



By Rebecca Dunbar

Aquarius 2000. No, it's not the title of a book or the name of nightclub. Aquarius 2000 is a health foods store located at Stratford Center (take the Stratford Road North exit off I-40). The co-managers of the store are John Fisher, a graduate of Wake Forest, and his wife Alice, a graduate of School of the Arts. The store opened in 1969. At first the customers were mainly older, vitamin-oriented people. Now, however, Mr. Fisher says that they seem to be getting more young people in, especially students from School of the Arts. It seems that some professors there have stressed the importance of good nutrition to their students, especially those students who have to perform physically.

Aquarius 2000 has a good selection of vitamins, minerals, and health food products, including cosmetics. However, there are two factors that set it apart from other such stores. One is the amazingly large selection of books — cookbooks, diet books, herb books, nutrition books, health and beauty books, and books dealing with specific health problems. Fisher has been responsible for building up the book section because he feels that it is important for people "to get a feeling on their own of what they need."

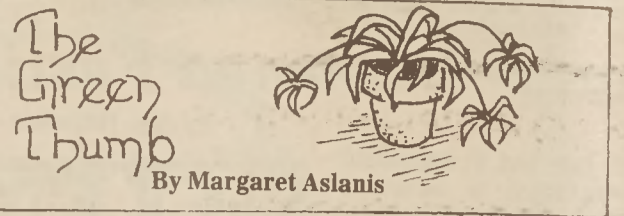
The second factor that sets Aquarius apart is the feeling one gets that the store is not just a business, but also a reflection of a way of life. The people who work at Aquarius believe in what they are doing and in what they are selling. They also are willing to help you find what you want and to answer your questions. Fisher received his Master's Degree in Nutrition from UNC-G.

Try browsing through Aquarius 2000 sometime when you're in a shopping mood. It might be fun.

Lecture Series Begins Season

The 1977-1978 Lecture Series is taking shape. On Oct. 6, John Groth, an artist and illustrator from New York, will speak at 8:15 p.m. in Hanes Auditorium. Groth will have an exhibit in the FAC Oct. 3-7, and there will be an autograph reception immediately following his lecture. Mr. Groth has illustrated such books as *War and Peace*, *Gone With the Wind*, and *The Grapes of Wrath*. He is author-illustrator of *Studio: Europe* and *Studio: Asia*, which are based on his war experiences, and *John Groth's World of Sports*.

Other lectures and special programs include, on Nov. 14, Landrum Bolling, chairman of the Lilly Endowment. Bolling will speak on Middle East affairs. At 1:15 p.m. on Dec. 8, Dr. Raymon Seeger of the research Society of America will deliver a lecture on the humanism of science. And on March 1, the Pickwick Puppet Theatre will present "Sleeping Beauty" in the afternoon and "The Arabian Nights" in the evening.



By Margaret Aslanis

One of the most popular houseplants is the spider plant (Chlorophytum). Its narrow green and white leaves gracefully arch over its container. As it matures, it sends out runners with little white flowers and plantlets. The babies can stay on the plant for years, or they can be pinned down and rooted in neighboring pots to form new plants. Spider plants like a coolish to warm room. The striped variety needs west or east light. The plain green likes northern light. Both varieties like to be sprayed often. They should be kept damp, but an occasional drought won't hurt them because the roots have the capacity to store large amounts of water.

Grape ivy (Cissus rhombifolia) is a good climbing vine with leaves resembling kites. It accepts dim light and warm rooms. This vine grows well and should be pinched back occasionally to encourage new and bushier growth. Grape ivy cannot tolerate direct south sun and should be sprayed daily. It should be kept moist but not wet.

For a little color, try the velvet plant (Gynaura). This plant is bright green with purple fuzz and jagged-edged leaves. It is sometimes called the purple passion plant. It can be a trailing basket plant or pinched back into an erect bush. Keep it moist and frequently sprayed. It likes warmth and plenty of light, but must be protected from full sun.

Please send any questions you may have to my box in the Day Student Center or to the Salemite.

Symposium Changes

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vetoed; after much revisionary work, the fourth proposal was submitted and passed last Friday. Difficulties in the form of lack of funds and doubt concerning the topic were encountered by the committee since its beginnings. Jim Barrett scouted several grant foundations, but could find no money forthcoming for this particular symposium. The subcommittee also felt that some regarded the topic as frivolous, although the members hoped to settle these doubts by taking history, psychology, and other aspects of American humor into consideration. For example, a study could show the effects of the Great Depression on American humor.

Because of unforeseen delays in planning, many speakers were already scheduled elsewhere. The estimated cost of a fullscale symposium was \$10,000 or more. Even at a level within the committee's means, the affair would have run to \$4000 or \$4500.

As an alternative, a multi-evening program on "Humor in America" during the spring of 1978 is now being considered. It has the advantages of being within the committee's budget — possibly not exceeding \$3000 — and it will not be conducive toward long weekends which some students tend to make during symposium week.

A smaller symposium also would make possible additional programs on a year-long basis, using funds left over from the symposium budget. For example, matching funds could be provided for departmental speakers programs. This would allow more and better outside lecturers to participate in Salem's academic life.

Another possibility would be independent student-faculty symposia, in which students would work with faculty to present an evening program of lectures and discussion on various topics. Suggested examples included a presentation by the History Department on "Corruption in Government," or "The New Ice Age" or "Carcinogens in the Atmosphere" by the Science Department. It may be possible for students in such programs to receive credit for their work.

The committee also is considering semester-long thematic programs, as a way of reaching more students with varied interests. It should be emphasized that these plans are still in a

tentative stage, and have not yet been approved by the faculty and administration.

Anne Beidleman, chairman of the symposium subcommittee, has said, "I personally would like to apologize to the student body that we could not have the full-length symposium. We started in plenty of time, but did not foresee all the hang-ups that we encountered. We are going to do our best to present a very good mini-symposium on 'Humor in America.'"

This year's symposium promises to be a new experience for everyone. Its future depends upon what students and faculty as a whole, as well as its speakers, are willing to put into it.

S.G.A. Reports

By Anne Piedmont

Monday night Legislative Board voted to defer the election for Chairman of Interdorm and to allow Interdorm to set up its own temporary structure for chairmanship. This deferment was established so that Legislative Board can re-evaluate the present structure and function of Interdorm. Executive Board has quite a job in coming up with alternate proposals.

Last week Executive Board met with Diane Daily about some upcoming projects. The new majors and programs in the air make some of us wish we weren't graduating. The Calendars came last week and they are beautiful. If you haven't bought one yet, you don't know what you are missing.

S.G.A. SALUTES

This week S.G.A. salutes: Robin Sink for becoming our new editor of *Sights and Insights*— Good luck Robin; Jan Guiton for the great job she did on the Calendars; Caroline Wannamaker for the grand opening and day to day operation of the Backdoor; and Patty Black, Molly Robertson, and their helpers for making I.D. cards such a smooth operation.

Anyone who knows of someone who deserves to be saluted in this column, please see Anne Piedmont in 12 Sisters.

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