

Editors Urge Students' Response To Editorials

To Salemite readers:

The beginning of the 1962-63 school year at Salem produces new developments and added growth in all its organizations and groups. One such group which strongly feels the challenge of this new year is the student newspaper, The Salemite.

We must introduce ourselves to the freshman class and win its respect and interested participation. Certainly we must strengthen what influence and reputation we may have within the upper classes. Neither of these is a small task nor one which can be successfully completed in one year. We can only strive to produce weekly a stimulating and thought-provoking newspaper.

It is the hope of The Salemite that this, the editorial page, will become the instrument through which the campus newspaper can act as a vital force at Salem College. By preceding our written words with investigation and thought, perhaps our strivings will be partly successful. We cannot hope always to be right in our pursuits—be they critical or complimentary. We can only hope to be logical and reasonable. If we can achieve these two ends, then our statements will be sufficient support for themselves. Our most fervent hope is that you, the students, demand our arguments be sound. If you question The Salemite's words, if you respond (favorably or not) to them, if the editorial page becomes an area for healthy argument and debate—these things will determine the success of The Salemite.

However, to even ask for your interest in the opinions of The Salemite, we must establish our newspaper to be an observing and interested reporter of the Salem campus. Thus the news and feature stories in the paper must be honest and valid. On those pages there can be no place for ignorance of activities or lack of coverage. On a campus holding over 450 students with as many interests and activities, it will be difficult to achieve full and complete coverage. The Salemite can only promise to make a sincere effort to report this campus. The participation and co-operation of you readers will simplify our job.

Perhaps this letter to you seems a stuffy, staid, and even empty declaration of high-sounding promises. Yet we shall attempt them. We hope also to give you laughter and enjoyment. You may learn of new books in the library, activities of faculty members outside the classroom, reactions of other students to events and ideas. "Gort" will return to Salem for his sophomore year and Salem cartoons will reflect your problems and your fun.

All in all, The Salemite looks forward to a full year—a different year—even a difficult year. You are the factor which determines our success and at the same time you are the participants in our efforts. You read The Salemite; you write The Salemite. It is your paper!

The Editors

New Slant On Honor: Be True To Yourself

By Diane Fuller

"Does the honor tradition at Salem work for everyone?" By now, this question has been posed to all of you here, in a similar form, and you have been forced to answer it in one way or another. In truth, the question itself is meaningless. Only an individual can have honor; a school as an institution cannot. Only an individual can assert her being and make honor work; a school cannot. You are an individual, a created being with life and a purpose; your purpose is to justify your reason for existence. If you have no reason for existence, then you have no right to live. What your purpose and your reason for being is can only be found through an oriented oneness of action. You must force yourself to live always in a state of awareness, the awareness of yourself as an individual going in a single direction to achieve your purpose. Existing in this state of awareness, acting on the basis of your ideal is your honor. And, you are absolutely dishonest if you fail to act within the order of your unique status of individualist, and are false to your ideal. You are not a class, a society, a school—you are what you achieve for yourself. Appearances, appearances! Do not waste time waiting for approval from someone else. You are not competing with them. You should be competing only with an ideal of yourself. Disregard the mores, the ethics of your society if they are false to you—these are not the important ultimate. Being true to yourself, the ideal you, is the only way to achieve any sort of absolute in this world without absolute. There are no stable certainties; life exists in a state of change. It would be lifeless if it were still. Someone else's honor is not your honor; someone else is not you. If the honor tradition is not adequate for someone else, this does not mean it is inadequate for you; and, vice versa. Salem's honor tradition cannot be measured by statistics. Statistics are meaningless to ethical questions. Any honor is completely and totally personal and individual.

In years past, "Beyond the Square" has designated the campus synopsis of the current political scene on both national and world levels. At present in this issue, the "Beyond" takes on an entirely different meaning: the beyond is the individual and the concept of himself as an active, purposeful being, inside or outside of the square.



Senior Sue Smith awaits the Opening Convocation.



The Legislative Board met for its first weekly meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 25, and was called to order by Judy Summerell, President of Student Government. It was found that Sisters Dorm needs one representative to the Legislative Board to fill the quota allotted in the Constitution. Then Janet Wales, NSA Co-ordinator, gave her report and announced that the Salem NSA won third place in the national contest which was entered last year; this is a significant honor to our refugee student program.

