

# What Do You Value?

What does the college generation value? Do we get these values from our parents, from a rebellion from our parents, from preconceived ideas about college or from our college experiences? Phi Alpha Theta will present a discussion of these questions in Monday assembly. The panel itself has found a major stumbling block in working out the discussion—the distinction between what other people think the college generation is and what we ourselves have experienced. From all sides, we hear that the mark of the American college student is Apathy. Students, the current opinion say, think only of themselves. They concentrate on social activities because a long list of friends and acquaintances is the easiest passport to success. If they study at all, it is for the diploma, another passport to success. They are great joiners, but shrink from leading. They accept duties reluctantly, unwilling to assume any responsibility that might be of benefit to other people and might involve some restriction on their own pleasure.

Is this really the way we act, or do we just put everybody else into this category, excluding, of course, ourselves? Is something really wrong with the college generation, or are we just putting too much emphasis on the negative possibilities? Perhaps what we all need is to do some positive thinking and express some positive opinions about ourselves. Until we start finding some good in our own generation, our parents and the society will continue to exclude college students. They will continue to ignore us, until we refuse to be ignored.

S. L. F.

# Senior Recitals Begin

A week from today, Gerrie Mellroy will present the first senior recital of this year. In the past attendance at these recitals has been regrettably small. We feel sure that this year, not only the performers' friends and classmates will attend, but also many other Salemites, for what better opportunity is there to see a finished product of Salem, to find out what the result of four years of college training can be, and, may we add, to have an hour of real entertainment.

S. L. F.

# Chapel Committee Should Be In Budget

There have been suggestions recently that a budget for the Chapel Committee should be provided. It does seem unusual that this committee is expected to provide two worth-while programs each week without being able even to pay travel expenses, much less the fees which experienced lecturers or entertainers expect.

The student body seems to expect that every assembly program will measure up to a **Omni-bus** production or a major campaign speech. If the current complaints about assembly programs are to be justified, the student body should be willing to provide the "wherewithall" for improvement.

The finance board, by juggling percentages might be able to set aside a small fund, but it seems more practical in the long run to raise the budget with the express purpose of including the Chapel Committee as a budget organization equivalent to the Lecture Series.

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# Letters To The Editor

## Student Replies

Dear Editor,

With reference to Miss Broadhurst's letter in last week's issue of *The Salemite*, with reference to cartoon depicting College Man dangling Fraternity Pins and Diamond Rings at top of College Girl's Ladder of Success, may I say, dear Editor, that I am in complete agreement with Miss Broadhurst. We have, you see, a system, which works like this:

We are girls. We want to get married. Naturally. I mean, why else were we born? Well, we graduate from high school unattached and of course we have to do something while we wait for the Right One, so we think—College. This is really an awfully Good Idea. I mean, it gives us four years to play around with, and if we pay the merest attention in class we should manage to look intelligent when some real smart boy dates us. Well I mean, some boys don't like the dumb blonde type.

And then of course in our spare time we can experiment with all sorts of cute ways of fixing our hair, and we study football and football stars quite concentratedly—well, it would be silly not to know what our dates are talking about when they take us to a game.

It is unrealistic to expect us to value a college education in and for itself, or to evaluate ourselves as individuals, quite apart from our Attractiveness to Boys. I mean after all, it is our final goal to get our anxious little hands on those fraternity pins. Well, I mean.

This system works pretty well, but of course there are gimmicks, which every smart girl has to learn. One of these is to keep the system

a secret from Boys. Well, you don't hand over your plan of attack to the enemy, do you? So naturally, dear Editor, we do get hideously embarrassed when we see cartoons like the one in the Feb. 26th *Salemite* pinned up on fraternity bulletin boards. I mean, things like that just undermine the System. They give the whole show away. We feel that we have been Betrayed by a Sister Woman. Aren't you on our side?

Yours disgustedly,  
Felicity Craig

## Officer Clarifies

To the Editor:

As future Chairman of the Judicial Board, I wish to clarify one of my goals as printed in *The Salemite* last Friday. I do not believe the Judicial Board should "get the opinions of the students-at-large BEFORE deciding cases." Students who are able to add new light or show a new angle on an individual case should be allowed to voice their opinions before the case is decided. But getting the opinions of the "students-at-large" before a decision would be an impractical and impossible task time-wise.

