

# What About The Faculty Lounge In Babcock?

Lately there has been some student comment about meeting places available on campus. The Student Union committee is planning some renovations to encourage more student use of that center. This means that some of the clubs may be requested to meet elsewhere.

This has led to an idea which should be stopped right now before it grows out of bounds. Some students have argued that the old "faculty lounge" in Babcock should be available for special student meetings when an organization has a special speaker. We won't even mention the more ridiculous idea that the girls living in Babcock be allowed to use the kitchen in that room.

Now while this plan at first may seem to be a logical, convenient way to put wasted space to use and solve a growing problem at the same time, we feel that all of the facts have not been considered. We humbly submit the following reasons for not allowing students to use the old faculty lounge in Babcock.

1) The faculty have worked hard and studied many long years. Therefore they should have the special privilege of having a lounge all their own. They have even more prestige when they have two lounges. Actually a third lounge should be built for them somewhere because the style today is for a pair and a spare. And just think how good it sounds to have one of our professors say to a colleague from another school, "At Salem we have two faculty lounges . . . of course, I'm not quite sure where the older one is, but it's always waiting for us in case we want to use it."

2) The men faculty members enjoy being in a girls' dormitory. At any time they may be surprised as they walk into a pajama clad Salemite with her hair rolled up and cream on her face. That is always an interesting encounter.

3) Although many people do not realize it, the faculty lounge is not really wasted. It is an extension of the Science Building. Because this room is never disturbed, the roaches and spiders grow especially large and complacent. These fine specimens are perfect for laboratory work in freshmen biology course.

4) This brings up another point to be considered. Since the spiders in the lounge do not have to run and hide from people in their private room, they can weave especially beautiful and complex webs. Just think of the benefit of these webs to the Home Ec. girls who are studying weaving, or to math majors who are studying geometry. We might even stimulate interest in architecture among the student body by these webs.

5) In spite of the possible controversy on the other issues there is one thing which is indisputable. Down in the faculty lounge there is almost no chance of an unsuspecting person walking in on a meeting. There would be no one to come charging halfway into the room, stop suddenly with an "Oh", and hastily retreat. The startled expressions on students' faces are half of the fun we get from attending the meetings. The other half of our fun is from the surprised expression on the speakers face as he tries to remember again the important point he was about to make.

For these reasons we think that the students should definitely not be allowed to use the Old Faculty Lounge in Babcock. Well, after all!



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## Socks Not Rudeness Appropriate At Lectures

We have been encouraging the students to attend the Salem lectures, and we indicated last week that socks and shoes were appropriate in the balcony. But rudeness is not appropriate in the balcony.

The student behavior in the balcony was not only rude, but was also disturbing to people in all parts of the auditorium. We can understand a normal amount of curiosity about who was sitting downstairs, who were sitting together, and what people were wearing. We can even understand those sitting on the front row unobtrusively looking over the rail at the people below. But the mass scramble to lean over the balcony and peer down on the unsuspecting heads of those below showed a lack of good manners.

Now this part of behavior is bad enough when only the students are here; but when we have a visiting lecturer and visitors from town, it makes an especially bad impression.

We hope that in the future the students will either control their overly zealous curiosity, or that they will dress to sit downstairs where they can see without causing a disturbance.

## Communist Bloc Becomes Unstable, But Dangerous

By Dean Major

During the past few weeks rumors concerning the Communist Bloc have flourished. First being startled by glaring headlines declaring the possible downfall of Soviet Premier Khrushchev, people throughout the world have more recently been confronted with the news of rumblings in the very foundation of the Communist bloc: the alliance between Russia and Red China. How true is this rumor, and what are the reasons behind the development of this split?

Although there have been many internal differences between the two powers, many experts define these differences as simply "variations in judgments of the value of one kind of action over another at a given time."

