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IRS Week Activities Will Begin March 24

Smitherman Elected Salemite Editor; Bennett, Goddard, Mayhew And Burt To Head Campus Activities

During last week's elections, Jean Smitherman was selected for next year's editor of the Salemite. Ruth Bennett was elected president of IRS; Mary Jane Mayhew, president of the YWCA; Martha Goddard, president of Pierrettes and Mimi Burt, president of the Day Students Organization.

Jean Smitherman the new Salemite editor is from Elkin, N. C., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smitherman. Jean is Feature Editor of the paper this year and has worked on it since her freshman year.

Jean is an English major and history minor, but has time for many other activities also. She

played the lead role in Twelfth Night and was stage manager of the last Pierrette production, The Glass Managerie. Jean is treasurer of the Lecture Series Committee and of the junior class. She is a member of Phi Alpha Theta, honorary history society and a member of the Honor Society.

Ruth Bennett, newly elected president of the IRS is from Harts-ville, S. C., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Bennett.

In January, Ruth was elected second alternate in the Maid of Cotton contest; she is also on the Salem May Court.

Aside from being a history major, Ruth's extra-curricular activities

include Phi Alpha Theta and the Honor Society. She is treasurer of the IRS and was chairman of the Christmas Banquet her sophomore year. Last summer, Ruth was one of the Strong scholars studying in Oslo, Norway.

Mary Jane Mayhew

Mary Jane Mayhew, new "Y" President is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayhew of Charlotte. She is taking a double major in religion and economics-sociology.

A transfer from W-C last year, Mary Jane has served as a Marshal, member of the AA and Y cabinets, and President of the Westminster Fellowship. Mary

Spiritual, Cultural, Social And Academic Sides Of Salemities Are Emphasized

The week of March 24 has been set aside as I. R. S. week. During this time, it is the aim of the I. R. S. Council to present their views on 'what makes a well rounded Salemite' through various activities centered around the subject.

On Monday night, the Council will sponsor the annual Birthday Dinner. Appropriate attire is a wool dress. There will be a special meal, music and prizes for one girl whose birthday occurs in each month. Each girl will sit at a table decorated to represent the month of her birth.

In chapel Tuesday, the faculty will emphasize the cultural aspect of being a well rounded person by demonstrating their talents in art, drama, modern dance and music. In relation to this a Salem Student Art Exhibit will be displayed in Main Hall.

To emphasize the spiritual side of life, the I. R. S. has secured The Reverend MacQueen, who will speak to us on a subject foremost in many students' minds—"College Skepticism"—at 7:30 Wednesday night in the Day Student Center. Afterward, students are invited to talk informally with Reverend MacQueen at a coffee hour.

Charm highlights Thursday's assembly program with a Fashion

Show sponsored by Fred McCoy's with I. R. S. Council members modeling. At 7:30, there will be an informal talk on what constitutes a charming person by a Salem trustee.

One of the highlights of the week will be Academic emphasis on Friday, when Dr. Lewis will deliver a fictitious "Last Lecture at Salem". To conclude I. R. S. Week, summer reading lists will be distributed after the lecture to each student.

During the week a booklet on etiquette entitled "Did You Know" will be distributed. It will contain hints and illustrations concerning proper etiquette.

The chairman for I. R. S. Week is Mary Lois James. The co-chairman is Marcille Van Liere. The other committee heads include: birthday dinner, Ruth Bennett; publicity, Lydie Swann; bulletin board, Nancy Sexton and Nancy Cridlebaugh; art display, Norwood Dennis and Betsy Gatling; socials, Nollner Morrissett; chapel Evelyn Vincent and Jenny Elder; fashion show, Anis Ira; academic lecture, Churchill Jenkins and Lynn Ligon; reading list, Catherine Cline; calendar, Joan Melton and Janet Barnet; and etiquette booklet, Mary Louise Howell, Erwin Robbins and Barbara Paine.



Jean Smitherman



Ruth Bennett



Martha Goddard



Mimi Burt

Three Pertinent Topics Discussed By Stee Gee

The three main topics of discussion at the Student Council meeting on Monday, March 17, were Salem's orientation program, representation to the Student Council, and the destruction of school property by fraternity pledges from other schools.

