normal for your periods to become "scantier" while on the pill. You may not even have a period after being on the pill for three or four months. And there is some evidence that menstrual cramps improve.

**Question:** I heard you speak about two years ago, and I seem to remember you saying that douching is not necessary. I am married now and I would like to know if this is true and why. If douching is necessary, what method do you most recommend? Also, how effective are Norforms? -- Signed, Interested.

**Dear Interested:** Douching is not necessary because it is felt that in most cases it will alter the normal acidity in the protective environment of the vagina, and thus may eventually encourage infection. However, most women want to douche right after a menstrual period, and most doctors will recommend an occasional douche with a mild vine-

gar and water solution -- usually one to two tablespoons of white distilled vinegar to a quart of warm water.

We feel that the commercially prepared solutions are not necessary and the most they do is sensitize the sensitive vaginal mucosa. We are not aware of any studies that have compared Norform to douching with vinegar and water.

(Questions should be addressed to Lana Starnes and Dr. Takey Crist, in care of The Daily Tar Heel, Student Union, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514.)

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## Asolo Summer Program Is Diverse This Year

Salem's fifth summer session in Asolo, Italy will run from June 8 to August 10. The session is open to students from colleges and universities. Students, who will be housed in the San Luigi nunnery, must take two courses during the session.

Clemens Sandresky, dean of Salem's music school, is director for the summer school. Professor James Moon, formerly an art instructor at Salem College, will conduct classes in Studio Art and Independent and Direc-

### Department Needs Staff

The *Salemite* needs some bright girls to work on the advertising staff this spring. The paper is in the process of collecting advertisements for next year and its future will be determined by the number of ads obtained.

Anyone interested in working on the staff see Chris Minter, 107 Gramley, or Laurie Daltroff, 13 Sisters.

ted Study of Art. A survey of Northern Italian Art will be conducted by Professor Ernst J. Grube, a part time resident of Asolo and former professor of art history at the City College of New York and Hunter College.

Music courses will be taught by several of Salem's music faculty. Professor Eugene and Joan Jacobowsky, violinist and mezzo soprano, will conduct a course on Italian Opera and Strings. Miss Patricia Pence, harp instructor for Salem and the North Carolina School of the Arts, will lead a class in Music Performance.

Professor Bernhard von Nicolai of Salem's history-political science department will hold a course on Origins of Modern Government and Society. Professor Sally P. Rackley, head of Salem's classics department, will lead a course on the History of Rome. And Dr. Sidney Kelly of Salem's religion and philosophy department will lead a session on Religious Symbolism.

Tuition for the summer school in Asolo will not exceed

\$1200. This amount includes housing, school fees and the bus trips included in the summer session. Students must deposit \$50 in advance.

Bus trips, provided as part of the session, will include the cultural centers of Pomposa, Ravenna, Ferrara, Venice, Padua, Mantua, Verona and Vicenza. The beaches around Venice are 40 kilometers from Asolo.

Classes are scheduled for four days each week and informal Italian language lectures will be held daily by Mrs. Alberta Grube.

### NOTICE

Today is the last day for returning January rebate forms to Dr. Homrighous. They must be signed by the January program sponsor or by Dr. Homrighous if the student has spent January off-campus.

If the form is not returned today, the student cannot get a refund on tuition for January.

## Journal Reporters to Speak At Salem Journalism Clinic

The *Salemite* will sponsor a journalism clinic with the *Winston-Salem Journal* and *Sentinel* Tuesday, Feb. 27 and Thursday, March 8. The clinic is open to students at Wake Forest and at Winston-Salem State. The clinic is from 8-9:30 p.m. and the location has not yet been determined.

The journalism clinic will be divided into seminars concentrating on news management, writing, layout and headline writing. Bill East, *Journal-Sentinel* director of public relations, will speak. Members of the *Journal-Sentinel* news and copy staff will participate also.

The clinic is to help students who have had limited or no experience working with newspapers. Salem has no journalism course at this time and the clinic is aimed at offsetting this lack.

The clinic, although primarily for staff-members of the collegiate newspapers, is also open for students who are interested in working on newspapers as a career.

People interested in attending the clinic please see Laurie Daltroff, 13 Sisters.