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## Salem Elects An Active Force

by April Edmondson

Spring is the time of year to think about next year's leaders at Salem. Each year many qualified students run for a number of leadership positions. These include: SGA offices, CAC and Big 3+3 Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Interdorm and Honor Council Chairman and Secretary, and April Arts and Fall Fest Chairman. Each of these offices require a minimum GPA of 2.0 for all major offices and 2.3 for all absolute offices. The responsibilities range from conducting meetings to deciding some very important elements of college life.

This year eight candidates are running unopposed. These people are: Diane Davis, SGA Secretary; Mary Alston Glenn, SGA Treasurer; Page Laughon, Honor Council Chairman; Anne Tucker, Secretary of Interdorm; Mindy McLarty, Campus Coordinator; Jenny Savage, CAC Chairman; Camille Flippin, Fall Fest Chairman; and Christy Barley, April Arts Chairman. Fortunately, each of these candidates are well qualified and have the ambition and leadership skills to conduct their position quite effectively!

However, the remaining offices will definitely be a toss-up! For Big 3+3 Chairman there are three candidates. Leigh Cubitt, who has been active on the Tennis Team for three years, has held the positions of Co-Chairman for Fall Fest, Secretary/Treasurer of Babcock, and Junior Class President. She states, "since high school, I have held secretarial positions, and as a result I have learned to be organized and accountable."

Jennifer Morgan, who is away studying at American University in Washington, D.C. during this semester,

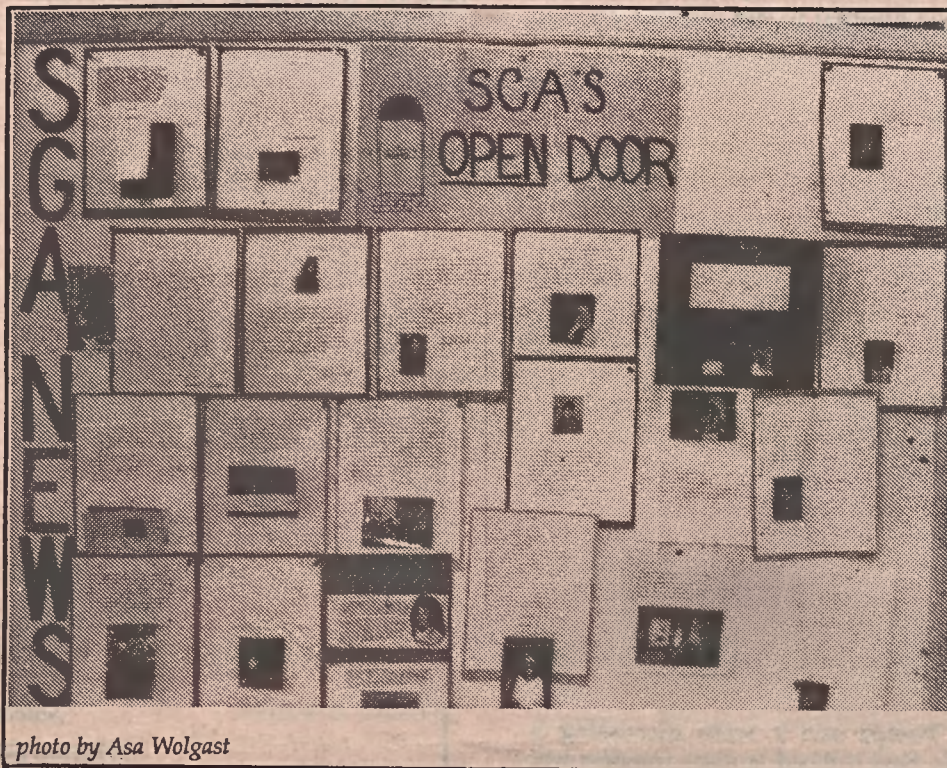


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has stepped right in and is currently using her leadership abilities to create some social functions for American University students. Jennifer promises, if elected, to, "make next year one of the best Salem has ever seen" socially.

