

Faculty Evaluation Can Be Worthwhile If Done Maturly

The proposed student evaluation of the faculty is not something that can be immediately accepted as a "cure all" for all our complaints. As was stated in student body meeting, it is a project which will take careful consideration and planning, and which will require an unbiased, mature approach from the students.

The suggested program shows advancement in the field of student-faculty relations. It will give the students an opportunity to express their views on how a course might be made more interesting and beneficial to them. (This will of course cover the areas of content and presentation.)

It may logically be assumed that the professors are also seeking to improve their classes. The evaluation would give them some definite basis for change or would assure them that they are doing a satisfactory job.

However, there are dangers in this privilege, if it were abused. Such a questionnaire would not be a means of seeking revenge for a failing grade or for presenting personal dislikes based on personalities or on taste in ties.

This danger may be eliminated though, if a screening committee of students were established to decide on the validity of the survey before it is passed on to the faculty, the possibility of creating faculty-student animosity would be eliminated.

If the Student Government and the faculty decide to compile this questionnaire, the students must also be willing to spend the time that will be necessary to give specific answers rather than making general statements like, "I feel that the reading could have been presented in a better way." This is the students' chance to express those ideas that arise in dorm and drug store discussions.

Unless the student body is willing to disregard these individual cases and is willing to work for the improvement of the learning situation (not for making the course easier) and unless the faculty accepts these opinions in the same spirit, the evaluation will be ineffective and a failure.

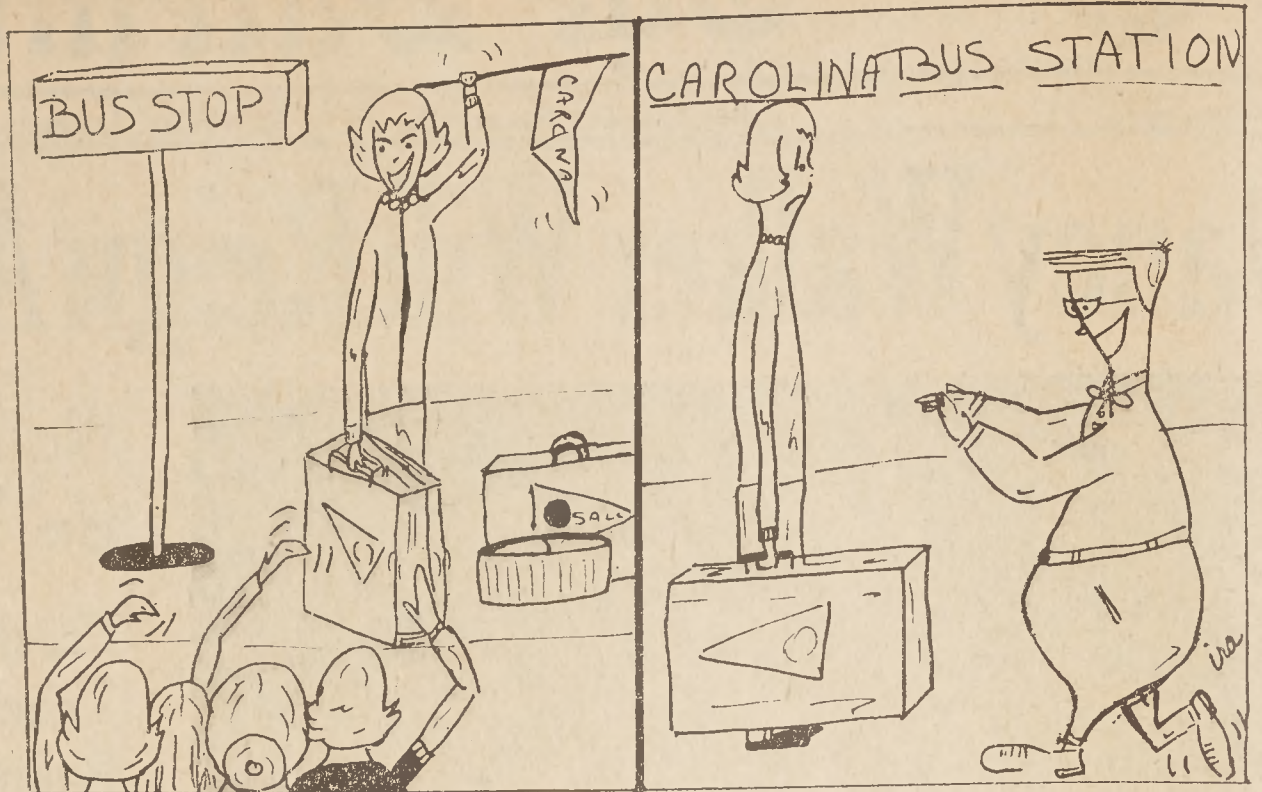
However, the idea which has been successful on other campuses should not be condemned without a fair trial.

