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FACTS AND FIGURES

The facts speak for themselves. Just a little over one-half of the members of the Student Government Association—and that includes every girl in Salem College—have enough interest in it to use their right to vote for its president.

If the remaining 146 students will not make the minimum of effort necessary to cast a ballot, how can they be expected to uphold the association in those things that do take effort—effort from every member of the student body—the honor system, for example.

Where does the fault lie? Is it in the ideas back of the Stee Gee, or can it be that you just haven't got the interest to go up to Main Hall and cast a vote?

The answer must be found immediately and steps be taken to remedy the situation before the rest of the elections take place. Every single vote is important. Your vote might help the best fellow get the job. Don't just sit back and say—as so many of us do—"Well, the person I want will get it anyway; it isn't necessary for me to vote." Don't be so selfish as to take that attitude. If you were running, wouldn't you feel much better if you knew the students were back of you enough to cast a vote?

Let's support our future officers by showing we are at least interested enough to vote! We have already chosen our Stee Gee president and Salemite editor. We are proud of them. Let's make them proud of us by our voting for the rest of the elections. More elections are coming up—Y. W. C. A., I. R. S., Annual, Athletic Association, May Day Committee Chairman. Look in the handbook and see what elections are to be made and what duties go with the office. Scout around and see who's available for the job. The nominees will be posted 36 hours before the election is to take place. Decide who you want for the job and vote.

Don't Quote Me....But--

Lovely, isn't it, this time of year how rumors spread—just merely suggest that so-and-so would make a decent candidate and the next thing you know you have tried to swing an election . . . but even that doesn't hurt half as much as the thought that intelligent people believe it. Man's best friend is, indeed, his dog! From now on we entrust all opinions to the shepherd in the back yard . . .

Speaking of dogs, have you seen "Lassie Come Home" yet? Ooooh, the tears we dd shed . . . but t'was worth it, because after all the long-suffering Lassie did get home . . . of course we had the nervous jerks until he made it—but none-the-less he got there. . . .

And then there was Carmen . . . what a dream . . . it will take a mighty wicked jab to burst the cloud we're walking on. At the present our only perplexity is why Carmen didn't fall in love with that Captain . . . and he had such nice cocked eye brows, too! And that poor child with no shoes, golly. . . .

What, please, goes on in the office . . . as long as Miss Kirkland has to send war stamps to someone why, at least, doesn't she keep them within the present 350 members of S. C. instead of trying to lure in new Salemites with them? . . . last week she got an answer (or we should say thank you note) to this effect . . .

Dear Miss Kirkland,

Thank you so much for the war stamp. It is the first one I have received.

Sincerely
Mary

What we definitely adore is that "first one I have received" business . . . just keep it up, honey, you might get a bond . . .

There has certainly been diverse emotions abroad this week—everything from wailing, weeping and gnashing of teeth to the practice house giggles—why doesn't your partner lay his cards down on the table so that you might see where you stand . . . the tide and times have enough tension in them without this everlasting wondering of what has gone wrong . . . it's too bad that people are only human.

My, this is getting gruesome—in a rut to be exact . . . but we haven't even one little episode to cheer life in the least . . . the long-awaited-for fantasies from the Comp class are till being awaited for and not one person has done anything very humorous or jolly this whole week . . . but better times are in sight—

Without a doubt the best thing to do at this point is to stop . . . rosy Aurora is trying to step in the window and peep over our shoulders—so to prevent the gods from knowing of mortal discouragement . . . we QUIT . . .

Apuntes Espanoles

SONETO

Quien dice que la ausencia causa olvido,
Merece ser de todos olvidado:
El verdadero y firme enamorado
Está estando ausente más perdido.
Aviva la memoria su sentido,
La soledad levanta su cuidado;
Hallarse de su bien tan apartado,
Hace su desear más encendido.
No sanan las heridas en él dadas,
Aunque cese el mirar que las causó,
Si quedan en el alma confirmadas:
Que si uno está con muchas cuchilladas,
Porque huya de quien le acuchilló,
No por eso serán mejor curadas.

Juan Boscán Almogaver
(1542)

CAPITAL TO CAMPUS

STUDENTS IN WASHINGTON

Washington—ACP—Still fairly new on the Capital scene is the government interne—the bright, young college graduate who comes to Washington to study the machinery of government in operation.

The theory behind internship is not new. For many years, educators and students of political science have contended that if you mix specialized, college training and an interest in government with a knowledge of government at work, you'll come out with higher standards among prospective federal servants. The interne idea is taking hold. More and more of these students of government are arriving in Washington every year.

WHO'S THE FLOP?

So it was a flop, was it? Well, I could have told you it was going to be—that's why I wouldn't go. People here just don't know how to carry out things like that. Those club meetings are so boring. She asked me to help with the program, but I just wouldn't have anything to do with it, because they never are any good. And, besides, if I couldn't do any better than she does, I'd quit. Such people shouldn't be allowed to hold an office. In fact, I've stopped going to the meetings because it's simply a waste of time, and I'd rather spend my time having more fun.

Salem's extra-curricular program is definitely deteriorating. We have no girls with any ability or push. Yes, I know exactly what's wrong with this whole school. The people who are doing things just don't know how to do anything. That's why so many things are failures, flops.

Is that so? Well, I'm the biggest flop of all!

OPEN FORUM

SENIOR PRIVILEGES

Have you ever read the old rules of Salem Female Academy which hang on the walls of the office building? If you have, you no doubt had a good laugh at the "do's" and "don't" of our great-great Grandmother's day!

Salem has gotten modern—has changed with the times—by Student Government Legislation. We never want to neglect this privilege. We do not want to become radical, but fellow students, let's not become stagnant, intellectually or socially. New legislation evolves from present legislation, and there's never been a time when changes weren't necessary.

For example, let us take the dating hours Saturday night. As most of you know (or SHOULD know—"page 29 in the handbook") both Juniors and Seniors must be in at 11:00 o'clock. Now consider this—the Seniors are advanced scholastically from the other classes in college, so why shouldn't they be advanced socially? By all fairness of standing they should be allowed to stay out fifteen minutes later on Saturday night. What about it, girls?

The Legislative Board of the Student Government can accept new measures up until April 15th. Let's not be content to sit around complaining about the existing rules. We want action! Let's have it!

A. C.

"MARRY BEFORE?"

To the would-be war bride, Dr. Gulielma F. Alsop, physician for New York's Barnard college and co-author of a book on marriage, offers this advice: "Once assured in your own mind, marry him—the soldier, the sailor, the man of the sky—before he goes to war."

Dr. Alsop thinks "a lot of nonsense is being written and said about marriages."

After years of association with girls at the school, she said in an interview she feels young women should not be too timid or cautious about marrying men they've known for a reasonable length of time.

"Young people today are romantic, idealistic and ready for any kind of devotion," she said. The heightened emotion that sweeps the youth of a nation in war time makes for permanence in marriage.

"The basis of all marriage is responsibility and trust. And the young woman of today is self-reliant, capable and determined. I have confidence in the young woman of today to make a success of marriage and motherhood."

"But I do not advocate the week-end marriage, which is the chief thing to be feared. The young woman who meets a soldier on Friday, marries him on Saturday and parts with him—perhaps for months—on Monday may have serious difficulties ahead."

She advised war brides not to date other men, but to devote leisure hours to war work or to entertaining soldiers and sailors at properly conducted community parties.

She also warns young war brides: "You will now always be judged as a member of a partnership, not as an isolated individual. You must reflect your husband's ideals as well as your own."

"You have become a part of the war. Win the war with him."