

Full House Required

This week we again have the opportunity to attend one of Salem's own B. B.'s magnificent productions. The play is based on Moliere's classic work, *L'Avare*. The actors are Salem's most experienced, interspersed with some of the most energetic and hilarious people on campus. These recommendations are alone enough to reserve either Wednesday or Thursday night for a "theatre date". But because of Miss Battle's personal courage and boldness, there is another reason. The price of tickets is still at the record-breaking low of 50c per student. Because of additions to lighting and other permanent improvements which are absolutely necessary, the budget of the Pierrettes is so far in the red that only by raising the prices of the tickets could they have even managed to cover these expenses. But the price has not been raised. The Pierrettes do not feel that it is ethical to expect the students to pay any more to attend the production of a student budget organization. There is only one other way that the Pierrettes can have a successful year in 1958-59, the first year at Salem for Miss Battle. This is by having the extremely rare thing known as a full house, 150 to 175 people on hand both nights to see "The Miser."

What Is A College Newspaper?

What is a college newspaper? A difficult question and one not often consciously solved. The best way to go about this, we feel, is to find out what Salem needs.

First, we need an accurate newsheet. But **The Salemite** is not meant to be a calendar written in complete sentences. Therefore, our reporters will be looking for more than date, place, names, etc. They will look for some reason why **The Salemite** should endorse a lecture or a recital as an event which should not be missed. We hope, in turn, that this type of reporting will lead to the clubs, particularly, to have better programs, programs which are newsworthy. We will therefore try to use selective reporting to stimulate activities on campus.

Salem also needs a way for her independent thinkers to see themselves in print. We have many girls on campus who can produce truly creative work. As a stimulus to them, as well as to their readers, we welcome Salem's authors to submit any work. While space limits us, we will still be glad to read any story, essay, or poem which portrays the life and thoughts of a Salemite.

We believe that the newspaper has a position of great influence on campus. This places a responsibility on us to assume an active role of leadership. **The Salemite** will attempt to cover as thoroughly as possible important issues which may arise on campus. Too often many opinions on such subjects as Rat Week are tossed about, with no one knowing what other classes or the faculty feel about the subjects. Whenever the opportunity arises, our feature department will present this "Current Problem on Salem" from as many viewpoints as possible, and will try to find additional information from the deans or Mr. Britt. We can only hope that this clarification of the many sides of an issue will lead to more informed public opinion on campus. Nan Williams has warned us that our new student government will not work unless every member of the student body takes an active part. By arousing interest in current problems, **The Salemite** expects to see more heated discussions in Stee Gee meetings and fewer unanimous votes.

While it is the editor's privilege to take one side of any question, we will be happy to see ourselves violently opposed. A vigorous Letters To the Editor column should be the natural result of our presentation of the problem and any suggested solutions. We wish to stimulate and direct public opinion, not to hand down dictatorial decrees. Therefore **The Salemite** welcomes opposition or support, as long as we have an active response.

Thus, we have arrived at three functions for a college newspaper. **The Salemite** will endeavor to report selected news accurately, to reflect the undercurrents of thought on campus, and to take its position as an active part of Salem College life.

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Judicial Board Establishes New Systems And Policies

The Judicial Board at its meeting Wednesday afternoon with Rosemary Laney presiding, set many of the policies which it plans to follow. Although the Board will carry on the policies of Stee Gee, the new body as a Judicial Board has opportunity to initiate new systems and traditions.

The Judicial Board has the added responsibility of upholding the Honor Tradition and carrying out effectively a new division of powers. The members must try to establish consistency while considering the individual circumstances of each case.

The new board discussed regulations concerning overuse of overnights. Previously the Dean's Office notified a student of her infraction, and she was then on her honor to report her offense to her dorm president. The Judicial Board was told that in the past this policy has not worked well. It will undergo testing under the Honor Tradition. If the system is not effective, the board is considering making the overuse of overnights an automatic restriction offense. In trial of the policy, the system and not individual cases will be judged.

A provision was passed to allow a **Salemite** reporter to be present when cases are tried. This is to publish clarifications of rules and principles underlying the council's decisions. No individual case or penalty will be reported, however. The Judicial Board feels it important to establish direct contact with the student body.

Around The Square

By Joan Councilor

Song Time: "It's a lovely day today and whatever you have to do" . . . forget it! Just forget it . . . don some scant outfit and head for the pool . . . the cosmo place to meet all your friends. I've thought about it several times myself, you know, become a conformer and join the club of sun worshippers but without a suit . . . well, you know what I mean?

I can hear a far off radio blaring and shouted conversations across the great expanse of sunning area. If I really focus my eyes in that general direction I can usually see white, semi-red, and rarely tan girls . . . Marilyn Shull doesn't count because she has already taken the blue ribbon as the first "roasted, toasted, and turned over" Salemite after an extended trip to Florida . . . have you ever had a complex? Solution: don't sit next to her in class.

