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# Wendt Defends Hard-Working Men In Answer To Previous Comments

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Dear Editor:

I noted the letter from Dottie Girling and Margaret Persons in the February 14th issue of *The Salemite*. It was a heart breaker, almost like a soap opera script which tries to do its best to prove that women are the weaker sex.

May I repeat a portion of the letter? (The letter was about the suggested plan that Salem girls be given work opportunities, especially in the dining room.) "One deciding factor must be whether girls are willing to work twice a day. Serving lunch and dinner would entail some three or four hours daily, and few people are willing to spend—or can afford—that amount of time."

This statement hurt me deeply, as it will most young men who read it. The students who penned this letter should have said, "few girls (not people) are willing to spend, etc." I am assuming that boys are also people, and there must be millions of these sorts of people who spend not just three or four hours a day on a job in order to get a college education, but some

of us worked full seven or eight hour shifts, or ten hours on Saturday, or all night, Sundays, holidays and vacations.

Perhaps I should not doubt the point that few Salem girls would be willing to spend the necessary time. This would take them away from the Steak House trips, endless hours before the T. V., sleeping in the library as the IRS presi-

dent noted as well as some of my guests at the college, bridge games, dating, and all those other important college functions.

Well, I guess it just proves that even in a "Beatled Brow" age where boys try to look like women, and women try to be men, that girls will always be girls

Lovingly,  
Robert L. Wendt

# Does Political Experience Prepare Lyndon Johnson For Future Presidency?

By Bebe Moore

Lyndon Baines Johnson has been our president for nearly three months. We have watched with interest his adjustment to this high position.

Johnson was born near Stonewall, Texas, on August 27, 1908. When he was five, his family moved to Johnson City, (a town founded by his pioneer grandfather). At an early age he showed his keen mind and leadership ability. He learned the alphabet from his mother before he was two; and, when left in charge at home while his father was serving in the Texas Legislature, he learned to delegate responsibility among the family. His father, a farmer and school teacher, aroused the boy's interest in history, civics, and politics.

When Lyndon was graduated from high school in 1924, he was not ready for college. The future president went to California looking for work; when he found none, he hitchhiked back to Texas and went to work shoveling gravel with a road gang. Johnson soon decided he wanted to go to college, so he borrowed \$75 and enrolled at South West Texas State Teachers College. There he became a star debater, practicing oratory while he did janitorial work to earn money, before graduating in 1930, after which he taught school in Houston.

### Early Political Career

Johnson first became actively involved in politics in 1931, helping Richard Kleberg win election to Congress. In 1932 he went to Washington as Kleberg's secretary and held that position until 1935. Following a year at Georgetown Law School, Johnson became State Director of the National Youth Administration of Texas. In 1937, at the age of 29, he defeated nine other candidates in a Democratic primary. Running on a platform which included full endorsement of Roosevelt's policies, he was elected to the House and was re-elected in 1938 and in 1940-1946. In June, 1941, he was defeated by less than 1400 votes in a special election to fill a Senate vacancy.

December 10, 1941, Johnson enlisted in the Navy. Commissioned a lieutenant commander, he served in New Zealand and Australia and on bomber missions in the South Pacific. In 1942 he returned to Washington. Johnson became a Naval Reserve officer and was promoted to commander in July, 1949.

As chairman of an investigations sub-committee of the House Naval Affairs Commission, Johnson visited Alaska, Europe, North Africa, and the Near East to investigate disposal of surplus Naval property. In 1945 he became a member of the Post-War Military Policy Committee.

### Becomes Power In Politics

A member of Roosevelt's "Young Guard," Johnson won a Senate seat after a disputed election in 1948. He served on the Senate Armed Services Committee and on the Committee of Interstate and Foreign Commerce. In 1950, he became head of the Armed Services Committee preparedness sub-committee.

Johnson remained in the Senate until he became Vice-President in 1961. He was minority leader of the 83rd Congress and majority leader of the 84th, 85th, and 86th Congresses.

Johnson married Claudia (Lady Bird) Taylor of Karnack, Texas, on November 17, 1934. They have two daughters, Lynda Bird and Lucy Baines. Johnson has been a member of the Disciples of Christ since childhood.

This is President Johnson's past. His future lies before him—and before the world.

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# Consider Qualifications During Major Elections

Elections are here again! It is time for the underclassmen to take over the responsibilities of major offices. Usually, the lower classes jump at the chance to be rid of the seniors. What has happened this year? Students seem reluctant to assume any responsibility.

When Legislative Board asked students if they would run for offices, many of the girls declined. Most of the girls who declined are qualified to fill the offices for which they were nominated. The refusals seem to stem from a feeling that serving in a student government capacity is too much of a personal sacrifice.

We believe that it is a sacrifice. Holding an office is the choice between knitting and going to a committee meeting; between studying and working on an extra-curricular program. But students are not usually nominated for student government offices unless they have already shown some interest, capability and desire to undertake this type of work. Why have they suddenly become so interested in personal satisfaction?

