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Evaluate Your Beliefs During Religious Week

No one can deny that we live in a world of crisis. Yet our part in and our concern about these crisis can seriously be questioned. What do we care about the world situation? How do we relate our lives to events outside the square? How do we relate ourselves to the perilous conditions of today?

Religious Emphasis Week this year is centered about the theme "You in the Crisis Today" and is indicative of the necessary and urgent need to relate ourselves to the world situations. A definite meaninglessness in contemporary life has been pointed out on campus through our discussions of "La Dolce Vita" and "Do You Deserve a Place in a Bomb Shelter". Religious Emphasis Week is designed to give each student a chance to investigate this void and come to grips with the question of a meaningful and purposeful life.

Religious Emphasis Week is a week for the individual student—it is a chance for her to stop and evaluate her beliefs. It is a week of thought that should take all year and longer to assimilate for these questions cannot be answered overnight. Can you ignore or avoid the pertinence of "You in the Crisis Today"?

I would like to thank the entire staff, especially Becky Boswell, associate editor, and Ann Sellars for her help with the pictures, for their assistance while I was in the infirmary this week.

E. R.

Freeman Gives Support To New Drinking Petition

Dear Editor:

It is true that an interesting point raised by the petition to restate the present drinking rule is whether the Legislative Board member should vote on a measure according to her personal principles or as a reflection of popular opinion. It seems, however, that in the enthusiasm to look into that particular aspect of the proposed change, other more important points were overlooked. The important thing is to examine what effects such a change would have on the students at Salem, on the Honor Tradition, and on Salem College itself.

Now, it is my opinion that the restatement of the present drinking rule that has been suggested in two petitions would strengthen the Honor Tradition and boost the spirit at Salem (no play on words intended).

The Honor Tradition now is an important and meaningful part of our life. Its major fault, though, lies in the fact that rather than providing the chance to grow, it binds the girl to a fast set of rules that govern almost every situation. To substitute a positive statement

which says, in effect, that it is up to the individual to decide whether she will drink or not, but whatever the decision, she will act in a lady-like manner, would give an ideal of conduct rather than set a pattern, and in so doing would give the student the chance to take the responsibility for her own decisions and actions and enable her to grow in her understanding of Honor.

Then, if such a change were brought about, the student's pride in her school and her opinion of herself would be greatly raised. The term "Salem girl" would take on a new importance, for she (and others) could think that here is a young lady who goes to a school that is willing and even glad to grant a new responsibility and trust to the students, and here is a young lady who is worthy of the responsibility and trust that has been granted.

I realize that certain problems would arise in connection with such a change, but then problems arise with every new responsibility; I believe, however, that the good effects on the student and on Salem College would far outweigh the bad ones.

Louisa Freeman

Khrushchev Presents 4-Point Speech At Moscow Conference

By Linda Leaird

While Salemites have been entrenched in the library and study rooms in preparation for mid-term exams, 4,000 delegates to the 22nd Congress of the Communist Party have been considering their strategy for the coming year. The annual get-together of Communist bigwigs convened Tuesday, October 17, in the new, modernistic Palace of the Congresses in Moscow. The Congress is following precedent by setting forth at this time new policy, policy changes, and goals for the future. It is important that the West give careful observation and interpretation to the Congress for it can lead to an indication of Communist thought and action to come.

In the first two days Premier Khrushchev held forth with twelve hours of speechmaking, in which he made four major points.

1) Khrushchev eased the East-West crisis in Berlin by removing the December 31 deadline for the signing of the peace treaty with East Berlin, which would mean Russian recognition of West Berlin, placing jurisdiction of West Berlin access in her hands, thus endangering West Berlin's ties with West Germany. Khrushchev dropped this demand thinking that the West had shown a "readiness" to solve the problem, and was "inclined to seek a solution on a mutually acceptable basis."

This came as a relief to the Allies, who had been having differences of opinion concerning action to be taken in view of the Berlin crisis.

2) The world was surprised and shocked with Khrushchev's announcement that Russia would set off a 50-megaton bomb on October 31, the largest bomb in history. A storm of protest was heard around the world from individuals and countries, culminating in a United Nations appeal to Russia with the signatures of 87 member nations.

3) 1980 was the year that Khrushchev boasted that the USSR would surpass the United States in living standards. He set forth definite goals for industrial and consumer goods production, promising free rent and transportation by that year also. To observers this proposal seems to be impossible, considering Russia's internal economic condition. Inside she is suffering because of a labor shortage, a lag in agriculture due to crop failures, decreased electrical power production and a drain on capital due to the emphasis on military build-up.

