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Salem Elects New Dorm Presidents; Give Hopes, Plans For Next Year

Dorm presidents were elected Monday, May 9, by their fellow students. The new presidents are Hunter Gourdon, president of South; Mary Harris, president of Strong; Carolyn Rich, Biting; Janie McCaslin, Lehman; Marty Lee, Sisters; Sara Hunt, Gramley; Joan Hobbs, Babcock; Sue Wooten, Clewell.

Hunter, a rising senior, is from Harrisonburg, Virginia and an English major and an elementary education minor. She feels that being dorm president will be a big responsibility, but that working with her classmates in this capacity will be very interesting. Hunter plans to see that dorm life runs smoothly and everybody stays happy. "I'm looking forward to it and have much pride and big expectations for the new dorm."

Mary Harris, from Wilson, will be a senior next year and is a history major and an English minor. She feels that it is a great honor to have been elected. Since

Strong is being renovated, it should be a good dorm to live in next year.

Carolyn Rich, a rising junior from Greensboro, is an English major and a history minor. She says, "I'm very happy to be elected, but I think it's a big responsibility. I am going to try to keep the new sign-out system working."

Joan Hobbs, a history major and a tentative French minor from Spartanburg, S. C., will be a sophomore. She says that she is very honored and surprised and will not let her classmates down. "I've talked to Mrs. Chatham about having get-togethers between the three sophomore and freshman dorms and between the two classes in each dorm."

Sue Wooten, from Kinston, a rising sophomore, plans to major in math and minor in French. She is excited about being elected. She knows that the remodeling will improve the dorm and hopes that the girls will have a better attitude to-

ward taking better care of the Recreation room and the study room.

Janie McCaslin, a rising junior from Richmond, Va., is very excited about being house president of Lehman. She has a double major in French and history. There will be a foreign student living in Lehman next year, and Janie feels that it will be good for her to live with such a small group of girls. Although they have petitioned not to have a housemother, they must wait to find out about it. She likes the idea of a small dorm and says, "I guess right now I feel like a mother hen!"

Sara Hunt, a rising sophomore from Chatham, Va., plans to major in art and minor in French. She says about being elected, "I was thrilled, terrified, and excited. I'm really looking forward to working with Mrs. Herndon. There will be a great group of girls there next year, and I'm looking forward to being with them in Gramley."

Marty Lee, who is a math major and economics minor, is a rising junior from Dayton, Ohio. She is very happy, realizes that there is much responsibility, and knows that she will enjoy working with the girls. "I have no plans yet; it's too early to say anything definite."



Cheri Lewis and Judy Campbell reflect on their recent elections as National N. S. A. officers.

Delegates Elect Salemites To Regional NSA Offices

Virginia State College in Petersburg, Virginia, played host to the annual National Student Association Spring Regional, May 6-7. Leaving Salem's campus Friday afternoon to represent Salem at the conference were Margie Dotts, Judy Campbell, Cheri Lewis, and Mallory Lykes. From the last minute arrival of Salem delegates to the successful finale, at which Judy Campbell was elected vice-chairman and Cheri Lewis was elected secretary of the Regional, the spring event was deemed valuable. Judy's election was preceded by three years of work with

NSA at Salem and a year of working with NSA on the regional level during which time she served as vice-chairman of International Affairs. Cheri, active in NSA at Salem, will transfer to Carolina where she will continue working with the organization during her junior year.

Colleges and universities from all over Virginia and the Carolinas are members of this regional. These conferences give schools in this area the opportunity to get together and discuss anything from academic affairs to international affairs. It is also a way for each school to let its plans be known and to find out what other member schools are doing and planning to do that would be of interest to most students.

The Salem representatives arrived just in time for the opening banquet. During the banquet, Steve Sunderland from the National Office of USNSA spoke briefly on academic freedom. The principle guest speaker, Fred Berger, the USNSA Latin American Assistant gave the history of the International Union of Students, International Student Conference, and USNSA in his address. The most interesting issues that he covered were the Dominican Republic revolt and the rise of various student groups in Spain. Mr. Berger said the civil war in the Dominican Republic was led by the Christian Democrats, and he felt that if the revolution had been allowed to run its course it would have turned out for the good of democracy.

In addition to this, he informed them about the communist and democratic student groups which are now growing in Spain. Agitation from these groups has already caused the closing of the University of Barcelona.

To end the evening program, Paul Dickson spoke concerning the Speaker Ban Law. He presented a resume of the efforts the students of North Carolina have made since 1963 to have the law repealed.

Following committee meetings on Saturday morning, delegates were given a chance to see how other schools operate, and how they handle their problems. Furthermore, they were able to see what NSA does on other campuses.

In a closing session, Steve Sunderland spoke about the St. John's College crisis. He said that some of the faculty at St. John's are striking in an effort to get reasons for the dismissal of thirty faculty members.

