

Oslo Summer Is Exciting

By Wendy Wykoff

This year at Salem, many people have asked me, "How was Norway? Tell me about it!" My first reaction is always a big smile and "It was fantastic!" After that, I'm speechless because the whole summer seems like a big dream. International Summer School in Oslo was definitely the greatest and most worthwhile experience I have ever had.

Now that I look back at those fast and wonderful six weeks, I realize that the best part of the summer school was the people there. Over half of the students were from the United States, but the remainder of the students represented almost fifty countries. It was great to learn about so many foreign cultures through the unique people at the school. There were many different types of people at the summer school, and they differed not only in political beliefs but clothes, customs, manners, religious beliefs, and even dancing. In spite of these differences, we formed a unified group and learned that people are basically the same all over the world.

The second best part about being at the International Summer School was being in Norway. I expected it to be a beautiful country, but I never dreamed it would be the fairyland that it truly is. Of course we spent most of our time in Oslo, the big, bustling city filled with gardens, cafes, beautiful parks, and tourists. The countryside of Norway, however, is absolutely beautiful with its rolling green mountains, waterfalls, and clear blue water. We had plenty of time to travel throughout Norway on the weekends and during the mid-term

break. The second weekend of school, we went on a trip to Lillehammer, a small town near Oslo, which was sponsored by the summer school. During the mid-term break, I had the great experience of traveling to Kjerfingoy, a tiny village far above the Arctic Circle on the Arctic Ocean.

Traveling in Norway was a great way to get to know the Norwegian people. They are a healthy, vivacious people and are very natural and down-to-earth. The Norwegians especially impressed me in that they were extremely warm and friendly to any foreigner with whom they had even a remote connection. Several families "adopted" me along with a few of my friends, and they treated us almost like royalty.

The courses at International Summer School were stimulating and were taught by very interesting people. We learned about Norwegian life and culture in the classroom and were able to observe what we had learned in our interactions with the Norwegians themselves. It was also interesting to compare Norwegian society to American society, although I realized more than ever that America is vastly different in all areas. The classroom was not the only learning experience by any means. I learned more about people in general from attending the summer school than I probably ever will.

I could talk forever about the International Summer School, but I could never adequately describe what a truly great experience it was. The only way to really find out is to go yourself. I urge you to apply for the scholarship this spring. I guarantee that you will never regret it!

Mickie Webb, Class of 1977, Wins Prize in Silver Opinion Competition

Reed & Barton Silversmiths of Taunton, Mass., have just announced that Mickie Webb has been awarded one of the 100 "starter set" prizes for her entry in the silver firm's 1974 Silver Opinion Competition from nearly 16,000 university students who entered the contest this Spring. She will receive approximately \$100.00 in sterling, fine china and crystal.

Her pattern selections were as follows: Reed & Barton's English Provincial sterling silver, Oxford's Lexington china and Lenox's Weatherly crystal.

Also announced were the winners of the 10 major Scholarships offered as grand prizes in the Reed & Barton Competition. They are:

- \$1,000 Scholarship—Diane Williams, Orinda, Calif.
- \$500 Scholarship—Nan McWilliams, New Orleans, La.
- \$300 Scholarship—Nancy Walker, Tempe, Ariz.
- \$100 Scholarship—Karen Shapiro, Oakland, N. J.
- \$100 Scholarship—Maureen Barry, Newton, Mass.
- \$100 Scholarship—Anne Lockridge, Jacksonville, Ala.
- \$100 Scholarship—Mary Lou Mayer, Metairie, La.
- \$100 Scholarship—Susan Bilke, Tulsa, Okla.
- \$100 Scholarship—Gayle Zanetti, Hackettstown, N. J.
- \$100 Scholarship—Donna Winters, Savannah, Ga.

NSF Grad Fellowships

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The National Research Council has again been called upon to advise the National Science Foundation in the selection of candidates for the Foundation's program of Graduate Fellowships. Panels of eminent scientists appointed by the National Research Council will evaluate qualifications of applicants. Final selection will be made by the Foundation, with awards to be announced on March 15, 1975.

Initial NSF Graduate Fellowship awards are intended for students at or near the beginning of their graduate study. In general, therefore, those eligible to apply will be college seniors or first-year graduate students this Fall. Subject to the availability of funds, new fellowships awarded in the Spring of 1975 will be for periods of three years, the second and third years contingent on certification to the Foundation by the fellowship institution of the student's satisfactory progress toward an advanced degree in science.

These fellowships will be awarded for study or work leading to master's or doctoral degrees in the mathematical, physical, medical, biological, engineering, and social sciences, and in the history and philosophy of science. Awards will not be made in clinical, education, or business fields, in history or social work, or for work leading to medical, dental, law, or joint Ph.D.-professional degrees. Applicants must be citizens of the United States and will be judged solely on the basis of ability. The annual stipend for Graduate Fellows will be \$3,600 for a twelve-month tenure with no dependency allowances.

Applicants will be required to take the Graduate Record Examinations designed to test scientific aptitude and achievement. The examinations, administered by the Educational Testing Service, will be given on December 14, 1974 at designated centers throughout the United States and in certain foreign countries.

The deadline date for the submission of applications for NSF Graduate Fellowship is December 2, 1974. Further information and application materials may be obtained from the Fellowship Office, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D. C. 20418.

Archways Are Great!

Singing in the shower has always been an enjoyable occupation for me until not too long ago, after many unsuccessful attempts, I realized that four part harmony was impossible for one set of vocal cords to attain. So rather than submit to the lonely fate of "single singing", I tried out for the Archways; planning almost until the last minute to take my shower curtain for security! The audition was somewhat traumatic but after the initial panic, it turned out to be most enjoyable. The next morning when my name was on the list of those chosen for the group, I was excited indeed, no more "single singing"! Since that morning three things have impressed me most from singing with the Archways. First, the full enjoyment of songs I've always loved but often have forgotten. Even though I realize that I'll never sound like Barbra Streisand, it's fun to sing her songs! Second, the originality and talent of the girls I'm working with is amazing. (I believe that a few of

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