

Students Experience Fun Trip

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The Outerbanks of North Carolina was the destination April 25 of forty Salem students, professors and families. I was among them and for the first time I felt I enjoyed the beach for more than the sun and surf. Sure, we had a chance to bake our bobs and get a thoroughly beautiful lobster look. But for the most part, our attention was diverted to more worthwhile adventures.

Under Mr. McLeod and Dr. Edwards we had been studying salt water ecosystems first hand. Fortunately the weather was perfect for us and Saturday began early with a trip to the Duke Marine Lab at Beaufort. A group of college students from Canada was there too. First on the list of "adventures" was a ride on the "Beverage" to dredge the sound to study the animal life. After the dredge, all sorts of sea animals were dumped on board for us to examine. A unique land animal to some, seen from the boat, were the wild horses on a nearby island.

After the trip on the sound, we tramped and waded across Bird Shoals, the island with the horses. Supposedly we were taking down all the formal scientific names for each plant and organism, but I was too interested in the island conditions in general for that. A hike across a completely natural island is some experience. Each of us appreciated the beauty of the island and resented the damage civilization is slowly doing to it through various ways.

Grabbing lunch at a nearby Hardees was a push-shove deal along with tons of Northern college students down for some

Southern sun. Afterwards we drove to Atlantic Beach to study the dunes and vegetation while hurrying up the shore on foot to Fort Macon (built 1826). There we rested our tired selves before walking back. At this point we wished we had a mile counter with us!

Now I would like for you to picture what our group looked like: bedraggled, windblown, some in jeans, some in cut-offs, others in bathing suits, all forty with shoes following our tall lanky leader on the sandy shore. No wonder the sunbathers were taken by surprise when we came upon them en masse.

One can not leave Morehead City without the treat of dining at Tony's Sanitary Seafood Restaurant. There most of us headed for Saturday supper. It's excellent and lives up to all that last year's ecology group said about it.

Quickly, I must bypass our accommodations at the Jefferson Motel because it was really too funny to lose the humor on paper. Only to say ask anyone who went about the free vending machine, the interesting owner, his wife and their stand-made signs telling us not to steal anything.

Sunday night forty exhausted but enlightened "ecologists" rolled into the FAC on our Trailways Charter. All headed to their prospective dorms or homes filled with interesting stories of the week-end's various episodes. The trip was definitely an eye-opener in many respects. Each student seemed more aware of and informed concerning our beaches. And to top it off, it was really fun and a great chance to know fellow Salemmites better.

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about the functions of countries all over the world, contemporary problems in international affairs, and we also learned much about parliamentary procedure.

Although the meetings took up a good part of every day, we still had some time to enjoy New York. We found time to shop, sightsee, and even take in a Broadway play or two. Several cocktail parties and a dance were scheduled for the delegates, so there was no lack of social activity.

Overall, our experience at the NMUN was most profitable and enjoyable. This trip is sponsored by the Salem Forum, and is one of the greatest educational opportunities offered at Salem. Some of our delegates even received credit in history for participating in this



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convention.

The delegates from Salem were Theresa Bray, Beth Clark, Laura Day, Barbara Egerton, Jane El-

liott, Maggie Guerard, Carolyn Highsmith, Dee Ligon, Vicki Moir, Karen Reagan, Louise Taylor, and Beverly Vaughn.