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Salemites Question Worth Of GRE Requirement

Salem seniors, as a class, took the Graduate Record Examinations in policy in accordance with a two-year-old "Salem College Policy". Is this a worthwhile policy?

The seniors' understanding is that the requirement gives Salem the index with which to rank her students nationally. This comparison would, in turn, enable the college to raise academic standings. Yet, how true an index are GRE scores unless every senior in the United States takes the tests? Salem seniors, instead of being ranked with all the other students in the nation, are compared to the minority of students who intend to enroll in graduate school.

If the administration wishes to raise academic standings, could it not redirect the money that covers the cost of the GRS's into library funds? Additions to the library are an improvement that benefits all. If the administration considers the GRE's a vital requirement, however, could they carefully explain the reasoning behind the requirement? This hopefully would add to the students' motivation to achieve on the tests.

Dr. Myers To Present Unique Talk On Words

"The Romance of Words" will be the subject of a lecture by Dr. Rowland Myers in Assembly, February 14.

Dr. Myers is a native of Brooklyn, New York and graduate of Dartmouth College. He received his Ph.D degree in Romance Languages and Literature from Johns-Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Myers has done further study in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Mexico and has traveled in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe as well as Greece, Turkey, Egypt, and the Holy Land. He has taught languages and literature at five leading colleges and universities in this country and at the American School Center for Military Government Officers in England.

In his unique lecture, Dr. Myers will present a series of ordinary

words, explain their origin, and show how they reflect the past history of man on this planet, his activities and his thoughts, his moments of confusion, his hopes, and his fears. He will also discuss the vital question of what is correct in language.

According to Dr. Myers, words are like coins: the more they are used, the faster they wear down and change their form and meaning. He suggests that some day everyone in the world will speak the same tongue, using a universal language which will evolve from existing languages.

Dr. Myers believes that a word can be a great power for good and for evil and that words are important weapons in life. His lecture promises to be a fascinating one, as he will attempt to show not only the importance, but also the fun of words.

- Courses -

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Art 211, 212 Three Dimensional Design (3, 3)

A course in sculpture involving a variety of techniques including clay modeling, plaster casting, and carving in stone and wood.

Nine hours of studio work per week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Who has a birthday soon? Well, if you do, be sure and tell your friends that the Home Economics Club has started their birthday cake service once again. Contact Barbie Barton—124 Clewell—to place your order. A choice of delicious flavors is available.

All students who work on *The Salemite* — proof readers, typists, writers, runners, layout, etc.—please come to *The Salemite* office after supper, Monday, February 12, to make nominations for editor for 1968-69.

Around The Square By Carol Carson

Many additions are in evidence as Salemites walk from class to class. Those cars that whizz by you belong to Juniors. Have you seen Muff Tarrant's white Mercedes, and Sue LaPan has a greenish Mustang. Be careful if you live near Mary Shepherd . . . she's quite a driver at the wheel of her car. Marsha Dietz cuts a cool corner in her VW, with Nancy Holderness impressing most everyone with her steel-blue car, complete with tape deck.

A late bulletin on pins must include Jennie Hall, a sophomore, who is pinned to an ATO at Mercer University. This lucky man is Gary King.

Semester break was a welcome event for all of us, after all those exams we were put through. But, aren't you glad you didn't have to grade 'em, too! For Randy Chastain, Jill Silverstein and Anne Stuart, the break gave them a perfect opportunity to tie things up neatly and receive those special gifts.

Randy Chastain is now the proud

6 Girls Present New Exam Plan

Dear Editor:

After completing two semesters of the extended exam schedule, we feel that the student body should now express its opinion of this system. This schedule has not alleviated the problems of the previous system. The major problem of the other exam schedule was that students had three or four exams in a row. Under the present system, a student may still have three exams in a two-day period. Lengthening of the exam period does not necessarily evenly distribute the tests for the individual over the ten-day period. For many students the pressure during this long a time greatly reduces their morale and ambition. It is also distracting to many students to have other students leaving early.

In conclusion, we feel that the best solution to this problem is for students to schedule their own exams over a ten-day period. In this way, each student can arrange her schedule according to her academic needs. This system has been used on other similar college campuses and has proved very successful. Perhaps the faculty would study this proposed change and allow the student body to voice its opinion by a vote.

Sincerely,
 D.M., M.D., L.M., B.C.,
 C.C., A.L.

fiancee of Jerry Carpenter, North Carolina State student. Jill Silverstein's pinmate is a junior at UNCH, a Beta, and a Morehead Scholar from Burlington, named Jim Newlin.

