

The New Order

A new editor, a new staff, a new order—but a newspaper remains the same. For three years I have watched three editors put out **The Salemite** once a week. And for three years I have read their issues. The only changes that occurred were the results of those editors' ideas on what they thought the college newspaper should be.

The function of a college newspaper—of Salem College's newspaper—is threefold. It should be functional, interpretative, and stimulative.

As a functional, or useful, organization **The Salemite** provides the college community with a complete coverage of news that have direct bearing on campus life. It serves as a communicative agent from the various organizations to the students, and from the faculty and administration when they desire to use it. This element of college journalism, the staff can handle capably.

But this is only the first level. **The Salemite** also exists as an interpreter, or as a commentator upon what goes within its pages, whether it be campus affairs or world affairs. This the staff has begun to do.

And finally—as a result of the commentary—and most important, the college newspaper should be a stimulant to its readers—to their thought and action. This the staff hopes to do.

But a college newspaper, or any newspaper, is useless unless it is read. This, we hope you will do.

And Democrats . . .

Listed in the news stories in this issue are Salem's leaders for 1958-59—a long list of capable people who have attempted successfully to include underclassmen in the administration of their organizations. And the list grows with the probable addition of the Young Democrats Club, whose contribution has been passed from the President's Forum to the office of Dr. Gramley. The formation of a politically affiliated club is indicative of a healthy attitude on our campus. The organizers of this club, and those people who may become its members, have shown a desire to be more informed and more influential in government and political affairs on a level other than local.

Culture On Your Level

Culture, culture, everywhere, nor any drop . . .
 Hey diddle, diddle the man with the fiddle,
 a yawn ran through the room,
 The ivy glared at the T. V. wires; term papers
 saw their doom
 The little dog laughed from up in his sputnik
 and the I. R. S. said grace.
 The test tube looked at the Latin book and
 spat right in its face.
 Administration, faculty, how does your col-
 lege grow?
 With eager minds, and honor codes and semi-
 nars?—Oh no,
 Instead it's Elvis, Hi-Fi sets, and "How did
 your weekend go?"
 Here we go round the humanities, humanities,
 hooray!
 On with Voltaire, Marx and comps, what are
 they anyway?
 "Founded in 1772, Music, Arts and Science,"
 I have to be what I am, you see, I gloat in
 this defiance!
 "Culture, culture, everywhere, nor any drop,"
 etcetera,
 V-8 juice and laundry bags and coffee clubs
 to better her,
 My heart leapt up when I behold a cultured
 Salemite,
 With head held high, she stumbles on,
 "Where's the water fight?"
 Two more days till vacation, please pass the
 education,
 Two more days till vacationnnnnn—
 BAH!

Tendrils

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Around The Square

Whoosh—our ten day spring vacation is a briefly remembered thing of the past, and we now have our last tedious days ahead of us. My favorite twosome, Dr. Austin and Abbey Suddath, had another of their "we see eye to eye on everything" discussions as Dr. Austin inquired why all the sighing and squirming over the "brief six weeks to come." Abbey screwed her comical face up and retorted, "But look what's going to happen in those six weeks!" Frustration!"

It's spring around the Square—evidenced not only by our flowerless cherry tree, but by sweaterless Miss Essie, accelerated May Day rehearsals, after dinner jam sessions on the back of campus lawns, room drawing, and sun bathers!

I have by no means lost faith in the proverbial saying, "In spring a young man's fancy turns to love." Becky Hinkle and Sarah Ann Price sport their newly acquired diamonds to witness to this truth and Ann Howes sports Dexine Sprinkle! This seasonal love bug has even plagued a member of the administration, ex-Salemite and student body president—now the engaged Miss McNeely. Her fiance, Ralph Herring, is a gifted young painter. If anyone is curious about the details—drop by Miss McNeely's office and peer at her ring—Ralph designed it.

Yep—spring is here—and the juniors have their autos. The constant blare of horns, jammed parking spaces, the sign out sheets in South and Strong, the flocks of girls headed for the Steak House and innumerable weekend jaunts prove the autos are being utilized properly. To the tune of "Oh, what fun it is to ride . . ." cultivate your friends wisely and you may find yourself with "free taxi service."

Let us not forget the "return of the natives"—from Bermuda. More complete details can be supplied by Betsy Gatling. Ask her about mystery man, Mr. Harry Gordan. Frances Jeanette and Caroline Easley are prepared to expound on why they prefer northern college men. From all Bermuda goes, one thing was agreed upon—"Miss Samson was a mighty swell traveling companion."

Salemites will soon be setting up housekeeping in the sunbathing areas. "A word to the wise is sufficient"—follow the I. R. S. and W. R. A. sunbathing rules. Incidentally, have you noticed the little "play pen" set up for those who are "basking." If you question its ability to protect and shield its femininity—just remember that someone two feet tall with 50-60 vision could never see through our picket fence. We're safe from them. "Strong are thy walls, oh Salem."

The more fortunate Salemites will venture to institutes of higher learning this weekend, while the more deligent (a nice expression used for the unpopular) will study. Give our regards to Davidson.