On the other hand, I do believe that as part of the Judicial Board's constant evaluation program that students should give their reactions to decisions and policies. The members of the Board are YOUR representatives. Give them your suggestions! What better way is there to find out whether the Judicial Board is keeping in line with student opinion?

Thank you,  
Sally Wood

# Seniors - Where Are You?

A gold bracelet with the Salem seal—the Seniors are now officially singled out. But this gift from Dr. and Mrs. Gramley is only physical distinction of the senior class. There is a general attitude in the senior class which also sets them apart.

In the dormitories, seniors are busy typing out applications—civil service, graduate school, teaching, secretarial school, camps, tours. Or the conversation turns to the pros and cons of flowered sheets of gold-mmed china versus a less expensive everyday pattern. Some spend hours wondering "will we be in Germany, or will he go to South Korea and leave me here." Always the future, always after May 30 (we hope the 29th)—never now.

Should we concern ourselves with these last 75 days. Should seniors even be allowed to vote in campus elections. We won't be here next year, or ever again—we have nothing else to contribute to Salem. What a sudden shift—three and a half years of living each day as it comes and then, reject the last, and perhaps the most important 75 days of our college life. How unrealistic we suddenly become.

This is a time for constructive criticism, for exercising our accumulated knowledge of what's wrong with Salem and of what needs to be continued. We have lived and worked with the juniors and other underclassmen—we should vote, and we should do our best to tell them what should be done next year.

If you had any good reasons for staying here four years, do a little campaigning—buttonhole the sophomores. Express your opinions on the faculty, or cut the activities on campus you think have been a waste of time.

We are busy and we are concerned about the future, but we are also losing the underclassmen's traditional respect, because we have ceased to care about Salem's affairs.

S. L. F.

# Cuba-Problem Neighbor

By Janet Yarborough

Below our southern borders lie many undeveloped republics with potentials of becoming world powers. As President Eisenhower's recent trip indicated, the United States has had for the most part increasingly friendly relations with the countries of Latin America. The exception is Cuba.

On March 4th, a French munitions ship exploded in the Havana harbor; Fidel Castro, the president of Cuba, charged, as he has many times, the United States of conspiracy and sabotage against his regime. In addition, he has seized some American property in Cuba and has cut down on imports from the U. S.

Just why Castro so hates the United States is puzzling to all. Some say that he sincerely wants to improve the Cuban economy believing that we have "enslaved Cuba" (although the Cubans rage when we suggest ending our sugar trade with them). Others think that he is influenced by Communist forces, for Castro was openly cordial to Soviet Deputy Premier Mikoyan when they recently concluded an economic pact. Another opinion is that he wants to draw the Cubans' attention away from their domestic situation and capitalize on anti-Americanism. Perhaps, as many Latin Americans, Castro is jealous of the U. S. and would not mind seeing us "taken down a peg."

Whatever the reason for Castro's actions, they have put the United States in a most precarious position. Besides trying to adhere to the "Good Neighbor Policy" of non-interference in domestic affairs, the U. S. has given Cuba one-third of her sugar trade; and, by the terms of the Sugar Act, sugar producers of the U. S. get 2c above the world price. Also the tariff on Cuban sugar is lower than that of other sugar producing countries.

Now the government is faced with what to do. Whatever the United States does about Cuba will affect its prestige in regard with the rest of Latin America; besides the threat of Communist penetration in the Western Hemisphere, our inter-American solidarity is especially important when America needs all confidence possible before the summit conference. Also the Communists use any actions of her rival for propaganda purposes; we must consider how the rest of the world would feel about how we act over the Cuban situation.

There is also the Cuban people to consider for their economy would be ruined if they did not have our sugar trade—whenever the Castro regime tumbles, the plight of the Cuban will probably be our responsibility. And lastly, our government must consider the U. S. sugar interests in Cuba; if we cut off trade we would be hurting ourselves.

The present policy—and under the prevailing conditions, the most realistic one—is policy of restraint. However, as Dr. Africa once suggested, Cuba is "having her cake and eating it too" because she maintains economic advantages with the United States and, at the same time, enjoys trading privileges with Soviet Russia. Until the Cubans get weary of Castro or the rest of Latin America regard Castro's antics as a threat to their security the course of action for us seems to be