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## Few Students Participate In Lecture Series - Why?

It really is a shame. And a disgrace, too. When a foreigner comes to your house as a guest, the least a host can do is to be pleasant and attentive to his needs.

Thursday night Salem had such a guest. Alec Gorshel from the Republic of South Africa was our guest invited by the Lecture Series. But no one would have ever known that we even had company from the way we treated him.

Sure, we had a special table set up for him in the dining room, with certain "supposedly interested" students and faculty invited to eat with him. And a gathering in Strong Friendship Rooms for him as well. Great.

But Mr. Gorshel came to the United States, to Salem, for a purpose. He came to make his country, which has recently been so much in the news, better known to Americans. He came to compare the problems of his country with those of ours. He came as a self-supported ambassador—of good will, of information, of publicity.

Do you know how many people attended his lecture—the means by which he hoped to tell us about his country? Unable to get an accurate count of the audience, I did count 45 students and about 25 faculty and administration. I doubt if my figures are more than 20 short. And that included the non-Salemmites, the press, the public.

At least 20 of the students were seniors. This says something about our society. At least some of us reach the point of caring—we try to take advantage of the many opportunities of enrichment that are afforded us.

Even so, the seniors can't put a feather in their caps. Not even fifty per cent of the class was present.

In proportion, the faculty and administration were better represented. Yet their participation was pathetic. As teachers and administrators, they are expected to set examples; they are supposed to be ever-expanding their knowledge and experience. They are supposedly the cultured ones of our society. But they didn't come.

This time, we can't use the old excuse that we didn't know about the lecture. It was fairly widely published and publicized. I wonder what the excuse is this time.

Oh, well. That's all in the past. Nothing can be done about it now. What worries me is this: When Betty Friedan comes, if she receives as little support as Mr. Gorshel, no telling what she might put in her next book. She might write a whole chapter using our school as a model—of apathy, or pseudo-culture, of phoniness. That's what worries me.

## Lily Pond Gets Fountain, Bricks In Face Uplifting

During the summer, the familiar face of the lily pond took on a new look.

In the place of the well-worn path around this area, a new walk of Old Virginia Brick has been added, along with two other walks of the same brick leading down to the pond. In the center of the pond, a new fountain has been added which was formerly a part of the

fountain between Lehman and the infirmary.

Under the supervision of Jack White, the grading, laying of brick and other jobs took around two weeks. The cost of these new additions was approximately \$500, \$200 of which was spent for the bricks.

These new changes were designed by Mr. Lashmit, the college architect, and were paid for by the concessions committee.

# Salem Students Do Funny Things; Take Exciting Trip In "Dead" Week

By Jodi McDorman

"Dead" is the theme for this week's inner sanctum. According to the consensus nothing worth noting has occurred in the past week at Salem C. Dr. French, however, is making an attempt to wake up his advanced Organic Chemistry class by promoting experiments in coffee making. Mr. Paine, on the other hand, is attempting to quiet down his rowdy Sophomore Lit. class.

## Five Day Week Poses Problem

Dear Editor:

In your editorials last week you raised the question of whether other organizations were having problems caused by the five day week. As an individual and as President of Student Government, I believe that the new system is indeed presenting serious difficulties for many organizations. The Salemite is by no means alone!

The present schedule simply does not seem to provide ample time or opportunities for the various organizations to meet. Legislative Board, for instance, was forced to change its meeting time to Wednesday evenings, the only time when all members could be present. The result has been that Pierrettes has been unable to find an hour for regular meetings. Committees, such as the State Student Legislative, have been unable to meet because of conflicts, but also because students are simply too tired or pressed for time to attend.

True, many students are free on Wednesdays, but the result is that often girls end up with as many as nine different meetings in one day. This makes for a tiring schedule which can quickly remove any interest and enthusiasm for the extra-curricular activities, which are, I believe, an important part of education.

I do not mean this to be a rejection of the five-day week, for it certainly has its good aspects. I do mean this as an attempt to pin point some of the problems we are facing, and which, I believe, should be considered as a challenge to both Student Government and to the faculty. I would therefore urge open and joint discussion among these two groups in order to iron out these difficulties and to insure that Salem will continue to have active campus organizations, and that students will have sufficient time and freedom to participate in them.

