

Respect Dining Room Procedure

When the students returned this fall, a new position had been added to the Salem staff, that of dining room hostess. At the beginning of the year the duties and function of this hostess were explained, but in the excitement of seeing old friends, we did not listen carefully or remember long what had been said.

There was no detailed explanation of the demarcation of the line of authority in this area. Probably the distinction between student jurisdiction over etiquette, through the IRS, and school jurisdiction over the service and appearance of the dining hall were not made clearly either to the hostess or the students.

This new position was created because of the many complaints last year about the appearance of the dining hall and the occasional inefficiency of the service. An additional person was needed also because Mrs. Cummings, the dietitian and dining room superintendant, was often busy at meal time. It was not always convenient for her to stop to collect the money for guests at meals.

For these reasons, the new position was created. The hostess' job is to help the students—to see that they get the best and fastest service possible. She is also to collect the money for our guests at meals.

Because of a misunderstanding of the function of the hostess some students felt that she was to be a disciplinarian—a person who would correct our manners as if we were still in grammar school. This is a mistaken impression. Any reprimands for poor manners are still to come from the IRS Council. This, as it is stated in the handbook, is in their jurisdiction. Although the manners of some students leave much to be desired, we do not need a police system at Salem yet.

But sometimes we do need to be reminded of things that we know about. Paying for our guests is one of these things. We are on the honor system—we don't mean to be dishonest in not paying for extra people. The mistaken reasoning is usually "Oh well, I pay for all of my meals, and I don't go to every meal. So I don't see why I can't bring a guest once in a while for free."

This sounds logical, but it is false. We do not pay for all of our meals. When figuring the cost for board, the dining hall staff assumes that each girl will miss a certain number of meals. They charge what is necessary, but not enough to cover the cost of having extra guests. The dining hall has to be run as a business and they cannot afford to lose money for our convenience.

If students want this policy changed so that we pay for every meal and are allowed a certain number of free guest meals, we are certain that the administration will consider a petition. But this would raise the cost for every student and not just for those having visitors.

So, imperfect as the system may be, we are supposed to pay for our guests. The dining room hostess sits just inside the dining room in order to collect the money.

Several times this year students, however, have brought guests in without paying for their meal. Sometimes, although they have paid for their guests, the hostess could not remember whether they had paid or not. This caused an embarrassing situation for both the students and the hostess, Mrs. Calhoun. Mrs. Calhoun, as part of her job, had to collect the

money for the meal by reminding the student during the meal. Because this had caused some unfortunate situations, a new policy has been arranged which goes into effect today.

Any student expecting to bring a guest to dinner should pay at the preceding meal and pick up a paid slip (yellow) which will be placed on the table when the guest is there. If an unexpected guest arrives and a student does not have the money at that time, she can leave her name and the number of guests at Mrs. Calhoun's desk and pick up a charge slip (green). This is also to be placed on the table so that there will be no question of whether the meal has been paid for.

With the new regulations and a clear demarcation of authority in the dining hall, we hope that future confusion will be avoided.

Blessed Christmas

Since this is the last issue of the *Salemite* before the holidays, the staff would like to rush the season a bit and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

We hope you will get caught up on your sleep—and "store up" enough sleep to get you through exams later. We hope that you have a nice time catching up on all the news at home and seeing your friends again. We hope that the parties are delightful and that the home cooked meals are your favorite dishes. We hope that you get the gifts you need and wish for on Christmas—we wish all of these things sincerely, but we wish even more for you.

We wish that sometime in the rush of buying and wrapping gifts, decorating the house and going to parties that you will stop to think that this is more than just a two week rest from 8:30 classes and hour quizzes. We are celebrating a birthday—perhaps the only birthday where the guest of honor is not the one who receives the gifts.

The story is a simple one. And Joseph went also up from Galilee, out of the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them. And they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not! for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:4-11

They had no room—too often we have no time.

The *Salemite* staff wishes you a merry and a blessed Christmas.

NSA Delegates Advise Retaining Membership

By Dean Major

At five o'clock in the afternoon of December 2, Churchill Jenkins and I arrived at Randolph-Macon Women's College for the Carolinas-Virginia Regional Conference of NSA. Not knowing exactly what lay before us, we began our three-day role of observers, determined to gain a clearer understanding of the purposes and functions of NSA and the value of retaining membership in this organization.

Although having felt a little trepidation as to what sort of speaker might greet us in the opening session, we heard an excellent keynote address by the Rev. Alvord Beardslee, chaplain of Hollins College. This address was followed by an unscheduled addition to the program: an address by the national president of NSA, Dick Rettig, a young law student from Washington. Dick was no radical extremist, but appeared to be an extremely intelligent individual who tried to answer the questions and charges hurled at NSA so often. Speaking forcefully and directly, he challenged the delegates to determine the relative importance of minor school problems, such as parking space, when placed beside the world-wide crisis which students in other areas of the world are facing and of which we seem so ignorant.

