

# ELEPHANTS &



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Almost every person in our society has been a victim of misinformation and superstition in all areas of human sexuality. There still exist many fallacies that can only breed unhappiness unless the facts are disseminated. Here are but just a few.

Alcohol is a sexual stimulant. False. Alcohol acts as a depressant on the neurological system and can depress sexual functioning as much as it will blur speech and motor coordination.

Alcohol affects men and women alike but the alcohol-induced sexual failure in the man is more pronounced. Taken in large quantities, alcohol blocks the neural pathways that govern erection, causing temporary impotence that cannot be overcome, even with a very strong sexual desire.

A woman under the influence is capable of intercourse but her chances of achieving an orgasm are greatly diminished because of the alcohol's deadening effect of all nerve centers.

Alcohol taken in moderate amounts, however, may reduce fears and guilt feelings that would otherwise interfere with sexual performance and sexual enjoyment. It can also dull sensitivity a bit, so as to allow intercourse to last longer.

A hallmark of complete sexual compatibility is synchronized orgasm. False. The vaginal spasm of the female will frequently speed the male to orgasm, thus giving the impression that synchronization has occurred. It is enough that both partners are achieving orgasm, and synchronization is most likely a func-

tion of mutual practice.

Marijuana is an aphrodisiac. False. If the definition of aphrodisiac is considered to be a substance which when taken will regularly excite sexual desire, then marijuana is not one.

However, marijuana is one of the many psychoactive drugs in which the set and setting are important. If a person is set for sexual excitement and if the setting is conducive to sexual fantasy, chances are likely that sexual feelings will be heightened by marijuana.

Marijuana causes distortion of sensations -- sound, taste, vision. Sexual sensations can also be distorted and heightened. Common-

ly, marijuana reduces anxiety and inhibitions while producing a sense of well-being. Also many people report that under the influence of marijuana there is a concentration on one set of sensations -- one of which can well be sexual.

For further detailed treatment of sexual myths and fallacies read "Sexual Myths and Fallacies" by Dr. James Leslie McCary, professor of psychology, University of Houston, Texas.

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John Fleishman ponders sociological problems at Salem.

## New Sociology Prof Enjoys Salem Atmosphere

— by Shirley Brobst  
Staff Reporter

The number of new faces at Salem continues to grow! The new faculty member in the sociology department is Mr. Jay Fleishman. Mr. Fleishman, who is also doing his graduate work at UNC-G, is teaching two courses here on campus -- Social Inequality and Sex Roles.

After receiving his undergraduate degree in political science and international studies at Carolina in 1969, Mr. Fleishman taught seventh grade for a year in an all black school at Henderson, N.C. This school was in a poverty stricken area, with the average annual family income being \$2,000. He then entered graduate school at UNC-G and centered his interest on sociology. His major areas are social stratification and minority groups.

Mr. Fleishman worked as a graduate assistant for two years and had quite an interesting assignment for one semester. He was sent out on the street to mingle in with the hippie groups in Greensboro and to find out a little about life from their point of view. He said that he found this assignment very depressing and very difficult and that he wouldn't recommend it to anyone.

When it comes to travel, there's no place like Europe, according to Mr. Fleishman. He's been to Europe three times and has seen most of Western Europe. After his freshman year at Carolina, he flew to Europe on a charter flight with no special plans in mind -- just traveling and working. He lived with a French family for five weeks, which was a most memorable experience. He found the family very hospitable and he felt very much at home with them. Art museums were a frequent visiting place and especially the ones that contain Impressionistic works, which are his favorites. It's quite obvious that Europe hasn't seen the last of Mr. Fleishman, because he has indicated a desire to go back whenever he has the chance.

Mr. Fleishman's reactions to Salem are not unlike those of most of the other faculty members. He likes the smaller classes because he feels that he will be able to give a fairer evaluation of the students' work. So often at a larger school, professors are

forced to give true-false or other such objective tests merely to save time in grading the papers. At a smaller school with small classes a student has a better opportunity to show what she has really learned.

The course about social inequality falls right into line with Mr. Fleishman's experience and training, but he is equally enthusiastic about teaching the sex roles course, a subject with which he is less familiar. For the past three months he has scoured the shelves of libraries in order to prepare for the course and he is very enthusiastic about the material he has uncovered.

Mr. Fleishman is originally from Lumberton, N.C. His father is a merchant there. His sister works for a Congressman in Washington and his younger brother is a freshman at Carolina.

We are lucky to have Mr. Fleishman here at Salem for this semester. He is a welcome and very likeable addition to the sociology department and to Salem College.



Last week's rainy weather kept some people from going anywhere. This student was undaunted by rain and fog as she visited the post office.

## Choral Ensemble Deepens Commitments

— by Debbie Clark

First semester was a busy one for the choral ensemble. On November 30 we entertained the Kiwanis Club with a Christmas program. Before singing the girls enjoyed lunch with the men. Each table consisted of three or four girls who were busy conversing with the businessmen. The Archways and the Bell Ringers joined the fun.

On Sunday, December 3 the choral ensemble went to Trinity Moravian Church. The Bell Ringers again enhanced our Christmas program. If the congregation appreciated our singing, we appreciated the covered-dish supper! We soon learned Moravians are excellent cooks.

For the Christmas season two more annual performances were

on the schedule. The candlelight Christmas Assembly was on December 7. To see the entire audience with lighted candles in their hands is a special privilege. Another special privilege is to participate in Old Salem Christmas. We each get fitted for a costume to use while we sing in the Brothers House. The music is from original manuscript and has never been published. The selections are only used at Christmas in Old Salem.

The Choral Ensemble is looking forward to a busy second semester also. Perhaps the members will be treated to some more dinners as fringe benefits!

## Lectures

The Salem College Department of Sociology will sponsor a Sociology Career Day on Thursday, Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. in the Strong Friendship Room. Six speakers will discuss sociology careers from 10-11:15. They will be followed by an informal discussion.

John K. Canupp, administrator for the Comprehensive Alcoholism Program in Forsyth County will be the first speaker. He will be followed by Phil Perricone, Assistant Professor at Wake Forest University, Don Morrison of the Forsyth County Department of Social Services, Ennis Butler of the Forsyth County Drug Abuse Program, Reina Duvall, a graduate student at Wake Forest and Bill Lamb, a probation officer in the city court.

All of the speakers will give practical information concerning how to apply for jobs, differentiation between certain areas of sociology and the need for graduate degrees.

After a lunch break, the group will reconvene and introduce Diane High and Joyce Aldret from Salem's Lifespan Counseling Center.