

Salemites Offered Wide Opportunities

At Salem there are many interesting opportunities for the girls. We are very fortunate in having an excellent lecture series, faculty and student recitals, play productions, and all the campus organizations.

However, when girls are talking together the phrases "There just isn't anything to do around here" or "I'm bored to death, let's go to the movies," often are heard. But if these people would only look around them for purposes other than to be a copy of every other girl on campus or to check on who Sally is dating this week-end, they would be surprised to find that there is activity here and that there is a place for them in this activity.

It seems though that the majority of the people prefer a bridge game or cutting gossip to painting scenery, reading copy, or daily walks to the May Dell for practice.

Of course it is much the same general group that does do a great amount of extra-curricular activity. But someone has to do things! It is good that there is a group who is interested enough in themselves and their college to see that things continue to go.

But it should not be a general group who must keep the campus organizations active. Everyone on this campus should be busy working on their favorite organization whether it be the *Salemite* or the A. A. or the Y. W. C. A. There is a place for everyone if she will only accept it. When there is a lecture or a recital, every student at Salem should be in Memorial Hall. And if you don't want to dress, there are always seats in the balcony.

It might surprise you how much more fun it is to take advantage of the marvelous opportunities Salem offers you than it is to sit in the dorm in your complacent shell of conformity. Why don't we all try to take advantage of every opportunity we have on campus for a week—we would never go back to our dull complacency.

—M. A. H.

Paint And Powder Or Naked Truth?

What is beauty? What is truth? Why have artists painted the nude form of women down through the ages?

The naked truth is portrayed by the artist because the ultimate truth for men is the nude woman.

How can one recognize truth when it is so well disguised by artificial means such as, elaborately designed clothes which may well include pads for compensation, and all of Madame Du Barry's latest formulæ for deception, captivation, and tantalization.

Each society has its own definition of beauty. Miss America's fatal charm would not race the motor of a young African Ubangi. Her lips would seem strange because they were not extended to a length of three or four inches. However, we are not concerned with the Ubangi criteria for beauty.

What are the American standards?

Miss America was not chosen because she was the most popular girl at Convention Hall in Atlantic City; nor was she chosen because her bathing suit was the Most or the Least! She was chosen because she was, above all, the most beautiful of face and figure, in addition to possessing the most poised and gracious stage appearance.

All of this dissipation is to provide "food for thought" between now and the week of November seventeen, when nominations for May Queen and her court of twelve will be cast.

I am not suggesting that all the contestants appear in Old Chapel dressed in a fig leaf with no lipstick on. Just do not vote for attire and superficiality. Do not vote for "Who's Who in American Colleges," or "My friend". Vote for a Queen in every sense of the American word.

—Jane Bridges

In Memoriam

Although most of us knew Claudia Jarrett for only a few weeks, we will always cherish our memories of her. Claudia's interest in and devotion to Salem and its activities remain as an inspiration to us all. We remember her warm personality and cheerful spirit that rewarded her with many friends. Let us thank our Father in Heaven that we shared some part of the good, bright life Claudia Jarrett led on this earth.

—Mary Oettinger on behalf of the Freshman class

Stee Gee Report Will Enlighten All

The student body now has an opportunity to learn more about what happens in a Student Council meeting and to follow the actions and opinions of their elected representatives.

The Student Council has fully co-operated with the *Salemite* in organizing press coverage of all of its open meetings.

A reporter has been assigned to attend the Council's open meetings and to report the decisions and the ideas that are presented. The reporter will quote the ideas of the members and will give the results of a roll-call vote when one is taken.

It is hoped that this new column in the *Salemite* will stimulate interest in the work of the Student Council and that it will inform the students of the projects and ideas of its Council. Another worthwhile purpose that we and the Council hope will reduce the feeling on campus that the workings of the Council are strictly secret and carried on behind locked doors.

As the students read these accounts, they should become familiar with the positions taken by their representatives; learn who introduces certain projects; and become more qualified voters in school elections because they will know something about any Council members that may be running for an office.

—M. J.

Campus Must Aid Nominating Study

Action is being taken on the student body's request concerning the nominating committee.

The Student Body President has organized a committee which is now under the direction of Mary Ann Hagwood to study our nominating procedures.

This committee has discussed the possibilities of open nominations, as was suggested last year, and has written to other small girls schools to find out their nominating process.

However, the solution can not come from this group alone. (The solution may not necessarily be that we change our present form of operation.) The students should again begin discussing this question and make recommendations to Mary Ann Hagwood or to Curt Wrike. Undoubtedly, there will be class meetings for this purpose, but thinking about this matter should begin before the day of the class meeting.

It is impossible to think that the committee can satisfactorily solve the problem if they do not know the opinions and thoughts of the students themselves.

