

Students Reach Consensus

by Amy Cass

Last Tuesday evening Salem College students gathered in a Student Concerns meeting together in efforts to express their apprehensions about various issues affecting the college and its welfare.

For the past couple of weeks, students and faculty have had some difficulty accepting and understanding Dean Eulalia Cobb's resignation. Due to this confusion the students joined together in hopes to learn the truth about the current situation and offer suggestions that might perhaps unify the community once again.

The turn out at the meeting definitely showed student concern. There were many students representing each class. Everyone was curious to obtain information about the Dean Cobb incident. After SGA president Strat Newitt informed the audience about the volatile Cobb issue, students began to express worries about other campus problems. For example, the Dean's resignation in turn raised questions about the high turnover rate of Deans. Salem has had several Deans and other administrators in the past four years. Now students are curious to know why these administrators leave after such a short period of time.

Another issue that predominated the meeting was a heated discussion regarding the availability and visibility of President Litzenburg. Concerns also included his management and leadership tactics. Once again students raised the age-old question: "Why does an all woman's college have a male for president?" Furthermore, some students raised the fact that they are having trouble locating the illustrious "Open Door" which Dr. Litzenburg holds as his policy for students. While this issue could have been discussed indefinitely, other concerns also desired attention.

Another concern that students expressed was the Strong Dorm issue. Students feel that they were not informed properly about the delayed renovation process and wish they had been aware of the situation.

As the meeting progressed, students also raised questions about the financial budget. They want to know how their tuition money is allocated throughout the college's accounts, a breakdown is desired.

Other issues were brought up by students concerned the Board of Trustees and their role at Salem College as well as the outcome of the last meeting. Students also expressed worries about the athletic department and the need for an athletic trainer. Other concerns included public safety office repairs, along with an update on the Student Commons.

Throughout the meeting, students joined as one in hopes to see the best for Salem College's future. For our years students make this community their home and one can only wish for its best welfare.

Textbook Committee

by Dr. Cindy Farris

The Textbook Advisory Committee will begin meeting shortly. The purpose of the Committee is to serve as a liaison between the students, faculty, administration, and the textbook store. Committee members are eager to address issues of concern from all constituencies within the College Community regarding textbook store policies and procedures.

Student representatives to the committee are Liz Smith, Jill Webb, and Caroline Horlbeck. Students are encouraged to relay questions and concerns to these students or to me, the committee's chairperson this year. The progress of the Textbook Advisory Committee will be reported in future editions of *The Salemite*.

Committee Changes Menu

by Caroline Swope

Well, once again it seems to be time for me to condense pages of scribbled notes taken at our epicure meetings into a comprehensible column. Since our last few meetings, quite a lot has been accomplished. The change that I am the most pleased with concerns Sunday brunch. In the past, brunch has been served every Sunday during January, but with the exception of special weekends, such as Parents Weekend, we have always had sit-down for lunch on Sunday. After talking to students, the Food Committee came to the conclusion that the majority of the student body would prefer brunch over the sit-down that is traditionally served. A letter requesting a change was written to Dean Johnson and the official reply was given on the sixth of October. Now, for one Sunday a month, brunch will be served instead of sit-down. The second Sunday of each month was decided upon, so look for our first brunch on the twelfth of November. (We will also have brunch on the fifth, but this is because of Parents Weekend.) Times have not been decided yet, but when they are, it will be printed on the weekly menu. If there is any particular item that you would like to see served for Sunday brunch, just drop a note in the Food Suggestion Box.

Our committee has also decided upon a new meeting date and time for

the rest of the semester, every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. Once again, you are welcome to come. (We still meet in the Clewell Church St. lobby.) Our meeting will be on November 8. We also have a place available on the committee. Gramley Dorm needs a new representative to fill Gayden Plowden's spot. Gayden resigned because of a schedule conflict that would not allow her to come to our meetings, so before you apply, make sure that you are available during the times that we meet. If you would like to be on the committee, please contact me; I'm in 330 Clewell.

Wayne asked me to say a word about cleaning up the refectory and taking care of the new equipment we have. Please, if you or someone else makes a mess, either clean it up, or tell a kitchen worker. There is no need to have Coke syrup or sticky ice cream dribbled down the sides of the counters. Also, please clear up all of your dishes. With the exception of sit-down, the staff at the refectory is not responsible for clearing your plates, glasses, napkins, or any other articles. Try to leave things neat and clean. Let's take care of the refectory and our new equipment! Otherwise, we may not get new equipment.

You should be hearing from us soon at an upcoming SGA meeting, so until then, Bon Appetit!

Library Gets New Copier

by Rose Simon

By now everyone on campus who ever had to struggle with the old copier in Gramley Library must know that it has been replaced. (Its clanking, charred carcass was dragged off in late August after losing - badly - the annual battle to prepare copies of the updated library handbook. No one was sorry to see it go.) "It" (one of the nicer names the machine has been called in recent years) has been replaced with a new, modern copier that has several useful features.

The new copier can print either an enlargement or a reduction of your original document. You can select either letter or legal size paper at the push of a button. The machine takes coins (nickels, dimes, quarters) and bills (ones, twos - that's right - twos, and fives), and magnetic cards.

If you plan to make more than one hundred copies during your time at Salem, the card option has some definite advantages. The cards are programmed for 100 copies each. The first card costs \$11, including the cost of the card itself. Once all 100 copies have been made, undamaged cards with no marks or writing on them can be exchanged for a new card that will cost only \$8. (If your math is up to par, you can see that after the first hundred, your copies will cost only eight cents each, instead of the usual ten cents each.) If you choose to write your name on the back of your card, the library staff will reprogram it for you for \$8, but (since we reprogram cards only once each week) you might have to wait a few days to get it back. Cards can be purchased at the Circulation Desk in Gramley Library.