

Salemities Can Preserve Lecture Halls Memory

On The Support of Memorial Hall As An Auditorium

The recent visit of Miss Virgilia Peterson to Salem illustrated once again the outstandingly fine lecture facilities available to campus speakers. The large, open, cavern-like edifice referred to as Memorial Hall offers a bright and cheerful greeting to visitors. Its tall, stately columns between the rows, the high ceilings, and the large windows contribute to the over-whelming feeling of intimacy between the lecturer and the audience.

The qualities which have long endeared the building to us are numerous. Perhaps most important in its list of assets is the almost unique ability (at least on this campus) to echo and re-echo the words uttered on its platform. As does any great construction, Memorial Hall has its limitations in that certain of Miss Peterson's words were missed because she moved three paces left or right of the microphone. This situation could easily have been corrected, however, by erecting a set of stocks similar to those of Early America in which she could have stood. The sound acoustical structure of Memorial Hall is also praiseworthy for another reason: at no other place on this campus can a person so easily hear whispers from her classmates—even from the last row to the first.

But alas and alack—all too soon Memorial Hall must resign from Salem and give place to the new auditorium in the planned Fine Arts Building. This loss will long be mourned here since engineers have assured us that the acoustics and wiring will be adequate to the size of the building. Students will also certainly miss the hallowed balcony in old Memorial Hall. There could not possibly be another place so convenient for brief naps, knitting, reading one's mail, and the latest bridge game as is the upstairs asylum of Memorial Hall.

Perhaps all is not lost however; the new building is still in the planning stages and a few minor corrections could make the new auditorium somewhat like the old. It would lack some of the personality of the former but a comforting imitation of the Hall could be arranged.

We understand that, of course, Salem could not put the added expense onto the desired goal of the Twentieth Decade Fund; the glories of Memorial Hall are ours and the duplication of its virtues should be also. But within our campus lies the solution; the extra money could easily be obtained. Group pressure could be initiated and only two basic steps would be necessary to its fruition. The first step involves deduction of the cost of the Lecture series tickets from the Student budget in proportion to the number of students who usually do not attend lectures. It is conceivable that this act would impair the activity and funds of the Lecture Series, but from the attendance at Salem lectures in the past three years many students would willingly participate. That is, they would participate in the deduction, not in attending the lectures.

Secondly, many of the students who normally do attend lectures and other functions in Memorial Hall could join with the abstainers and stop attending. Then the visiting speakers would only address empty houses. In turn the marshals could appreciate echoes and unearthly silences during lectures. When the marshals returned and reported the eeriness of the lecture, all students would re-experience the wonderful moments in Memorial Hall.

We feel certain that the amount of work would be well worth the effort; the tradition of excellent facilities and attendance at lectures must be maintained!

'We' Commend Davidson

From The Davidsonian, Davidson College:

We couldn't help noticing in THE SALEMITE, Salem College's newspaper, the editorial which stated, "Gov. Ross Barnett and other officials of Mississippi can only be admired . . ."

It reminded us of another comment by Negro Comedian Diek Gregory. To paraphrase, "I admire Ross Barnett and all that, but I sure wouldn't want him dating my sister."

(Editor's note: We are pleased to note in The Davidsonian that the editor has apparently enrolled in the new Davidson course, Speed Reading. We can only hope that he will continue his studies next semester and take the logical step: enroll in the Reading Comprehension course.)

Professors Join Fall Activities

by Frances Bailey and Bonnie Hauch

Following the mass evacuations to Davidson, Carolina, and Duke this week-end, students returned to campus tired and worn. Classes were rather empty Monday morning as teachers and students alike delayed facing the frustrations of the first quizzes.

Peering through his new glasses, Mr. Michie cringes as he makes out each test because he has no assistant to grade them. Somehow, though, he and Mr. Bray find time for a coffee break in the faculty lounge. It seems they're really playing the role—they both have new pipes. Along with the quizzes, Dr. Paine and Miss Byrd have been writing heroic couplets to accompany presents for baby showers. We hear that she had a difficult time convincing her Restoration class that the baby in the poem had "a bullet-shaped head." Miss Byrd even found time to root in vain for the Giants and to get a flu shot.

Less industrious faculty members have found ways to escape. Mr. Wendt and Mr. Booker took their students to the fair. However, since they were a day early, they went out for cokes instead. Miss Battle has been running a pick-up truck between Salem and the lumber yard. Dr. Byers, on one of her rare visits to South, was extremely pleased with the "high intellectual endeavors" she observed. Donna Raper was taking out her frustrations on the paddle ball and Landis Miller was coloring in her Huckleberry Hound Coloring Book. Beside the gala display of pictures

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Berlin, Divided City, Reflects Despair, Hope

By Marguerite Harris

(Editor's Note: Marguerite Harris visited Berlin during the summer with a youth group representing the N. C. Conference of the Methodist Church. The students had a work project in Berlin.)