Sincerely,  
Wendy McGlenn

## Poll Expresses Students' Views About Voting

Last week a poll was taken to determine whether girls considered voting for the man or for the party more important. Out of 29 girls, representing many different states, only three felt party allegiance to be of primary concern. One of these, Pat Hankins, reasoned that the party controls what's done and the president cannot act on his own without it.

The majority of girls interviewed feel that the man, his beliefs, and what he stands for are more important than the party itself. Penny Ward feels that in voting for the party, one might be endorsing an individual he disagrees with. Roberta Frost sees no reason for voting for a certain party if you disagree with its candidate. As Cherry Causey said, "It's silly to be bended by party ties."

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There was a spark of activity, when Mrs. Melvin gave a "pop" quiz in French, and when the Sociology Seminar took a jaunt to the Dixie Classic Fair to participate in the Sociological and Economic implications of the same! What fun, and how broke we are!

Oh yes, and Beatle fans once again had sparks of inspiration last Thursday night as they gazed with idolatry at the fabulous four. For those who thrill at the enchanting sound of "Bird Dog," the Everly Brothers will appear on "Shindig" this Thursday night. Some, however, have put away such childish things, (seniors excluded) and are anticipating much merriment with

their old ladies Thursday night at the Moravian Home. Ann McMaster is in charge of the "introduction party", at which time the girls will meet their elderly friends and have an "old time" song festival, with refreshments following.

Of course, you all will attend the Salem Post Office Dedication on Sunday at 3 p.m., and be entertained by the Salem Band and Choral Ensemble. Let us sing along with those who bring us mail and church bulletins every day!

But perhaps things will perk up this week so let's not be downhearted and apathetic. Don't forget to set your hair for your annual pictures.

## Johnson Upholds Platform In Campaign For Election

by Ann Wilson

In seeking election in December, President Lyndon Johnson has clearly aligned his ideas, goals, and methods with those established in the Democratic Party platform. It is thus possible to review his own position on various issues by studying the platform which he has sworn to uphold.

The goal of the Democratic party and its candidates, as stated in the platform, is to achieve "peace for all nations and freedom for all peoples," because of the conviction "that we will find in freedom a unity of purpose stronger than all our differences." Pointing to accomplishments of the past four years, the 1964 platform notes that "the world is closer to peace today than it was in 1960." To uphold this peace military strength must be maintained, for as of now there is no "enforceable treaty providing for inspected and verified disarmament."

With an eye toward international peace, the party has committed itself to the following:

- 1) "freedom from Berlin to South Vietnam"
- 2) the work of "the United Nations, with its constituent agencies"
- 3) "partnership with our friends and associates in the community which spans the Atlantic"
- 4) aid to the people of developing nations
- 5) "the attainment of peace in the Near East"
- 6) "the restoration of freedom and responsibility in Cuba"

In regard to domestic peace, the platform sees that the "task is to make the national purpose serve the human purpose: that every person shall have the ability to become all that he or she is capable of becoming."

As the Democratic candidate, Johnson adheres to the belief that freedom for all Americans involves "opportunity for education to the full extent of their ability to learn, followed by the opportunity to employ their learning in the creation of something of value to themselves and to the nation." Specifically, an expanded program of public scholarships, guaranteed loans, and work study goals is proposed.

Since "the health of the people is important to the strength and purpose of our country," the platform favors hospital care for the aged, medical research, and expanded health facilities (medical schools, hospitals, and laboratories).

Peace in the United States cannot be attained unless "the law of the land (is) obeyed." Legislation is desired to abolish "discrimination based on race, age, sex, or national origins"; this "demands not only equal opportunity, but the opportunity to be equal."

The desire for peacetime prosperity has led the plank's favoring continuation of the War on Poverty. Aid is proposed especially for the people of Appalachia and for Indian peoples. It is pointed out that in forty-two months almost "four million jobs have been added to the economy, worker's earnings, and corporate profits are at the highest level in history," and U. S. profits have been the most stable in the world.

Urban areas also receive the concern of the platform. "A decent home for every American family" is the goal. Because of the importance of the cities and their suburbs and the welfare of the nation, one plank suggests the addition of a department of urban affairs to the President's cabinet.

Finally, the Democratic Platform concludes: "We condemn extremism, whether from the Right or Left, including the extreme tactics of such organizations as the Communist Party, the Ku Klux Klan and the John Birch Society."

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