Practically at dawn the next morning—or so it seemed—the delegates reassembled to being the first sessions of workshops. Trying to attend those concerning the questions often asked here at Salem, Churchill and I parted company, Churchill going to Human Relations, while I took part in the International Programming discussion. We found that suggestions directly applicable to our own campus were manifold, particularly those concerning the problem of international awareness on student campuses.

Immediately after the second sessions of these workshops that afternoon, we heard a brief talk by James Kweder, former vice-president of NSA. Attempting to answer the question, "What is NSA?", Jim mentioned first the many features of NSA which make it a service organization for its member schools, but proceeded to explain that NSA is far more than a service organization.

"NSA," we learned, "is a student movement also, that is, an organization which is action oriented. After all," he continued, "NSA was founded out of concern for international affairs!" Jim concluded by stressing the fact that to answer the question "What is NSA?", we must first answer another question: "What am I, and what are the goals of myself and other American students?" This is NSA, for NSA is the American student!

The Saturday night workshop, which Churchill and I both attended, was one which we considered very important to Salem: "The Advantages of NSA Membership." Although uncertain before the conference of the worth of NSA to Salem, I returned fully convinced of the many advantages which it does have to offer. Through the suggestions of other students and through discussion with those of other schools, we gained invaluable knowledge as to the extent to which NSA can be important to us at Salem.

Around The Square

By Ann Moore

"Good grief! Look how short that girl's skirt is!"

"That girl" was Meu Koch, assistant to photographer George Barkleigh and fashion editor Colonel Cannon from *Mademoiselle* Magazine. Meu (pronounced Mayo) spoke in Danish to Jette and in Norwegian to Sally Wood as she helped them into cotton knit outfits to be shown in *Mademoiselle's* Spring issue. She has been in this country only one year from her native Copenhagen; and for the benefit of frustrated language students, she has studied French, Latin, German, and English since she was nine years old. Meu was dressed in cottons since she has been beaching in Puerto Rico and Florida until she flew to Winston-Salem Wednesday morning. Both Meu and Mrs. Cannon were impressed with the Dairy Barn's Jumbo Beefburgers filled with cole slaw. Mrs. Cannon tried a series of seven dresses on twenty-five prospective models, asking between munches of beefburger, "Honey, do you have a good girdle?" "Please take off those bobby socks!" and "Go let George see it."

George Barkleigh's knees fitted uncomfortably under Mrs. Heibreders' phone desk in Strong Friendship Rooms as he made notes about prospective shooting sites and entertained nervous girls waiting to be fitted. He found the campus an interesting backdrop for pictures, and especially liked the back porch of Main Hall. Miss Kirkland laughed and said she hoped future students wouldn't think Salem dilapidated. Just think how important we'll feel when we see Jette Seear, Alice Huss, Diane Fuller,

Gay Austin, Anne West, Ava Camp, and Mary Jane Harrell scattered on table-tops in our dentist's office.

Mr. Barkleigh was very interested in finding a man's sweater, size-large, 75% wool and 25% Mohair, stuck back in a bookshelf in the Friendship Rooms. A name tag in the neck (any claimant may see Mrs. Heibreders) reads "Terry Irvin."

Another one of those things "just too interesting to happen around the square: Rickie Eikendal got her engagement ring in the mail on December 5th, all the way from John in Holland. It seems that in Holland presents are exchanged on December 5th, which is St. Nicolaas' Day.

Sophomores are out looking for "goodies" about the seniors in preparation for the Christmas Banquet. Judy Coston and Molly Scarborough have been roamin' the halls of Strong in blue jeans and plaid shirts. Seems they're going to a Wild West shindig at the Cow College this weekend. No cut intended, girls; but it fitted in so well. Alice Dudley Howell, Leafy Pollock, and Mr. Meigs visited Salem and old friends last weekend. Buggs Brandon couldn't resist asking Mr. Meigs why he hadn't answered the letters he received from some of his last year's freshman English class.

For the sixteenth time after lunch on Tuesday, Felicity Craig explained, "Well, you see, Edward IV dethroned Henry VI who dethroned Edward IV who dethroned Henry VI, who was succeeded by Richard III." She may have passed the Shakespeare quiz, but who else did? About the same quiz, Cathy
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Letter to Editor

Dear Editor,

We feel that two chapel programs a week are unnecessary. Oftentimes the programs are of such inferior quality that we wonder whether it is worthwhile to spend an hour in this way. There are two solutions to this problem. One is that the programs be of a higher caliber and more meaningful to the students. The other is that one of the two chapel programs per week be eliminated. It appears to us that many times the speaker is only a filler for the available time.

We do not mean to imply that the chapel committee this year has not done a good job of planning; however we feel that it will be less trouble to them and to the student body if Salem College had only one chapel program a week.

Sincerely,
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