—M. J.

Word of Gratitude

The members of the *Salemite* staff and of the Student Council wish to express their appreciation to Dr. Welch for the work that she has done towards getting our teacher education program accredited.

If our program is acceptable to the committee, it will mean that Salem students will have even better chances for getting their desired position in the field of teaching. It will also mean that Salem would be the only liberal arts college in the State of North Carolina to be nationally accredited.

Federalism Grows at the Expense of Freedoms

In our democratic world of America so recently jarred by Sputniks and Muttniks, we have had little time to really sit down and determine where we are going and from whence we came. With the tremendous advancement in technology and science revealing to us a new realm for the exploration and eventual domination by mankind, our era is an opportune time to purify our philosophies of government.

As contemporary Americans we pride ourselves on our democratic capitalist society. We have a government "by the people and for the people"—but do we really? For the past half century the general American public has contented itself with allowing the federal government to continuously extend its jurisdiction over our public and private affairs. Placidly we have passed the buck of governing ourselves to a tremendous bureaucracy in Washington. This trend towards civic apathy has already turned our government into a paternalistic organization concerned with the social and economic welfare of its citizens. Will it rob us of all freedom?

During the Great Depression of the 1930's government control over America's economic system was vastly enlarged. In the field of agriculture the readoption for today's system of supporting the farmer was begun. The Soil Bank program which operates with the purpose of keeping America's agricultural surplus at a minimum and government support of farm prices is a violation of a pure free enterprise system of economy.

The regulation of private industry began with the Anti-Trust laws and has penetrated further into the field of labor relations. Under the Taft-Hartley Act the President was given power to use a sixty day injunction and a twenty day "cooling-off" period to halt or delay a strike that would create "a national emergency." As witnessed by recent congressional investigations of the Teamsters Union the United States Government is interfering in the internal affairs of labor unions.

The Social Security Act of 1935 is another example of the extension of government powers. This piece of legislation, one of the most complicated ever passed by Congress, included provisions for old age benefits, dependent children, and other realms of social legislation that had been previously left to philanthropy.

Examples of government intervention are far too numerous to cite, but they exercise a very real force in all phases of the lives of America's citizens. This trend toward socialism has been debated endlessly concerning its attributes and drawbacks. We must decide whether to compromise our civil liberties for staid complacency.

—Rachel Rose

From The Ivy Mines

I was squatting under my mushroom yesterday and was munching on a piece of Sputnik pie, when I decided it was time to investigate Salemism once more. So I stuck my Un-American Committees badge onto my scales and leaped to the Ivy Mines behind the Old Brick Curtain. (Ouch! I just stumped one nose on a piece of tradition and a slice of Moravianism!)

And using my tail as a springboard, I bounced over the wall for another pleasant evening of comical entertainment. But, hark! What is this? I hear electrifying screams from back campus. I strained one head in the direction of the commotion and saw several 'Siberia Ann Salems' chained against a well. It seems that the Stee Gee was washing their brains with the new blue dot detergent Grub, which contains the powerful anti-socialicide, Restrix-shun, and the newly discovered anti-party chemical, Per-Sonaloner—both of which are used for security reasons.

Leaving this scene I hid myself in a wormhole and peeped into the boiler room. In the center of the room was a huge, black furnace from which large gusts of steam were pouring. I flopped back an ear and noticed that there were screams and yelling coming from the inside of the furnace. (Hum, I thought, this must be investigated!) I crawled closer and saw a faculty of comrades lead by the iron hand of Kru-Nixshev. Kru-Nixshev was standing on the top of the furnace pushing Monday morning themes and quizzes and term-papers down a small hole while the rest of the comrades danced around singing 'Ring around the Roses.' "Poor, poor, little Salemits," I sighed, "they must have tried to join up with the Dukism and Carolinaism week-end parties."

Wiggling down to the basement, I spied several Salemits hunched over big black tables writing letters to the outside world on toilet tissue that they had smuggled from the infirmary. I leaned over one of the shoulders and read the sob story of an execution on the previous day: some girls had taken ninety-five class cuts when she was only allowed ninety-four and two-thirds. "Oh," I groaned, "the comrades shouldn't make the Salemits toil so many hours in the minds." I read further on down the letter and found out that one Salemit had hung herself on an oak tree—her one thirty-minute evening engagement per year was taken away because she had made only an A- in basket weaving. But something good came out of this: the comrades made a new rule that those who hung themselves on oak trees could leave the rope and twig for kindling wood in the barracks.

Rushin' from the basement, I typed my report, stamped the typewriter and mailed it. And escaping over the Old Brick Curtain, I sang "Wake Up Little Salem" and played my flute.

—Tendrils

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