There are four main differences between the Moscow policies and those of Peking. First, the Russians have stressed the necessity of peaceful change, of communist seizure of control without bloodshed. However, the Chinese believe that "smashing the state machine of the capitalist class by revolutionary means" is necessary. Secondly, although both communist groups consider peaceful coexistence as a period of hostility and struggle between the communists and non-communists, Moscow defines this struggle in terms of economic competition and other means short of war. China, distrusting these more peaceful means, fears that revolutionary zeal among the communists will be sapped by any relaxation of tensions. Thirdly, while the Soviets emphasize the disasters of modern nuclear war and confidently argue that the Western Powers respect the new Soviet power far too much to resort to war, the Chinese find the possibilities of war very likely, but scoff at the effectiveness of modern weapons. The Chinese seem much more assured of their ability to survive any major war. The last of these four differences rests in attitudes toward underdeveloped areas. While China again encourages violent methods and discourages the extension of aid, Russia is inclined to rely on the gradual approach to power.

These differences in policy, as well as differences in inner development, could lead to a split within the communist bloc. However, such a break would be a tremendous setback to both nations, economically and militarily. Both Communist parties, moreover, are united by their dogma, their common hatreds, their suspicions, and ambitions against their common goal—the free West.

Should this breach widen and an open break occur, what would the effect be upon the United States? Far from giving occasion for hope, such a split could possibly present a far more dangerous situation than is now present. In spite of internal differences, these two communist parties share an implacable hatred of the capitalist world and the United States. As William Jorden of the **New York Times** says: "There is little reason to rejoice because your enemies are disagreeing if one of their principal arguments is whether to get rid of you with a stiletto or a battle axe."

Source: New York Times, Sec. 4 November 13

## Salem Changes Would Puzzle Hera Kleitos

By Ann Moore and Betsy Hicks

Puzzle this one out—"We step and do not step into the same rivers; we are and are not." Unless you are in Dr. Stewart's philosophy class, Herakleitos' Fragment 81 will be hard to understand; however, the obscurity of these words hides Herakleitos' belief in change as THE basic principle. Now, Herakleitos puzzled this out in 478 BC; but we have some changes right here around the square that, would take even Herakleitos a good little while to puzzle out.

For instance, Sis Gillam changed her appearance considerably while walking back from town the other afternoon. In order to avoid a certain faculty member whose class she'd cut, she pulled her Thalhimers paper bag over her head, punched two eyeholes in it, and enjoyed the traffic jam she caused at the Coffee Pot intersection, much to the embarrassment of Anne Hutaff . . .

Suzanne Taylor and Jessica Marlow have changed the method of philosophy discussions by serving coffee to their class on Wednesdays. The instructors seem to "discuss" better over a cup of coffee—maybe it'll work on students, too . . .

Fathers seem to be changing, also. Buggs Brandon's father is sending her a gross of almond-stuffed olives for her birthday instead of the usual box of candy, crew-neck cardigan, or dozen long-stemmed roses . . . Beverly Heward proposes a change in tree-planting for next year. She's investigating the cost of importing pink sand in which to plant a coconut palm in the center of the square. This may be expensive and a little unusual; but it would certainly save money for Salemites who would no longer have to go to Fort Lauderdale for spring vacation . . . Shannon Smith, Colquitt Meacham, and Liz Wilson had special changes in hair-dos for their roles in **No Exit**. Comment overheard in the refectory—"I'll bet this is the first time anyone's had their hair done to go to Hell!" . . .

Strong dorm is considering a change for more efficient telephone policies. If a telephone is installed especially for Susan Wainwright there will be only half as many calls on the dorm phone; and the problem of "Who's going to answer next" would be only half as bad . . .

A welcome change is the new "almost-faculty" member at Salem. The Salemites who met Mrs. (at last!) Paine at the dinner given for Ferlinghetti enjoyed talking with her and were completely snowed when she matter-of-factly said "Have a cigarette." . . . Music

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Dear Editor,

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