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Spirit Must Permeate All Of Student Body

The elections are over, and the new officers are being familiarized with the duties and responsibilities of their offices. The process will not be completed in three weeks; each week of holding office and each new situation will re-inforce the seriousness of responsibility.

But it seems to us that the spirit of responsibility must permeate the student body as solidly as it does the major officers. We have already elected the students; now we have to support them. And most importantly, we must understand their role. The anonymous "they" cannot run the school; they cannot make Salem successful. "They" can only lead the students in proportion to the amount of support they receive from the students.

If we sit back and watch, we may witness tragedy. And certainly it will be, in part, a process caused by our inactivity. Not the Legislative Board, the Judicial Board, or the Executive Board can act as Salem's student body. It can only be the backbone around which an entire organism can grow. We, the students, must participate.

We will not attend every meeting or serve on every committee, but we can make an effort to be aware of the activities of the campus. Unless we do so, none of us can complain of apathy or disinterestedness. We cannot condemn or rebuke. We can only look in the mirror and wonder at ourselves.

Spring Fever Sets In: Students Feel Effects

by Bonnie Hauch

The snowman on the hockey field has finally melted, and girls can now walk coatless and sweaterless across the square. March announced herself with a strong wind that blows teased hairdos astray.

In the front of Biting, one lone redbird sits in the top branch of a tree. Workmen are busy tearing up and repairing the steps that lead to the refectory, giving students the privilege of entering the dining room via the side door. Girls headed for the gym must slide down the hill in the best way they can.

The flu has given way to the sniffles—faculty members, have, for the most part, returned and are attending one committee meeting after another. Midterm exams have struck—for the first time in who knows how long Dr. Byers and Mr.

Michie have scheduled their history quizzes on separate days.

Scenic crews for **Electra** can't seem to find enough staples—Miss Battle and the cast are in their last pre-production panic.

The students have elected next year's leaders — juniors just can't believe that their classmates are now the major office holders.

Election winners are struck first by the excitement of it all and then by the great responsibility they suddenly find thrust upon them.

Spring fever is prematurely setting in among faculty and students alike—Dr. Hill has been seen walking her son across the square—students are looking forward to Germans at U.N.C.—anticipation is the general feeling Around the Square.

Leg. Board Gives Weekly Report

The Legislative Board was called to order March 5, 1963, by President Judy Summerell, who first outlined a plan of orientation for the new officers. The next matter to be discussed was the refugee student project and its relation to NSA. It was voted that the project be removed from class jurisdiction and placed under a central committee under NSA (hence a

student body project). For the refugee committee there will be at least one interested representative elected by each class. This year Salem will raise money to support only eight students and each class is responsible for \$200.

Judy then brought up the matter of the new probation stipulations which will affect the newly elected

Letters:

Roberts' Rebuttal

Dear Editor,

I would like to reply to a short letter which appeared in last week's issue concerning a specific assembly program. I can certainly agree that some assembly programs are hardly worth the time they consume, but this is bound to happen due to the fact that the assembly committee cannot possibly have heard every speaker before he or she comes to Salem. Occasionally this leads to mistakes, but I feel that the number of worthwhile speakers here have far outweighed the number of poor ones. Last week we had two very good speakers, and I am sure that anyone who listened to them found they had a great deal to offer. If students can remember some of the good (such as: Dr. Goodson, Dr. Pfoff, Mr. Lineberry, Mr. Smith, Mr. Xavalier, Mr. Blair, etc.) instead of dwelling on the few poor speakers, they might find assemblies far more interesting!

Carroll Roberts

We Are, We Are!

Ed. Note: This letter was received in answer to the letter written about upperclassmen's lack of interest in the assembly situation.

Dear Brenda, Sue, Dottie, and Peggy,

We are, we are!

Jackie Barker
Betty Gail Morisey

Support Given

Dear Editor,

As chairman of the assembly committee, I would like to voice my support of the proposed change in the assembly schedule. The elimination of one assembly period a week in order to provide a "student activity period" would decrease the unnecessary meetings and increase the freedom to meet when definite business must be transacted. This would also provide the assembly committee with more time in which to obtain good, educational speakers and programs.

I would suggest that many of the "year to year" programs be eliminated and such things as Student Government and class meetings, May Court Elections, Fashion Shows, etc., be held during the activity period.

I think assemblies are good for a campus the size of Salem; but I do not see the necessity of having two per week, and I definitely think this number involves a cluttering of time consuming and sometimes useless programs.