"Shakespeare Is Too Deep For Me"

Even though Salem Academy girls and townspeople enjoyed the Pierrette production of "Twelfth Night," some Salemites felt that they would not be able to understand this deep Shakespearean comedy; so they did not attend.

**Freshmen!
Tendrils Come
Next Week**

A Collegiate's Fantasy . . . Reality



I Saw . . . And I Heard

This week I saw . . .

Jerome Moore's new Sigma Chi pin, and I heard her say, "In broad daylight, too!"

I saw a sparkling diamond on Nancy Willis' finger and heard her planning a wedding.

I saw Barbara Paine blush and smile happily when she was congratulated on receiving a pin over Thanksgiving holidays.

I saw the winning combination of Roberts and Sampson putting down Wrike and Heidbreder in ping pong.

I saw Suzie Hayotsian returning from Greensboro where she spent Thanksgiving with Lillian Holland. Suzie was the belle of the town—four dates for Saturday night.

I saw Mrs. Lovett ushering all her friends in to see and to try out her new Stuffer home reducing unit. Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Heidbreder were her first guests. The latter was a bit self-conscious and requested that the blinds be pulled.

I saw Miss Byrd's apartment being raided by famished upper-classmen after her annual party for her freshmen who have blood ties at Salem.

I saw Strong's basement overflowing with firemen and policemen after Lucinda Oliver's phone call reporting gas odors. (The call was picked up and sent out over the radio.) I saw half of Babcock and Clewell piled on one of the three fire engines and speeding around the Square, and I heard shouts of "Alma mater" led by Kay Whitley and "Doxey".

I saw Boyce Rich asking Patty Kimbrough where the coke machine was in the library, and I thought, "That'll be the day."

I saw Katie Teague returning

from her Thanksgiving trip to New York where she crashed a "high noon" wedding. I heard her say that she wore a red velvet raincoat over her sweater and skirt and that the worst moment came when she almost caught the bride's bouquet.

I saw Johnny Clark's favorite volleyball team, the Seniors, going down in defeat—70 to 9—to the Juniors.

I saw the candy canes becoming redder and redder.

I saw final preparations being made for the Christmas dance and I still wondered whom I'd ask.

Lets Stop Pampering Students

In the November 11 issue of *Time Magazine* under the education section we find: "No matter what kind of campus they came from, the experts seemed agreed: all is definitely not well with the U. S. high school."

Howard F. Fake of Columbia Teachers College cited: "The present high school curriculum in mathematics is outmoded, oriented to the nineteenth century mathematics and physics. Any 17th century mathematician, reappearing upon earth today, could enter most classrooms in high schools and, without any preparation, teach the present traditional curriculum."

Chancellor Lawrence A. Kimpton of the University of Chicago attributes the problem to the distortion

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When Is Chief Executive Disabled?

On November 25, President Eisenhower went to bed with his third illness in a little over two years. The doctors say that his condition is not serious, and he will only need several weeks of rest from the pressures of the presidency. There is no guarantee that the President will be any better able to resume these pressures at the end of the weeks of rest. There is a growing concern among people both at home and abroad that Ike will not be able to take on the full responsibilities of his office.

In this situation according to *U. S. News and World Report* there are two alternatives facing the President and the people of the United States. These are: 1) The White House staff can run the country, going to the President with only the most difficult problems. 2) The President may resign his office and be replaced by Vice-President Nixon.

In the first alternative most of the power would go to Vice-President Nixon and Sherman Adams, staff chief to the President. The cabinet members could carry on their duties and things might work very well. However, there are times when this system of distributing the President's power will not work. There are certain situations where only the President can act. If our nation should be attacked when the President is incapacitated, no one has the authority to act in his place. The Secretary of State represents the President, but only the President can speak as head of the Government in relations with foreign nations. In matters of the budget no other official can take the place of the President. Decisions about money for the armed forces and different government agencies can come only from the President.

The lack of leadership is felt in our nation and throughout the world when there is no strong, well leader at the head of our Government. I think the feeling of insecurity resulting from this will be present as long as the White House staff runs the office of the President.

The other alternative in the event of the President's continued illness is his resignation and replacement by Vice-President Nixon. Mr. Nixon reportedly does not confide in members of the White House staff and his views are often not known. There is a feeling at the Capitol that perhaps he doesn't share the President's patience and might take more direct action. Mr. Nixon will be lucky if many Americans adopt the British attitude. Many influential Britons were once very much opposed to Mr. Nixon. Now they feel it would not be so disastrous if it becomes necessary for him to replace President Eisenhower.

—Sue Cooper

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