Applaud the junior class for a job well done (at long last—whew!) It's amazing how things "shape up" when all looks

lost—and believe me—all did look lost until we presented our skit Tuesday. There's no business like show business—for the nervous system. And . . . applaud the student body for your support on our raffle that concluded with the junior class \$83 richer.

The calendar is scheduled with a host of recitals during the coming weeks. Lynn Hamrick's performance Monday night was delightful. May I put in a plug for these and other such affairs. If concerts or recitals were presented in Chapel programs, I'm of the opinion that the otherwise relatively unknown and unvisited recitals would be well received.

Another epidemic! Not the "green death" or the "twenty-four hour flu" . . . the measles. Beware, you may be the next to go to the little brick cottage where quiet hour is strictly enforced and lights thrillers offers us "The Three Faces of Eve" (which won Joanne Woodward the Oscar for "best actress") and "The Long Hot Summer", a typical William Faulkner adapted film, also starring Miss are out at 9:30. Now-a-days one can't afford to get ill.

The latest in black and white

Letter To Editor

To the Editor of the **Salemite**:

The new fall sport replacing hockey in the W. R. A. program is hall ball, not handball as was printed in the last issue of the **Salemite**.

As this article was badly cut and no explanation of this game was printed, I should like to explain to the Student Body what it is. Hall ball is touch football. It is played with a miniature football, and the rules are practically the same as those for football. This sport originated for girls about 10 or 15 years ago when girls suddenly decided they wanted to have football teams. At Woman's College in Greensboro it is one of the most popular team sports.

Everyone will be learning this game next fall. It will only be played in the W. R. A. afternoon program; it will not be taught in gym classes.

Furthermore, I should like to explain again the sister teams. These teams will be composed of the freshman and the juniors as one team, the sophomores and the seniors as the other. Each of these teams will elect an overall manager for the entire year to represent their team on the Council.

Each team will be assigned an evenly distributed number of sports managers to elect from their team. Though it may be specified that this girl be, for example, a senior, the sophomore and senior classes would meet together and elect this manager with their over-all manager presiding.

This new program begins at the opening of school next year. I wish to remind each girl that she contributes to her team by merely attending practices or by taking part in an individual sport.

I hope that next year each student will take part in hall ball, and all the other sports in the program, for her own physical well being and for her team.

—Betsy Smith

Russia's Move To Ban Nuclear Tests Seen As Insincere

Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister, announced a Russian plan last month, to stop all nuclear tests. This statement is a part of the "new" Soviet policy which is not greatly different from the old policy when you get down to the crux of the situation, though it appears to be a revolutionary policy at first glance. Gromyko added a "P.S." to his announcement which stated that the "U. S. S. R. will naturally be free to act . . . in accordance with the interests of its own security" if other nations continue to hold their tests.

Because of the United States policy on test bans, which is that they must be accompanied with an adequate inspection system, the Soviet proposal with the escape clause is a typical move to influence public opinion without having greatly altered policy. It is very convenient for their purposes, also, that the United States has been planning a long series of tests at Eniwetok in the Pacific for some time, and she cannot abandon these plans. It is likewise convenient that the U. S. S. R. just recently concluded a long series of tests in Siberia. Some of the bombs which were in this last series were "dirty" bombs. That is, after the explosion, there was a considerable amount of fall-out in the atmosphere. This fall-out can affect the children of future generations as well as increase the occurrence of leukemia and bone cancer, if it is concentrated in large quantities. One of the purposes of the coming U. S. tests is to develop "clean" bombs which would not affect the general physical condition of the next generations or of the present one.

World Opinion

In the United States, the Soviet proposal was received as a "propaganda victory" by the Secretary of State, and as a "gimmick which should not be taken seriously" by President Eisenhower. The American public, as well as the government representatives has endorsed these opinions or formed similar ones of their own. The admission by U. S. officials of a propaganda victory makes it an even greater victory. It shows up the United States' inadequate evaluation of situations which may arise. Government officials knew the Soviet ban was imminent a week before it was announced, yet no campaign was launched to "soften the blow" over the world.

Though the leaders of the allied governments see the Soviet announcement as a great propaganda move, the general public in France and Great Britain received the announcement rather joyfully, and displayed hope that the United States would follow suit. There is increased pressure then, from the people largely uninformed on the intricacies of disarmament, who welcome any outward sign of moves to avert an atomic war.

In Japan and India, the announcement was applauded in both official and unofficial circles. However, in Japan, there was some reservation about Russia's motive and the timing of the announcement just before the U. S. series. In India, the reaction was pro-Communist, though some of the newspapers gave an objective view of the whole situation.

In the over-all analysis, it seems that nuclear tests must be stopped by the United States when the forthcoming series of tests are over, or soon afterwards. Then, perhaps there will be an agreement at the summit of the United Nations which will contain provisions for insuring the cessation of tests, and possibly eventual disarmament.

Public opinion has become too large a factor on the world scene to be ignored or brushed aside, and something will have to be done by the United States and by the leaders of all the Western nations to meet the demands of the public.

—Sandi Shaver