

## Let's Make Our Discussions Mean More

There is a great fallacy at Salem in our discussions of problems. This is not a fault peculiar to Salem and foreign to other institutions, but, as the most we can hope to do at the moment is to correct our own faults, something should be done. This quite evident shortcoming of most of us Salemites to which I refer is our constant tendency to criticize, often constructively, the functions of various activities on the campus and yet make no attempt to do anything about correcting this ills. More specifically, for the benefit of concrete example, we might use our criticism of the Student Government.

Many of us privately discuss among ourselves the obvious shortcoming of Student Government, and yet we never carefully analyze our dislikes and then present them to both the student body and the accused organization as a means of bringing to light for the benefit of the entire college those faults which most obviously need correcting.

It is all well and good to constructively criticize an organization of our own making but what are we going to do to erase these blemishes? Are we going to continue to privately discuss among our friends the practices, rules, tactics, or whatever our complaint may be of this representative body, or are we going to do something about abolishing these evils? Rash, hot-headed criticism can hope to accomplish no improvement. This is also the plight of the passive, insensitive student who has no interest in the very organizations which she has a hand in forming. Level-headed, far-sighted, constructive criticism never did any person or group harm. Our student government would not only accept but also welcome the views of students who present their arguments with a sincere desire to improve this group. They would welcome this information not only as an organization but also as a group of normal persons which is subject to mistakes as any other group whose duty it is to deal fairly with all persons affected by its existence.

If we are desirous not only of a better student government but also of a better "Y" Council, a better I. R. S., and a better athletic association, we as students must do our part in presenting our constructive criticisms to these groups for the ultimate good of the entire school.

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## Don't Quote Me---But....

Hummmmm . . . 16 years . . . my, my grandpa what a long neck you have . . .

Leave us turn to the clearer things on slate — the May Day elections. Remember children it's next Wednesday and Thursday at 8:00 . . . be on hand . . . it's your queen and court so vote for them. Sorry we couldn't let you know sooner — but there are still five nights to dress for dinner!

There is absolutely nothing that heps up an eight-thirty more then Dr. Ansecombe—even if it is philosophy—the dear little man always manages to sneak in an ocasional "What smells most in the drug store" . . . after we guess every possibility from the soda-jerker to banana splits he fiendishly grins and rasps "your nose" . . . it ain't the pun so much as his accompanying actions—of squirming around in his chair and enjoying it to the upmost himself . . . love that man!

Muse, muse why dost thou forsake me in such times of need? Never mind, Muse, a senior just came to the rescue . . . it seems that on Wednesday night last a date was had by a most fortunate Bitting—dweller—a date with a man! . . . Which just goes to prove that it is still being done even if the majority of us haven't heard.

Overhead at last Thurs. Chapel, this brief Freshmanie phrase "A bit of excavating on this campus should be quite profitable" . . . no, no dear child! Where do you suppose them pennies of this year came from? And why do you think that the ivy could get along without any luck? you are somemore too late!

Opops the roommate has soap in her eyes and is yelping for a towel so to retain peack without and harmony within we had best be off to the aid . . .

## Apuntes Espanoles

La Navidad viene pronto. Todo el mundo en Salem la espera para que vayan a casa. Pero eso no es el nogán sólo. Lienen amigas quienes quieren a ver, especialmente—hombres quienes vendran a casa probablemente también!

Todas las señoritas compran donaris y honitas tarjetas (cards) para Vavidad. Yalgunas señoritas compran vestidas lindos. Pandrán las donares en papel blanco y todas los colores. Cuando se terminan con ellas, serán muy banitas.

Lodas lo queremos nevar paia Vavidad para que la historia de Santa Claus será verdad. Sálo viene si hay nieve en la tiena para su trineo (sleigh) y sus renas. Lengan Vas suo dedas cruzados para que tengamos la nieve a Vavidad!

## Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, How Does Your Garden Grow?



### NOTICE

In order to cooperate with the Winston-Salem local newspapers on the handling of May-Day publicity, next week's SALEMITE will not be distributed until Saturday, Nov. 18, at 5:30.

—The Editor

## Sister's Speaks

Dear Editor:

Have you noticed the unsightly path worn beside the magnolia tree between Sister's and Clewell? Last year's students, as well as this year's, have worn that path in coming and going on campus. We Sister's think we need a walk from our door, yet we do not want this ugly path marring the campus.

We wonder if the school has thought about putting a walk there, since each year the students continue to form this path.

I. H. D.

## "A Tree Grows At Salem"

One of the things you will remember long after you have left Salem, a thing whose memory will bring a smile to your lips but a little mist to your eyes, is the tradition of tree planting. Remember the slight catch in your breath as you watched the last spade-full of soil drop around the base of Strong's English Ivy yesterday? That is it. That lasts.

Some people, somewhere, must remember with fondness the time in 1891 when the first tree was planted by the senior class. It was a large Paulownia, which died and was removed (in 1931). For twelve years then, no trees were planted, but in 1903 and 1904 maples proudly took their stand on the campus.

Tree planting became, in 1905, a regular ceremony in the senior class. That year an English Oak appeared in front of Society Hall. One of the most beautiful, and of course, the most unusual, presentations was a Ginkgo tree, planted in 1908 in front of Society Hall. (It was broken by a sleet storm in 1934.)

The classes of 1909 and 1910 presented silver maples. In 1911, the class planted a large Tulip Poplar and in 1912 a Lombardy Poplar took the place of an English Bur Oak near the entrance to lower campus. The year of 1913 saw an European Linden roted by the side of Main Walk.

In 1914, an American Linden initiated the combination of Tree Planting with Ivy Planting. The next year we acquired a Koetreuteria. Then came a magnolia, sycamores, maples, lindens, and others. The class of 1937 gave the mimosa by Lover's Leap, the class of 1942, the magnolia at the northeast end of the Refectory, the class of 1943 the red maple by the Club Dining Room, the class of 1944, the flowering almond behind Biting Dormitory.

The custom reached its peak yesterday with the planting of the flowering crab-apple tree behind Sisters'. Watch it, for the pink blossoms it showers next spring will make memories.

## Letters From The Service

From an ensign in the South Pacific:

"Our chaplain held services aboard yesterday, so we felt pretty important. He made a very good talk, and the 23rd Psalm took on a much richer meaning than ever before. The attitude and thoughts of these boys are quite serious and satisfying right before they enter a new territory, and it's worth the trip out just to experience these things. This group was hardened by war, and since they had been around quite a bit, their actions a over-shadowed their words. The officers were tops, the type of men that you would like to have as friends for the rest of your life. They've promised to let us know how things turn out. By the way, the chaplain's name was Stillwagon, but I couldn't restrain from calling him "Speedy buggy"—a real good old Baptist preacher who believed that the Lord would help him more if he had a gun! We had lots of laughs and a very enjoyable trip.