Thom Flory, a graduate student at UVa. has decided that Anne Stuart is definitely the girl for him. To finalize the decision, he gave her a bright, sparkly diamond to sport on her left hand.

The Day Students have devised a great weigh to encourage chubby (?) Day Student-Salemites to lose weight or pay up. Girls who decide to participate in the plan pledge to weigh in and record their weight on a chart posted in plain view. A gain in poundage costs the over-eater a quarter at the end of the week. But there is a reward for the Salemite with the most "stick-to-itiveness." At the end of the time period the girls have set, whoever has lost the most weight in proportion to her size will get half of the cache to which she and her cohorts have contributed. The remaining funds will go toward future day student projects. Pat Carter will sum up the group's results in a few weeks, so look for her comments in a future issue of *The Salemite*.

Meanwhile, other Salemites have been reducing by making long and frequent trips to the library. Sophomores and Freshmen, (and Juniors and Seniors!) isn't this the semester you slave over those term papers for weeks, only to have your prof. tersely comment at the end of your finished masterpiece that it reads like the project of one long, sleepy night . . . the night before it is due, he might add? Oh well, think of all that experience you will get in using the card catalogue, the dictionary, those resumes and criti-

cisms of books and all that paper you will consume.

Have you been up to second floor Main Hall and seen that clean carpet? During the snow, our grimy, wet boots really put them to the test but somehow, with lots of hard work, I'm sure, most all the traces of snow are gone. The only problem is that the cleaning left the rug with a striped effect. Good for a change of atmosphere, I suppose.

Well, until spring comes and more news rolls in, look at the few yellow blooms on the bushes outside Bitting. There's still hope, Salemites . . . Meanwhile, if things get dull in your dorm on Saturday nights, come on over to Bitting. The four of us that were in for the "Saturday Night At the Movies" spectacular this past weekend had quite a time!

Contest To Begin

Salem has been invited to help *Glamour* Magazine find the "Ten Best-dressed College Girls for 1968." Each college participating conducts a contest on campus to select the best-dressed girl, and submits photographs of the on-campus winner in three outfits to *Glamour* for the national judging.

The ten students selected as *Glamour's* 1968 "Ten Best-dressed College Girls" will be photographed for the August College Issue and will visit New York in June as guests of the magazine.

IRS sponsors the best-dressed contest on Salem campus. Nominations will be accepted through Wednesday, February 14. A box will be placed in the window on first floor Main Hall for these nominations. From these, three finalists will be chosen, and the on-campus winner will be elected later this month.

Pueblo Crisis Suggests Information Now Withheld

By Lyn Davis

Crew members of the U. S. S. *Pueblo* have now been prisoners of the North Korean government for over a week for supposedly violating the twelve-mile international limit while spying. Four of them are wounded; one has been reported dead by South Korea. The President of South Korea has been the aim of concerted assassination attempts. The U. S. Embassy and Ambassador William J. Porter have been subjected to more terrorist attacks. A black Cadillac with the American flag has been traveling the streets of Moscow, to and from the Russian government center.

The world waits. Will the United States be plunged into an Asian war? Or will the conflicting powers back down in the face of a nuclear holocaust, as the U. S. S. R. and the U. S. did in the Cuban missile crisis?

No one knows. And no one can get any information with which to draw even the most faint conjecture as to the fate of the eighty-two and of the world. But during the crisis, several rather shocking facts concerning the power structure of the U. S. have come to light.

President Johnson was not notified of the crisis until the ship had been captured. Far Eastern military officials saw fit to dispatch the *Enterprise* to the Sea of Japan, but none of them would take the responsibility for releasing jets to defend the helpless ship. The President, although possessing this power, could not act because he was not aware of the situation until little could be done. He was not given the facts until it was too late.

And, in turn, the American public is not being given the facts at the proper time. Like so many other crises, the credibility gap of the Johnson administration is being widened. Already syndicated columnists, such as Murray Kempton, are beginning to express national sentiment over the President's unwillingness to inform the public with the least amount of knowledge possible. The President has never been known for the consistent veracity of his statements; the *Pueblo* incident is enhancing this reputation even more.

The crew members of the *Pueblo* wait. The American nation waits. In a sense the whole world waits to see if the powers of the world will be plunged into an ever-escalating war in Asia. And no one even now can ascertain if the ship violated the twelve-mile limit or not. Least of all, the American public.



Other writers contributing this week are Barbara Horney, Karen Park, Sara Engram, Diane Dalton, Mary Schaffner, Carol Carson, Sandy Kelley and Kathie Carpenter.