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## Editor Suggests Initiative As Key To Improvement

Traditionally the beginning of the new year means resolutions, change, turning over a new leaf. For this, the necessary ingredient is evaluation.

We live in a society that is composed of two elements: (1) the group and (2) individuals. Since this is the case, we should, out of necessity and desire for improvement as well as out of respect for tradition, take a long, critical look at ourselves as members of the Salem College community and as the individuals we are.

Progress comes from changes for the better. Student Government has been evaluating all phases of Salem life this year. But you comprise the student body. If you see the need for change, speak up. State your views.

This is true of any change. Don't expect for change to come by itself. As an ordinary example, imagine that the light in your closet burns out. Unless you put in a repair slip, you will be in the dark forever. Perhaps you received D's on your report card when you had an A average. If you don't talk to your teachers or Miss Simpson, you may suffer from a drastic mistake.

As members of the Salem community, we should look at the appearance of the campus, at our rules and regulations, at faculty-student relations, at our academic standards, at our opportunity for total development; most of all, we should set the goal of taking advantage of what is offered.

As individuals, we should look long and hard at ourselves. Very seldom do we stop long enough to think "Where am I going?" "Who am I?" When we do, sometimes we are shocked to find that we don't know. In the academic field, are we achieving up to our capabilities? In the social field, are we getting along with our classmates and teachers? In the moral field, do we have standards and do we live up to them? Or do we have false standards and are we misled by the crowd?

Perhaps a look in the mirror would do some good, too. Have we let our appearance go?

Each of us, as individuals, have different capacities and interests. Are we looking for our special talents, and once found, are we developing them?

Perhaps one of the best means to successfully evaluate ourselves is to look at ourselves in two ways. First, be positive. Ask yourself what is here that is good. Then look for weaknesses and seek means for improving them. Initiative is the key word.

## Salem Provides Answer To Dilemma Of Transfer

Each year at this time some members of especially the sophomore class face the dilemma of the transfer decision. It is a decision that must be made individually. One answer will not be the solution for all, but the answer in favor of Salem is a strong one.

Salem offers a liberal arts program with four years of continuity that is not meant to be broken. The first two years offer general exposure to liberal arts study with the second two years offering more specialization in particular fields of academic interest. As an upperclassman, a Salem student has continuing and increasing opportunities to assert her independence within student government and extra-curricular activities, and to express herself in classrooms where her ideas as an individual are important.

Salem as a small school can afford to concentrate on the development of the individual qualities of her students. And in relation to this emphasis, Salem, as a woman's college, gears her program especially to the needs of women choosing each area of study and activity for its value to them. Thus in deciding to stay at Salem, a student chooses not only the continuity of study in liberal arts but also the special education of women that a diploma from Salem represents. Here we are women—but we are individuals, too.

A. K.

# Salemites Provide Scholarships For Twelve Students In Three Countries

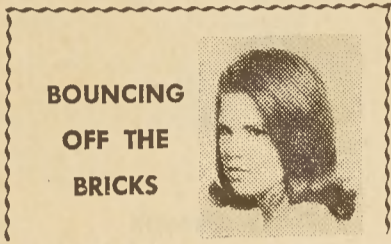
By Susan Young

Salemites are ready to start the new semester with a project to raise money for the World University Service scholarship fund which supports foreign students each year. This year there are twelve students — 8 in Korea sponsored by the freshman and sophomore classes, 2 in Greece sponsored by the junior class, and 2 in India sponsored by the senior class.

These outstanding students are selected by World University Service and could not go to college without the aid of scholarships which pay part of their expenses. A fifty or one-hundred dollar scholarship makes it possible for a Korean boy to take his last year in medical school or a Greek girl to become an English teacher.