Sue Ellen Crocker, who also possesses the organizational skills and qualification needed, states, "If elected for this office, I will work diligently with others to make the 1989-1990 school year a fun and memorable one."

For Vice-Chairman of Big 3+3 the candidates are: Libby Brown who served as Co-Chairman for the Sophomore/Senior Banquet, and Anu Sharmu, who is currently serving as a hall advisor.

Interdorm Chairman also has three candidates running. Ironically, each of these individuals are currently serving

as Dorm Presidents in Babcock, Clewell, and Gramley. Their current positions have enabled them to serve on Interdorm Council this year. Therefore, Heather Armstrong, Michele Duffie, and Melissa Robinson are all aware of the responsibility, loyalty, and dedication that go along with this position.

For secretary of Honor Council Susan Yu and Amanda Jones are the candidates. Both parties believe the Honor System is an essential part of life at Salem and that this trust enables us to enhance our community.

Tammy Taylor, Sally Lemmon, and Ashley Neill are running for Vice-President. Tammy, who is presently CAC Chairman, states, "I can effectively communicate the needs and wants of the students to the

administration."

Sally, who served as Gramley Dorm President last year, states, "Salem is an important part of my life and taking part in the Student Government is an open way of conveying my support of all the goals achieved by Salem women."

Ashley, who currently is serving as Treasurer of SGA, states, "the entire process of observing and partially affecting change on this campus via SGA Executive Board is extremely rewarding."

And finally, the most important and influential office that a student may hold - the office of President of the Student Government Association. Heather Glasscock and Strat Newitt, both influential forces on this campus already, have the dedication and enthusiasm to run this office very efficiently.

Heather has served as a member of the Soccer Team, Clewell dorm Secretary/Treasurer, a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, and SGA Secretary. She states that if elected she will, "continue to communicate important information to the Salem community through *The Salemite*, polls, and special committees."

Strat Newitt, has been involved with the Soccer and Field Hockey Teams, Honor Council, the Drug Prevention Committee, and Fall Fest. Strat states, "I feel that I could be an effective liason in expressing the concerns of the students, faculty, and staff to one another."

*Writer's note:* By the time this article is read, the Salem community will have chosen her leaders for next year. However, I hope those of you who don't win, and indeed we can not be chosen all of the time, will continue to be an active force on campus and use your abilities to enhance our community.

## Paying Our Own Way

by Alison Gill

The SGA budget increased by seven dollars this year. Last year students paid \$118 in SGA dues. Next year students will pay \$125. I had a chance to discuss the finer details of budget increases with SGA Treasurer Ashley Neill. I thought students should understand why they pay higher SGA dues each year. I used to think this was privileged information, but all students have the right to know why they pay SGA dues and why there are increases.

A student must pay her SGA dues if she wishes to be involved in any of the various extra-curricular activities offered at Salem. Organizations on campus get budget increases for various reasons. Big 3+3 received an increase in their budget because the cost of bands has increased substantially since last year. *The Salemite* received an increase because they have tripled the issues that have come out this year compared to last year and increased the pages from the average four of last year to twelve this year. Each club or organization sends a completed budget study to Ashley Neill substantiating their costs and what

sources of income they received. Ashley completed a history summary of each budget to submit to the Executive Finance Board. The EFB is a student faculty committee with a representative from each class and a representative from the Off Campus Association. The EFB holds budget meetings to make sure that each organization that has requested an increase can support their need for more money.

A new procedure that began in 1897-88 was that SGA dues are itemized on our tuition bill which has increased overall payment of dues. This has helped the Student Government Association because they have more funds to work with at the beginning of the year that need to be allocated to designated organizations.

Ashley Neill said, "The relative increase for certain organizations reflects the increase in activity of the organization." Ashley also said, "I would like to thank all the club presidents and treasurers for being cooperative and submitting their budget studies on time." If you have any further questions about the budget any member of SGA would be glad to answer them for you. Congratulations to Ashley on a job well done and good luck next year to the next SGA Treasurer.