Nancy Cridlebaugh and Mary Curtis Wrike, co-chairmen of last year's orientation committee presented a recommendation to the Student Council concerning orientation. They suggested that the membership of the orientation committee be kept as it is. (At present the committee is composed of the members of the Student Council and the heads of the major organizations. Since there must be one committee member for every four freshmen, additional members are elected from the Senior Class.) Nancy and Mary Curtis also felt that the Club Carnival is satisfactory and need no changes. However, they recommended that, as the President of Student Government has many duties in connection with orientation, another member of Student Council, possibly the secretary, serve with the Senior Class president as a co-chairman of the committee. They also suggested that a committee be formed within the Student Council to plan the handbook study before school closes in the spring. The Student Council voted to accept these recommendations from last year's co-chairmen and pass them on to next

year's council.

Mary Curtis next introduced the subject of representation to the Student Council. At present the Council is composed of the officers of Student Government, the IRS president, the class presidents, presidents of the dormitories, and the Day Student president, with the stipulation that there must be at least six seniors, six juniors, three sophomores, and three freshmen on the council. Council members felt that something should be done about this system of representation since the size of the freshmen and sophomore classes is increasing and since representation is often divided very unequally among the dormitories. A committee was appointed to study our present system and make recommendations.

The last matter discussed was that of the destruction of school property by fraternity pledges from nearby colleges. It was pointed out that the property involved is sometimes expensive, as is the case with the two signs which were taken from Clewell and Lehigh and which are valued at approximately forty dollars each. It was also recognized that there would be less destruction if Salemites themselves did not encourage it in one way or another. Filling out an "application for a date" for a pledge is one thing and making light of the destruction of eighty dollars worth of school property is quite another.

Jane has also worked with the Salemite and Sights and Insights.

Martha Goddard, president of the Pierrettes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Goddard of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. She is a music major, education minor and is secretary of the Music Club.

Martha has been a writer for the Salemite since her freshman year. Last semester she took the male lead in the Pierrettes production of Twelfth Night.

Mrs. J. H. Burt, known on campus as Mimi, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P. W. Joyner of Enfield, N. C. She has been elected to head the Day Students Organization next year.

Mimi is majoring in economics-sociology and is planning to go on with education next year. She has served on the AA cabinet, IRS, and was sub house president of Clewell Dormitory last year.

Academic Council Praises Faculty Evaluation Plan

On Thursday, March 20, a special committee of Student Government and the Faculty Academic Council met together to discuss the proposed faculty evaluation and the suggested questionnaire. If the plan is acceptable, the questionnaire will be submitted to the students late in the semester and probably will be filled out during each class. The questionnaire which Martha Duval, chairman of the Student Government committee, presented included: presentation of subject matter, classroom technique, leadership and stimulation of thinking, attitude toward student, apparent mastery of subject matter, personal characteristics, and method of testing. The questionnaire also includes an area of student self evaluation so that the faculty member will be able to judge the validity of the student's criticism and so that the student will be able to judge the validity of his own criticism.

The evaluation program and the questionnaire was generally accepted by the Academic Council, however, it will have to be approved by the entire faculty before it can be enacted. The Student Government hopes to formally present their plan in the faculty meeting on April 9.

The faculty members discussed various means of compiling the results of the questionnaire. Dr. Austin felt that it would be more objective if the results were tabulated in a master office and sent to each member of the faculty.

Dr. Africa suggested that the results might be compiled into an editorial or general statement of students opinion of the schools academic value. However, Martha Duval pointed out that unpleasant results had followed any public statement of the results in colleges which have a faculty evaluation system. The group decided that the questionnaire would be of greater value if handled personally by each faculty member.

Mr. Campbell questioned the value of the criticisms if the students were not willing to sign them. Dr. Austin counteracted this point by saying that it is impossible for students to feel that they can be frank with a faculty member because, after all, "the faculty holds the upper hand." Mary Curtis Wrike also added that the committee had decided not to have the students sign the questionnaires so that students would feel free to be frank. In this manner, the results would be of more benefit to the faculty. However, each girl will be asked to indicate the course that she is evaluating so that the professor will be able to make specific applications of the suggestions.

The rest of the meeting was occupied with checking the wording of the evaluation chart, and the faculty made several suggestions where they thought points needed clarification or re-wording.

The Academic Council was quite complimentary of this project and felt that the questionnaire showed careful preparation. They were also quite enthusiastic about the project. As Dr. Lewis said, "I think it will be lots of fun; let's do it."