Bhatawdeker Visits Salem; Meets Scholarship Donors

Salem was privileged to have Dr. Madhukar Bhatawdeker visiting the campus last week, May 5-7. As the Indian representative of the World University Service, the purpose behind his visit was to meet the people who give scholarships to students at Rajasthan University in India.

An informal coffee for students to meet and talk with Dr. Bhatawdeker was held last Friday afternoon in Strong Friendship Rooms. Those who attended were able to discuss with the guest how the school, family, and social life in India compare with that in the U. S.

In appreciation for the scholarships the students of Salem have given to Indian students, Dr. Bha-

tawdeker presented the college a hand-painted tray. This example of native Indian talent is decorated with intricate designs in red and gold. It has not been decided where it will be placed on display.

Salem's WUS raises money each year to finance eight scholarships for needy students in India and Korea. Through work projects and other methods, each class of Salemites raises \$125 to contribute to the scholarship fund. Each scholarship is valued at \$100, contracted on a self-help basis. Recipients work to build student centers on their own campuses. In places where there is a lack of textbooks some of the students make typed copies of notes.

Faculty And Students Show Skill In Golf Tournament

The Salem faculty—which boasts so many golfers that Arnold Palmer would be worried about playing—met Salem students for a golf tournament on Wednesday, May 10, on Salem's hockey field. Present were James Bray, Miss Jess Byrd, Miss Edith Kirkland, James Edwards, Ralph Hill, William Mangum, Jerry Surratt, Ed Shewmake, and Robert Wendt. The students who entered the contest included Candy Stell, Ann McMaster, Connie Newell, Courtney Gibb, Ann King, and Milly Daughtridge. The tournament was played on an individual basis with awards being given for the best player in each event—approaching, chipping, putting, and driving. The players were to make the lowest score possible on short putts to nine holes, and on the approach, chip and drive, the best of three tries were scored.

From the very beginning of the tournament there was hot competition between Mr. Surratt and Mr. Jordan. These two professors turned golfers made a good showing—Mr. Surratt winning the putting and placing second in men's driving; Mr. Jordan winning the men's driving and placing second in the putting. Dr. Edwards showed this pair the scientific method of approaching, but they still managed honors in that event—Mr. Jordan, second place; and Mr. Surratt, third. The Art Department was also well represented, and both of Salem's art professors reaped honors; Mr. Shewmake placed a very nice third in the men's driving and Mr. Mangum won the chipping event.

Men will be men, but the female side of the picture was not entirely blank. Miss Byrd placed third in the putting event, and Candy Stell ranked only behind Mr. Mangum and Dr. Edwards in the chipping contest. The winner of the Women's Driving was Candy Stell, and second and third runners-up were Ann McMaster and Milly Daughtridge respectively.

Thompson Talks About Theology

"God is dead." This is a phrase that would have shocked many people up until the past few months. Today it has become a main topic of debate not only among theologians but among lay people as well. However, it is a topic that few clearly understand.

In assembly on Wednesday, May 11, the Reverend Mr. Clark Thompson discussed this by explaining the view points of the three main spokesmen for the radical theology—Altizer, Van Buren, and Hamilton. Mr. Thompson gave descriptions and raised questions rather than presenting solutions.

Also at this assembly a new program was initiated for Salem with the purpose of arousing stimulating discussion as well as providing social contact between students and faculty. The faculty was invited to attend assembly and have lunch with the students afterwards. Many members of the faculty accepted the invitation and seemed to enjoy both the assembly and lunch.

Many Superstitions Abound On Day Of Bad Luck

by Sara Hunt

If you plan to get married Friday, don't! "Bad luck will attend a wedding solemnized on a Friday," especially today, as it is Friday, the thirteenth of May. As one person described the day—"it's a bad day when bad things happen, and you better crawl under your bed and stay!" Of course if you're afraid of what is under your bed, you're in bad shape.

The fact is, if you're superstitious you really do lose out. According to the big word from Britannica, a superstitious person has more or less definite mental or moral deficiency. Well, now let's hope it's sort of less!

The number thirteen is associated with many common superstitions. A general belief is that if thirteen people meet in a room, one of them will die before the year is out! At least you may be comforted to know that there are Thirteen Clubs which meet to the number of thirteen on Friday, the thirteenth of the month, without tragedy.

Supposedly the ill-luck of thirteen is heightened if by chance the thirteenth of the month falls on Friday. For many centuries superstitions have circulated about Bad



Friday. "Unlucky will be the child born on a Friday, for it is a day of ill omen . . . a bed must never be turned on a Friday, or sleeplessness will be your fate . . . if you dream on Friday night and tell your dream on the following day, it will come true . . . it is unlucky to go courting on a Friday." Either a lot of people are not mentally and morally deficient, or they just don't know about the last belief! For all of you criminals, schedule your trial any other time, for it's bad luck to go before a judge on Friday.

All who are utterly appalled and disillusioned by the double shot of bad luck which arrives with Friday the thirteenth, cheer up! Now all it has to do is rain on Friday, and it'll be fine on Sunday.