The advisors were reminded of their duties of grading the hand-book tests. It was announced that this year there will be a required Honors Program Monday night in Memorial Hall. Tuesday during assembly there will be the usual Honors Discussion groups. All organization heads were reminded to

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IRS Invites Use Of Stereo

IRS invites all campus organizations to use its portable stereophonic record player for any group activity at Salem. The record player will be available to groups for use under the following conditions:

1. It may be used by any Salem College organization.
2. The borrower may be any member of the organization with a slip of authorization from the president of the club.
3. The borrower should see Mary Jane Crowell, President of IRS, in advance to get the key to the closet in which the record player is kept.
4. The borrower must sign for the record player in a notebook kept for that purpose, indicating the date it is taken out, the name of the organization, the name of the borrower, and the date of return.
5. The record player must be returned on the day following the event.
6. The organization borrowing it will be held responsible for the condition in which it is returned.

Dr. Hixson Announces Honors In Assembly

The formal opening of Salem College for the 1962-1963 school year took place Thursday, September 20, at 3:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Following the academic procession, the assembly sang the traditional "Standing at the Portals."

The scripture reading and prayer were given by the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr., the college chaplain. Dr. Dale Gramley, president of Salem College, opened his address by welcoming the freshmen and greeting the returning upperclassmen. He reminded all students of their many responsibilities and urged them to do their best. Dr. Ivy M. Hixson, Academic Dean, re-announced the academic honors awarded last spring. The President's Prizes for art, and sophomore research were awarded to May Brawley; Classical languages, Nancy Gardner; drama, Jacquelyn Zipperer; music and music performance, Frances Speas; physical education, Vicky Auman; freshman English and highest freshman average, Jerry Johnson; and highest junior average, Linda Kay Wall. The Gordon Gray Award was awarded to Nancy Knott and the Molly Cameron Tuttle award to Barbara Harrington Williams. Class Honors for 1961-1962 were achieved by the following: Seniors: Jacquelyn Baker, Eugenia Turner Blackwood, Ann Evans, Louisa Freeman, Sally Glenn, Ann Hutaff, Mattie Gay Lee, Dean Major Clifford, Marsha

Ray, Martha Still, Julia Summerell, and Linda Wall; Juniors: May Brawley, Nancy L. Hutchins, Annetta Jennette, Letitia Johnston, Nancy Knott, Landis Miller, Susan Purdie, Eleanor Workman, and Frances Speas; Sophomores: Suzanne Boone, Mary Cooper, Daphne Dukate, Marsha Forrester, Harriet Haywood, Catherine Hubbard, Jerry Johnson, Sandra Morgan, Sara Thomasson, and Marianne Wilson. Freshmen winners of the Competitive and Honor Scholarships of \$1500 were awarded to Margaret Persons, a day student from Winston-Salem; Brenda Bethel from Palatine, Illinois; Lucy McCallum from Raleigh, and Linda Tunstall from High Point. Honor Scholarships of \$350 were awarded to Mary Elizabeth Barker, Jacksonville, Florida; Elizabeth Ann Bull, Greensboro; Dorothy Girling, Taunton, Massachusetts; Barbara Maliard, New Bern; and Louisa Wilson, Newport News, Virginia. The Day Student Honor Scholarship of \$300 was awarded to Margaret Hammock, Winston-Salem.

After the Academic Honors, Mrs. C. Morris Newell, President of the Alumnae Association, and Julia Summerell, President of the Student Government Association, brought greetings to the student body. An academic recessional followed the singing of the Alma Mater.

Football Game, Parties Begin Weekend Activities

By Elaine Tayloe

The Square is once again filled with laughter and talk, as Salemites greet one another after summer vacation. "Pops" and "Myrt" at the Barn issued a special welcome to returning and new Salemites, and the Barn is always a good place for after-class coffee. There's been much activity there and in the direction of the Bookstore, and a few Salemites have been seen pulling themselves up the library steps. Seeing this, we know that summer has really ended and school has begun.

Everyone needs a break from "dull routine", and quite a few girls took their first one this past weekend. Claudia Crawford, Pam Truette, Parma Lane, Sandra Morgan, Jean Snyder, Susan Purdie, Marianna McClean, Jan Horner, Barbara White, Gin Grey, and Elizabeth Irwin were among those who headed for State. They glared

across the football field in Chapel Hill at Cliffie Elder, G. G. Monk, Connie Rucker, Frances Bailey, Sue Cook, Sarah Wills, Betty Gail Morisey, Jan Sweum, Franny McClean, and Betty Lou Creech—some of the girls who were pulling for Carolina.

Best wishes are in order for Lynn Morrison, Sally Glenn, Linda Wall, Jackie Baker, Sheena Warren, and Martha Jo Pfeifer who became engaged during the summer. Also, congratulations to Landis Miller, Gretchen Morgan, and Anita Hatcher who are sporting new fraternity pins!

We've heard that Annah Leigh Thornton is going to be married Saturday—can you believe she gave us up "just" to get married?

Salem girls who stayed at school this week end needed a break, too; thus, on Saturday night many of them went to the Wake Forest

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