Carroll Roberts

P. S. To the freshmen: I feel there is a definite upperclassman support of this suggestion which has been shown in the original editorial in **The Salemite**, class discussions, and action in the form of a petition which has been written and presented for consideration.

officers. It was decided to discuss several possibilities concerning the matter with the faculty.

The final item of business concerned the chairman of Orientation who, heretofore, has been Senior Class President. It was decided that the rising senior class elect a chairman who has previously served on the Orientation Committee.

Dunbar, Dukate Attend Regional Y Conference

by Jo Dunbar

Last weekend Daphne Dukate and I attended the Southern Regional YWCA Conference in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Delegates attended this conference from colleges and universities located in ten southern states.

During the two day conference we briefly explored two areas, human relations and international affairs, led by Dr. Howard Zinn, who is the Director of the Non-Western Program of the Atlanta University Center and a teacher at Spelman College. Through small discussion groups we arrived at some basic conclusions in these areas and learned how we might deal with these conclusions on our individual campuses.

Six Students Go To Focus

Frances Bailey, Carolyn Crouch, Ellen Heflin, Debbie Linton, Marty Richmond, and Anne Romig will attend **Focus** at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, March 8-10.

Focus is a non-partisan, weekend symposium, initiated and executed by the students. The theme for the week-end is "The Image of America at Home and Abroad."

Black Lists Resemble Witch Hunting Tactics

by Alice Reid

"Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?" This eternal question of the House Committee on Un-American Activities brings mixed feelings from many people. Some shortsighted citizens see the committee as an effective means of ridding the U. S. of communists hiding in every nook and cranny, especially government agencies. There are others, however, who are deeply concerned over HUAC, its functions, its methods, and its downright danger to American freedom.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities supposedly should function as other congressional committees. But does it? All committees must hear and report out bills which come to them in the course of legislation. They must also investigate statutes and issues. In the light of these two criteria, HUAC hardly seems a congressional committee. In twenty-three years bills were considered in only seven hearings. Of the 36,000 bills sent to committees of the eighty-third, eighty-fourth, and eighty-fifth congresses, only ten were referred to HUAC. All ten met death there. As far as its investigating aspect is concerned the House Committee on Un-American Activities has investigated only one statute, The Internal Security Act of 1950.

But HUAC is seldom idle. Sub-committees are frequently sent to many cities like Charlotte, Atlanta, and San Francisco to investigate the "issue" of communism. Issues, however, are often confused with individuals, and names become the sole purpose of the hearings. Investigations of infiltration are usually concluded with very little information on infiltration itself, but long lists of reported "infiltrators." The methods used by HUAC are questionable and are usually slanted toward arousal of emotion on the part of the American citizen. Witnesses are required to give names of suspicious individuals with whom they have been associated. In other words witnesses must be informers and remain in the good graces of the committee. Those desiring clearances as friendly witnesses usually are refused. Consequently many plead the Fifth Amendment to avoid incrimination, not only of themselves, but any of their friends or acquaintances. Invoking the Fifth Amendment, however, serves to smear the reputation of any witness.

HUAC's reasons for investigating certain individuals have often been doubtful. Many agree that in the cases of Wilkinson and Braden investigation was not justified. It has been suggested that Wilkinson was investigated because of his vehement criticism of HUAC, and Braden for his activity in pro-integration movements. So both of these men were fine targets for the extreme rightist Un-American Activities Committee. Even Justice Black has stated that HUAC uses "the contempt power of the House of Representatives as a weapon against those who dare to criticize it."

The dangers of such a committee are evident. Although it is not a court of civil law, HUAC subjects a witness to harsh and often unreasonable public judgment. One who has testified usually suffers from an awful stigma. Of sixty-four witnesses called in two years, fifty lost their jobs. Certainly a means of investigating subversion in this country is needed. But there are other agencies which can do the job effectively. For instance, we have the FBI, the Civil Service Commission, and the Atomic Energy Commission, all of which can serve as a powerful investigative force not nearly so colored by emotion and politics.

Those who seek to justify HUAC say that this country is thick with infiltrated with subversives. This is a familiar cry of many politicians who gear their appeal to the fear stricken, misinformed voter who understands little if anything about communism and its workings. The United States should surely fight the communist threat, but the gathering of long black lists by HUAC will never accomplish anything but the institution of twentieth century witch hunting.