We urge the readers, to find out about the students who have accepted nomination for office. In next week's issue of *The Salemite* read about qualifications and plans for particular offices. Don't just vote for a candidate because you have heard her name; discover for yourself the most qualified person for each job.

# Symposium Looks Good!

Plans for the Symposium, April 16-18, are well underway. The speakers for music and visual arts, Iain Hamilton and Ad Reinhardt, are qualified to speak in their respective fields.

So much time and thought has been put into this program that now the only undetermined factor is student participation. With a play and, hopefully, musical performance, there will be plenty of opportunity for students "to get into the act." Probably most beneficial to the majority of students, will be participation in the discussion groups.

Students are especially encouraged to attend FOCUS at Randolph-Macon Woman's College March 6-8. It would be a good opportunity for underclassmen to see an open symposium for other colleges. When our Fine Arts building is finished, a larger symposium may be feasible for Salem. We can send 15 delegates to FOCUS in Lynchburg, Virginia.

If our Symposium is successful, in the next few years, with increased facilities we might also be able to have twenty speakers and representatives from all over the United States-

# Hollins Sponsor Poetry Festival Invites Students

Hollins College English Department and the Graphen Literary Society are sponsoring a Literary Festival Saturday, March 7. Students with literary interests are invited.

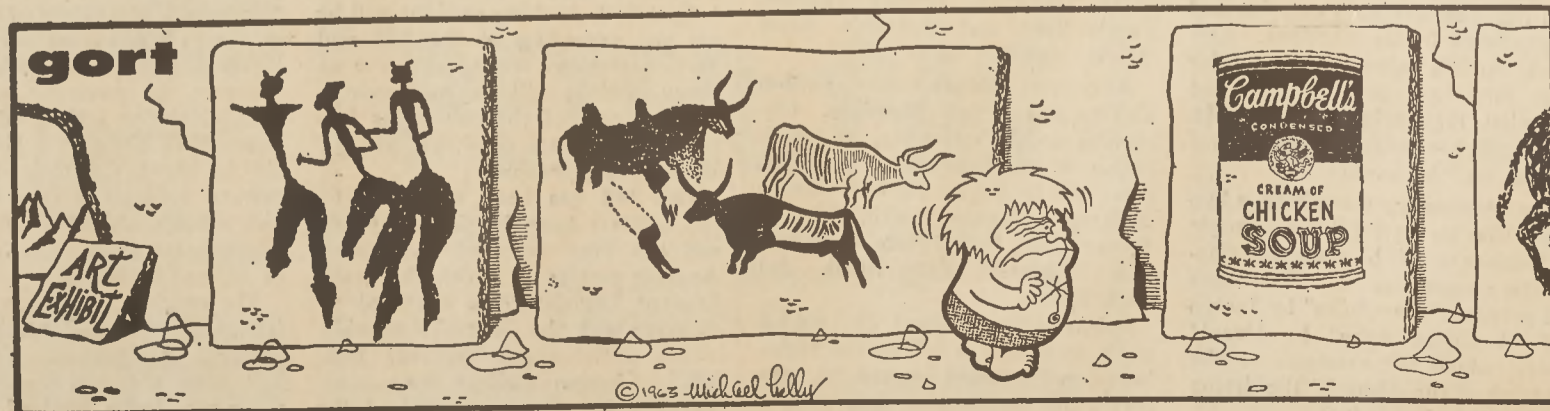
Featured participants will be Peter Taylor, Richard Wilbur, and George Garrett. Registration for the festival will begin at 10 a.m. There will be a morning fiction session, a luncheon, and an afternoon poetry session.

As part of the poetry session, the work of student poets will be discussed by the visiting speakers. This is the fourth annual Literary Festival for Hollins College in Roanoke, Virginia.

# Students Munch Sabine Vaccine To Fight Polio

Monday, March 2 has been set as the day when the Sabine polio vaccine will be administered to Salem students, faculty, and other employees. From 1:30 until 2:00 p.m. persons having afternoon classes are requested to receive the vaccine. From 2 until 2:30 all the rest of the students may be vaccinated, and from 2:30 until 3, other employees will have the opportunity to receive the first of the two doses which are expected to completely eradicate the chances of contracting polio in the person vaccinated.

Vaccinations, which will consist of two drops of the Sabine vaccine on a small lump of sugar, will be available to all in the gymnasium. If good weather prevails the vaccine will be administered outdoors; otherwise a mobile unit will be provided.



# ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Jorgensen will be on campus February 28 to discuss the Institute of International Education with interested students. Dr. Jorgensen is the director of the Washington regional office of the Institute.

February 25 is the deadline for freshmen and their parents to make reservations for the Parents' Dinner banquet to be held February 28 at Corrin Refectory.