Through class projects and the "Y" auction, money is being raised for scholarships for next year. The goal is \$1200 for the campus—\$175 from each class and \$500 from the YWCA. The freshman class sold

punch and cupcakes during intermission of the Pierrette's fall play. For next semester they plan to sell fresh fruit in the dorms and sell chocolate bars. The sophomores are selling coffee and doughnuts every Sunday morning in the basement of Babcock and Clewell from 9:30 to 10:30. The juniors are selling sandwiches and hope to have the traditional breakfast after the dance. The seniors are ready to give their share with a candy sale. The "Y" auction in the spring event one gets a chance to bid on prizes given by the faculty and students.



BOUNCING OFF THE BRICKS

By Nancy Thomas

The eye of the post-Christmas returnee to Salem abruptly met mud upon her arrival, thus introducing to her the latest digging operations around Babcock. Uprooted earth as the subject of conversation was soon replaced, however, when several attractive males appeared in assembly last Thursday.

Anyone who has seen a flower-decked turtle inhabiting the Farmers Dairy this week knows that turtle race time is with us again. The race, which was held for the first time last year, is a charity drive for muscular dystrophy. The actual competition among turtles will not occur until Friday, February 26, on the campus of American University in Washington, D. C.

The three nominees for "Miss Student Teacher" will appear before a group of judges during the last assembly before EXAMS, Tuesday, January 19. Hopefully, this may provide a final spark of entertainment prior to that dreaded period of intellectual isolation. Good luck!

Exams are looming already for all of us; but for five seniors, exams are only necessary steps to freedom. They are the January graduates.

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## Birth Control Poses Problem In Our Society

By Susan Jones

Birth control is a highly controversial issue of our time and a new field in medical research. Each year better and cheaper contraceptives are produced. They find a waiting market.

Many married women, according to their religious beliefs, are using the oral contraceptive, effective almost 100% of the time, to limit the size of their families. Has this wide-spread use (and they are not difficult to obtain) and effectiveness of birth control pills affected single women — the working girl, the college girl? Will it affect the morality of our nation?

In our society, fear of pregnancy has for a long time kept numerous girls from being promiscuous. With contraceptives readily available many girls feel that there is no longer any barrier to sexual intercourse before marriage. This view poses new problems in regard to our evaluation of the role of sex in human life and is a cause for concern.

In an article entitled "The Sexual Revolution" which appeared in the Greensboro Daily News January 6, Drew Pearson deals with the subject of increasing immorality as a result of contraceptives. He feels that these pills are presenting a problem that could reach the roots of American society. Both sociologists and church leaders are alarmed at this subtle change in morals which

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## Johnson Delivers Address, Stresses "Great Society"

By Mary Ellen Lane

January 6, Lyndon Johnson delivered his second State of the Union Address. Having accomplished much in his short term office, the President spoke with confidence concerning his goal for a "Great Society." He emphasized the need for a great anti-poverty program, more plans for natural resources conservation, stronger educational programs, full employment and universal suffrage.

1965 brings "a new quest for union." We must have harmony in order to have unity in our enlarging universe. Because complications in modern life we must be concerned with the whole world not merely our own nation. The President stressed the importance of keeping Communism out of Latin America and especially out of Asia. This will be accomplished through the Alliance for Progress and military protection of South Viet Nam. In Europe, our present program will continue.

In the field of economy, full employment is the most important goal. The economy must be kept growing in order to "improve the quality of life for all." There is much need to aid farmers, laborers unprotected by minimum wage, and those in poverty-stricken areas.

Although the President believes that America is making great strides in equal opportunity for all, he stresses the fact that many people hindered by age, race, and ignorance must be helped. Through education, programs for better health, and urban improvement, this goal may be attained.

The conservation of natural resources and the improvement of cities and rural areas is another area of concern. Water and air pollution must be controlled and prevented. Pilot plans are under consideration for the Potomac River at the present time.

In order for these plans to be executed the government must be reorganized for more effective operations. For example, changes have been proposed for the Electoral College and more economical spending of funds.

In his closing statement, President Johnson stated he does not plan to form a New America alone, but he will attempt to share it from the ideas of pilgrims, pioneers, and immigrants, and with the help of all citizens in 1965—his "Great Society."



Bob Howie