4) Last, but not least, is Khrushchev's stern denunciation of Albania, a small, unimportant Balkan country, and his open exposure of Party members who had been involved in "anti-party" activities. In the case of Albania, dictator general Enver Hoxha has openly defied Soviet Russia by his opposition to "de-Stalinization," and 1960 purge of pro-Khrushchev forces. Following Khrushchev's stern condemnation, Chinese Premier Chou En-lai addressed the Congress, supporting Albania and criticizing Russia for airing Party disputes and disagreements before the world. The following Monday, Chou left Russia unexpectedly, with much ceremony as Khrushchev and Communist brass went to the airport to see him off. It was reported that he was returning early because of the forthcoming session of the National People's Congress. However, it was also rumored that his reason for returning was to consult Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party and Liu Shao-Chi, Chairman of the People's Republic, concerning the rift with Russia about ideology. Despite defiance to Russia, it appears that most of the Communist world stayed behind him, except for various Asian nations that supported Chou: Japan, North Viet Nam, Korea, India, and Indonesia.

This disagreement could have longstanding repercussions. Since 1948 the Communist Party has been split two ways with Tito's Yugoslavia opposing the Soviets, and this Albanian-Chinese fracas could make it a three way split. The danger in this is the damage it does to the world unity concept of Communism, which has for so long preached that it is a "promise of world unity and world peace through world revolution and world dictatorship of the proletariat." Khrushchev seems to know that he has opposition and to be facing it squarely, knowing that unless it is quelled, he might be removed from office forcefully. The National Review does not think that the differences are either national or ideological, saying that "in international Communist history, ideology is usually the tool of the struggle for power not vice versa." Whatever the reasons for the conflicts, they are evident, but just how serious and how widespread remains to be seen.

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Around The Square

By Betty Lou Creech

Warm weather prevailed, but Halloween spirits weren't fooled. Peeking out of the dorm window Tuesday, I saw a Cyclop walking along in Weejuns and a pleated skirt. About that time the mask fell and revealed the face of Evelyn Brown. Maybe she was trying to find a costume for the "Suppressed Desire" party given by the juniors Tuesday night for their little sisters. Seen around the dorms were a walking Dean's List, a walking Sigma Chi pin, an actress, and a vampire. I never knew Salem girls suppressed so many of their feelings. Linda Lechner won the freshman costume prize at the party for her "Butterfield 8" outfit; "actress" Becky Boswell won the junior prize.

The seniors were all enthusiastic about Halloween. Lehman girls had a new dorm-mate for the occasion—a white paper skeleton holding a red lantern. I wonder if they took him trick or treating with them. Biting had a Great Pumpkin party with apple bobbing included. What happened to the jack-o-lantern in the window?

Wake Forest boys did not receive trick-or-treating seniors from Salem very cordially last Tuesday. They asked the girls to be quiet so they could study and one girl was even hit by an egg. True Southern gentlemen!

Did you win a treat at the Dairy Barn? Betsy Johnson did—a box of candy for first prize. Betsy seems to have had the biggest weekend on campus. After receiving Bruce's Kappa Sigma pin, she was knocked down by an excited friend. Congratulations, scarred face and all. The sophomores had a monopoly on the pins this weekend. Wanda Cervarich will soon be hearing a Lambda Chi serenade. Congratulations also go to Jody Vance.

Homecoming at Wake Forest emptied the dorms. Among those twisting at the parties and cheering at the game were Lucinda Smith, Betsy Patterson, Brandy Hughes, Linda Lyon, and Aurelia Robertson.

While Ava Camp was at Homecoming at the University of Florida, Beth Troy and Mary Lawrence Pond traveled to V. P. I. Liz Jensen saw her first football game—Duke vs. State. She went home with Johanna Johnson and had a very good time.

Congratulations to the seniors who finally passed the hygiene exam and may wear caps and gowns.

Football news seems to be taking top place this week. Anyone watching the Washington Redskins game on television on Sunday would have seen Mrs. Patterson's granddaughter performing with the Dancing Boots during the half.

With mid-semester grades coming out Monday, everybody is trying to make up for the terrible grades they made on the first round of tests.

If you see a girl in a sweater covered with leaves, just remember that frolicking in the leaves is a good way to get rid of pent up emotions.

Nancy Muse Scott was here for a visit from Tuesday until today. Sue Luter, Letty McDonald, Lynn Boyette, and Mary DeNeale Long Gilbert and child visited the campus last weekend.

The Choral Ensemble performed at Fort Bragg last Friday and had—you guessed it—"beans and franks" and spam for supper. The members enjoyed the trip—especially the informal sing with the soldiers after the performance.

Ex-Salemite Rooney Nelson and Sue Froneberger will soon be married—Rooney at Thanksgiving and Sue on February 10.

