

# SGA's Open Door Policy : We're Here For You

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As I am sure many of you know, at least I hope, SGA stands for Student Government Association.

Since I was in middle school, I have said that phrase a number of times without really considering the meaning behind the words. There is a lot of power in these words. The student government is the government of the students, by the students and for the students (no cliches intended.)

We are the power, and we can make the difference. The passing of the new visitation policy proves this to be true. Unlike other colleges which use a Sen-

ate to pass new policies, Salem uses the one- person - equals- one- vote policy. Every person has the right to speak at SGA meetings and to give information directly to the students, which raises another point: the importance of SGA meetings.

Here you have a chance to get information first hand, not through the always famous Salem grapevine.

The Executive Board is here for you. We want everyone to know exactly what is going on our campus. Through your attendance to the meetings and your power to initiate change, the whole student government can make the '90-'91 school year one of the strongest years yet. Thank you for your support.

## Earth Notes

"We seek a renewed stirring of love for the earth."

-David  
Brower

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It is now four months after Earth Day. Are you still doing the things for the earth that you decided to do then? I hope so, because the Earth still needs you. Rainforests are falling. Marine life is endangered by pollution and careless fishermen. Our air is dangerous to breathe. Gas and water are running out. The situation can sometimes seem hopeless, but there are things we all can do.

Try to shop responsibly: don't buy from companies that are know to be ecologically irresponsible. When you shop, bring along your own bags to conserve paper products. Run more errands in one trip, and car pool to conserve gas. Take shorter showers to conserve water. Recycle your waste. And you can join Salem ECO, our campus environmental concerns organization.

ECO plans to be very active this year. We are going to continue and hopefully upgrade our recycling program. We will do an energy audit of the campus and try to implement some changes in our school's energy and resource use. We will pick a local environmental issue on which to focus a lot of energy. Above all, we will continue doing our best to inform the campus of environmental issues.

We had a fairly good-sized group last year, but if we want to accomplish our goals this year, we need to increase our support and membership. The group will meet 2 or 3 times a month, and there will be notices to remind you of meetings. We invite all who are concerned about the state of our planet to join us in voicing our opinions and working to better the Earth.



# Libby's Soap Box

## Go For It

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I have been thinking about my topic for this first soap box all summer and have decided to entitle it My Appreciation for Education. I know that all of my professors are now in comas from, severe shock. But it is true and I did put that in print and will try to live up to it!

I guess I should explain this shocking turn around. It all started when I went looking for a summer job at Wrightsville Beach/Wilmington and I realized that I probably would end up working for peanuts and for some redneck who had less education than I did. Well all my fears came true. After putting in twenty-five applications I was hired by a very large yogurt chain where the owner makes all the money and the employees make squat! I was the oldest employee at the shop besides the manager (who had less education than myself) and

"Let nothing stand between you and the light"

-Thoreau

the two assistant managers were seventeen and nineteen years old. I was hating life -not to mention the fact that I was totally surrounded by rednecks. But after a while I came to realize that there are varying levels of rednecks, and I was lucky enough to work with the socially functioning type. But enough of the redneck stuff and on to education and my point of the article.

Appreciate what you are receiving at Salem College. It is a precious gift that no one can take away from you if you choose to accept it. So grab the gift with both hands and "be not simply good; be good for something...Let nothing stand between you and the light..." (Thoreau).

## Students Make the Difference

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This year, a new committee makes its appearance on the Salem Campus. A Student Concerns Committee has been formed in hopes of providing a means by which student concerns can be explored and discussed.

The committee will try to present an unbiased, researched answer to the questions that students have about current issues. Some of the issues that the committee will address are: the new student commons; ways to keep our campus happy; and how to work towards using Salem's biggest resource - its STUDENTS!

The first project of the newly formed

SCC will be the formation of a book exchange so students can buy good books at low prices.

The SCC is a group dedicated to doing things about your concerns. The SCC is there for Salem, it is there for you! Look for the suggestion box in the Refectory and let us know your concerns!

Meetings are open to all students who want to participate in Salem life and who wish to take that first positive step forward. Representatives to this committee will be chosen at the first class meetings.