

# Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I've been a student here at Salem for the past two years, and I love attending classes at this lovely college. The faculty and staff here are great, and I appreciate all the help they provide. In the two years that I have attended college here, I've noticed how some students show disappreciation towards the faculty and staff at this college. Many times I've been sitting in class or in the student center and overheard a student(s) talking down a person who works for this college. Once I witnessed another student just being plain rude to a security officer, when all the office did was to ask her to please park her car in a different place, because they needed

to block off that area for construction. In my opinion, no one deserves that kind of treatment, especially since the faculty and staff of this college were hired to help the students at Salem. The professors are here to teach, the housekeeping staff is here to clean up our classrooms and areas we occupy, the security officers are here to protect us and the property of this college, and the maintenance people are here to maintain the buildings and grounds, so they will look nice. These people are here for us - the students. But there are some students who think of the faculty and staff as being servants or slaves instead of human beings. The faculty and staff of this college work very hard

and there are some individuals here that treat them like dirt. These students need to think about how things would be if we did not have these services provided for us. They also need to be more appreciative and kinder to the faculty and staff here. I'm sure that the officer who protects you, the maintenance man who jump starts the dead battery in your car, the housekeeper that cleans the seats in your classrooms, and the professor who teaches you things you need to know would love to hear you say, "THANK YOU VERY MUCH."

Sincerely,  
Appreciation at Salem

Dear Editor,

There seems to be a misunderstanding concerning parking in admissions on weekends. For those of you who believe parking in the admissions parking lot after 5 p.m. on Friday is permitted, this is not true. It is unfair that students receive tickets for parking in admissions when security has not officially clarified their position on this matter.

After my roommate received a ticket for parking in admissions, the ticket was voided because she had been told it was okay by a security officer.

If security says that parking in admissions is not permitted, why does half this campus think it is okay? Obviously, this issue needs to be clarified.

Futhermore, I would appreciate an explanation on why we can't park in admissions after 5 p.m. on Friday. If there is a justified reason why students can not park in admissions on the weekend, I think the campus as a whole should understand this reason.

Sincerely,  
Alison Gill

Dear Editor,

This may seem trivial to most readers, but this weekend while watching Duke University play Seton Hall in one of the NCAA final four games, I became extremely frustrated with one of my friends. Doesn't it seem that all people from the southeast would pull for Duke, an ACC team? Well, not to this guy! He is such a "die-hard" Carolina fan that he pulled for Seton Hall over Duke because in his own words, "I hate Duke!" I hold a strong loyalty to an ACC team, but once my team lost, I began to pull for the remaining ACC teams left in the NCAA tournament. To many people my view may seem pointless, but why pull for another conference when area ACC teams remain? Loyalty to a team or to anything is important, but loyalty to the conference seems to me just as important! Ironically, Seton Hall beat Duke and I will probably never hear the end of it!

Sincerely,  
Paige A. Parker

Dear Editor,

Did you go to Spring Fling? Probably not! At 6:00 p.m. there were a maximum of forty people at the function. I say we give this event a rest and put the money elsewhere or sponsor another event. If we keep Spring Fling at Salem, let's not have it the weekend of the NCAA final four. Males watch basketball! Granted, guys don't make a party, but they sure enhance it. All of my male friends

stated that Spring Fling was definitely on the wrong day. Yet while I was there I had a good time, but for the minimal turnout...I have to question if our money was wasted. I'm sure my view will meet with serious counter-opinions, but I think we at Salem should question Spring Fling before it gains a reputation of Spring Flop!

Sincerely,  
Paige A. Parker

I, Susie Salem, like most of the Senior class anxiously await graduation, but there is so much to do before graduation it is almost frightening. I hope I have time to fit everything into my busy schedule. And on top of everything, spring time at Salem is so distracting. The birds are chirping and the scenery is at its absolute best.

I hope you all will take advantage of the beautiful weather, and I also hope you will attend all the spring time special events.

Spring Fling was a blast and IRS is approaching with rapid speed.

so find a date and don't miss out on the fun! April Arts is another spring time favorite. Then there are the various and assorted banquets and convocations which are a must for every Salem student.

The leadership banquet is April 26 at 6 p.m. I am always curious to see who receives which awards. Then, on April 27th Founder's Day Convocation takes place in the May Dell. This is the only formal event held in the May Dell and the only formal occasion we share with the Academy. At the College, the day starts with the seniors making a ceremonial visit to Elizabeth Oesterlein's grave. The afternoon ceremony is beautiful; I can't

imagine not attending.

Honor's Convocation marks the closing of the academic year. This will take place May 9 at 4:15 p.m. - so don't be late.

The last spring function, which also happens to be my favorite, is Steeple Chase. Take a break from your exams and have some fun! Grab some friends and get a spot on the infield before you are left in the outfield.

Take advantage of these traditions while you can! These four years sure have gone by a lot faster than I thought they would. I find yet another Salem tradition creeping up on me-- Commencement Weekend!!

## Salem Today

by Julia Carpenter

There is only one decade before the turn of the century. In this last century, women have made many achievements, but there are still more battles to be fought. Remember the 1890's - short hair and pants on a woman were cause for social scandal. It's a long way from Seneca Falls 1848 - a longer journey still awaits.

What is the greatest challenge facing women in the upcoming decades?

Freshman Jamie Jurney

"Abortion rights: whether it will be legal and our choice."

Sophomore Wendy Nace

"Balancing career and home life: becoming successful at both without sacrificing important elements of each; especially avoiding your family making sacrifices for your career."

Junior Mathilde Dumond

"The issue of male-dominated fields has not fizzled out, nor been suppressed. At Salem, we are fortunate enough to at least skim such issues, yet the reality will hit after graduation. Women in the upcoming decades must continue to press-on and not expect it to just fall into place!"

Senior Laurie Louis

"Reaching the senior and executive positions in the job market."

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