Berlin—the divided city. The words are true. West Berlin is not East Berlin. There is a wall. The wall is high and it is hard to climb. Guards watch the wall all day and all night. Some guards are English, French, or American. Others are East German. It all depends upon the side of the wall.

Everything depends upon the wall. West Berlin has a modern section called Hansaplatz Quarter. Architects from foreign countries designed the buildings for an international rebuilding plan. The United States donated the Congress Hall. There are Catholic and Lutheran churches in the modern sections. West Berlin has an International Film Festival . . . Philharmonic Orchestra . . . Opera . . . attractive stores . . . unattractive buildings . . . people.

People . . . they live in West Berlin. They work there; study there; worship there; love there. They live in West Berlin, but they cannot forget the wall nor can they forget the other side of the wall. Families and friends are separated by the wall.

Everything depends upon the wall. It is almost impossible for those who are West Berliners to go into East Berlin. Americans have a hard time, too. A bus tour is the only way for some. Buildings are in ruins. Outside cafes have no customers. West Berlin cafes are crowded. Few people are walking down the streets. Crowds in West Berlin make it hard to move quickly. The Brandenburg Gate, formerly a symbol of a united Berlin, is today a symbol of Berlin, divided.

A German boy comes to meet American students. He sings with them, and he knows more American folk songs than they do. He is interested in the way young people live in the United States. The students talk about their families, and the German boy tells of his father and brother who were killed during World War II. He swears that he will never live under Communist rule. He says the U. S. forces are essential for him and for his city.

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NSA, Summerell's Speech, Arouse Concern In Students

Dear Editor:

We wonder if the President of Student Government was speaking for herself or the administration in her talk Tuesday concerning the new drinking rule. In either case, we feel the speech was given hastily without evidence to substantiate what was said.

The attitude of the speech leads one to believe that the campus as a whole is guilty of abusing the drinking privilege rather than a few isolated cases. These cases apparently were not serious enough to warrant Judicial action.

Moreover, the cases spoken of were said to be "rumors." We feel that if there were such rumors the Chairman of the Judicial Board or the President of Student Government should have gone to the individual rather than lashing out at all of the students. There seems to be nothing on which to base a general an accusation as was given in assembly.

Also, the tone of the lecture seemed to imply that the group who investigated the drinking situation last year and presented the petition is alone responsible for what happens; we believe the student body whom they represent are as responsible as they. The selected group was merely acting on our behalf.

Furthermore, the over-exaggerated speech destroyed an impression of the workability of our Honor Tradition which the upperclasses had tried to give to the freshmen. It also diminished the upperclass spirit which has resulted from the improvements made during the past year in the honor system.

In conclusion, we resent the whole student body's being accused of what a few do. If we are going to be accused, we have the right to know the accusations instead of being presented with a rather nebulous picture of "rumors." We feel that the student body has made a real attempt to improve

in its understanding of honor. By saying that there is a wide spread breakage of the drinking rule, one does irreparable damage to the new Salem spirit.

Thank you,
Thirty-two juniors
South Dormitory

Dear Editor:

I am writing in favor of Salem's continued affiliation with NSA—however, this can be only if Salem students can be made aware of its existence and become interested in its functions. During the evaluation of NSA two years ago, the values of NSA and the opportunities it offers may have been proved and made public, but how can these opportunities be taken advantage of when the students know so little about NSA, as with so many other organizations on campus? Last year, for instance, I, among many other girls, signed up with several organizations and never heard one word from any of them. And I am sure many students would like to work with campus organizations if only they knew how to join. But that comes under the problem of campus communication—

As for the NSA problem, perhaps if there were an NSA committee, made up of elected representatives from each class, who could hold regular meetings where they could review the important correspondence received, make the opportunities for speakers, information, etc., known on campus, and help with the Refugee Student Program, NSA would become a useful organization instead of the empty office which the initials now represent.

If the student could use some of the varied and useful data sent through NSA, if there could be an NSA corner in the library or if the pamphlets and folders could be placed in the library for reference, NSA would have some function on our campus. In addition to being a source for information of all

kinds, NSA can get speakers for any organization that wants them. All Salemities, and sophomores, in particular, who evaluate Salem's worth and find Salem to limit their chances and interests, should take advantage of the opportunities afforded at Salem such as concerts, lectures, discussions, and movies, and should look into all that NSA offers.

In the award winning entry which our NSA sent last year, Salem's NSA, now comprised of Janet Wales and me, proposed a Fund Fair to be held this year, at which the countries represented by the refugee students would exhibit their various displays, games, and food. The proceeds would contribute primarily to the Refugee Program, to lessen the burden of the classes, and perhaps some of the funds would go into the NSA treasury to bring speakers to the campus and send representatives to regional and national NSA conventions.

I agree with your editorial in challenging the value of NSA as it now exists on campus, but I sincerely hope that there is enough interest on campus to keep NSA a part of Salem. I challenge all Salemities to make their choice.

Robbin Causey
appointed secretary of NSA

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