One can always tell when pressure has been placed on faculty members because every now and then it's "lecture time under the trees" with books, shades, lounging, and the rest.

I'm sure that Mr. Yarborough was in his hay day during the recent vacation. (Did I say recent? It seems like weeks ago), but if he had thoughts of getting the grass all healthy and strong before we got back I'm afraid he was disappointed because we're still giving it a hard time. Signs, chains, poles—you name it, we don't see it.

By the way, if anyone comes across an English MacIntosh raincoat in the library, the committee for the prevention of cruelty to raincoats would appreciate it very much if it were returned to MacQueen.

So good to see Smilin' Sue Cooper back on campus after her visit to the deep Southland . . . thought for awhile she'd forgotten us.

The downtown police station was in a turmoil this week; the conversation went something like this—

Miss Battle: Sir, I've come to pick up the car I parked in front of WSJS. (She had over-parked two hours' worth in a time limit zone while in conference at WSJS).

Police Chief: What make was the car and what year?

SILENCE: (Dr. Byers' Chevrolet)

Police Chief: May I see your operator's license?

SILENCE

Police Chief: Do you happen to know the license number?

SILENCE

So Betsy Gatling finally was allowed to take pencil and paper out to the huge police lot and copy down the car's license. Miss Battle, the "poor, starving school teacher" as she called herself, had to pay the fine; and the police chief was invited to watch his \$6.50 worth of TV advertising by the Pierrettes next Monday at 1:45 p.m.

It's that time again, so as the old saying goes, see you around the Square.

China Invades Tibet; Dalai Lama Escapes

By Louise Adams

On the night of March 17th, in the mountainous country of Tibet, the Dalai Lama (the religious priest venerated as the "living Buddha" and "God King" of Tibetans) fled from the capital city of Lhasa. He hiked with a party of some eighty lamas and attendants through a hundred miles to India. The Communist Chinese searched for the party and on occasion pursued it, but with the aid of Tibet's Kham tribesmen, the Dalai Lama reached India and received political asylum from Nehru.

This dramatic escape is the result of Communist Chinese efforts to get the Dalai Lama to Peiping for the National Peoples Congress opening April 7th. It seems that the Dalai Lama and supporters felt that he would not be allowed to return to Tibet. In any case the Tibetans and Chinese clashed and the Dalai Lama fled. This episode has come to be known as "Asia's Hungary", the anti-Communist revolt by Tibetans and stern suppression of that revolt by Peiping.

Tibet is a huge plateau—the highest land in the world, between the Kunlun and Himalay mountain ranges. Tibet is a theocracy; her religion is Lamaism, a branch of Buddhism. She has a population of about one million people who are mainly peasants, nomads and priests. Ten percent of the Tibetan population live in monasteries. The Tibetan economy is pastoral. The bulk of her produce is carried through the high dangerous passes of the Himalayas to India.

For centuries the Tibetans have enjoyed their rein of power in virtual isolation from the rest of the world. They have been considered uncontrollable territory of China. And the Communists are determined to heel the Tibetans at all costs. They feel they need a communized Tibet to control central Asia. They want her subjugated because a happily autonomous Tibet might spur rebellions in other discontented territories such as Sinkiang, Minghasia, Tsinghai and the Mongols of Inner Mongolia.

In 1951 Peiping made an agreement with Tibet. The Tibetans would recognize Chinese suzerainty and Peiping authority over external affairs if Peiping in turn would recognize Tibetan autonomy and the Dalai Lama as supreme and temporal ruler of Tibet. Peiping violated its part of the agreement. The Communists tried to destroy the Tibetan theocracy. Last month the fighting became a rebellion and the Dalai Lama fled. Peiping rushed troops to Tibet. The revolt is suppressed. Reports from the Indian border state that Tibetans still consider the Dalai Lama as their sole ruler.

Unfavorable repercussions from abroad among the unhappy aspects of the revolt in Peiping. Much good will has been destroyed. Relations between India and Communist China were thrown into jeopardy. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, from his fortress island, expressed his wish to give aid to the Tibetans. Exactly how he would give the aid is another question, but it is apparent that the General would like to capitalize upon the revolt to regain an entrance to the mainland.

In Indonesia, Burma and Ceylon critical public opinion is building up. Peiping has been charged with violating the Bandung Conference and its pledge of peaceful coexistence. The Tibetan events have shown the harshness of Communist rule and the impassibility of people under communism to pursue their way of life. There is nothing new in a Tibetan outbreak against Chinese domination. However, this time the Tibetans have revolted just against the Chinese as such, but against the force which would eliminate their distinctive system. The picture is hardly consolatory.

Inter-Asian friction could ignite World War III.