

The College Protest Can Relate To Salem Students

Recent riots, demonstrations, and marches by students across the nation and in all four corners of the globe have shaken the stronghold of some administrators in the ranks of both small colleges and large universities. These avid protestors stage their attack on institutionalism in varying degrees between one extreme or the other. Some accomplish their goals through peaceful agitation of a non-violent nature. In contrast, the intensity of their cause is not beyond inflation to the point of violence.

Aggression can be a tool to prod defensive parties into complying to the offense, war has proven this. But is aggression to be the tool of civilized men the world over or become the code of a culture? Peaceful methods have proven effective as well. Are today's young people striking out against the strictors of institutions, society, or the generation on the other side of the "gap"? Are they seeking independence to decide the issues themselves to improve their society or, in fact, are they fighting for the responsibility they feel qualified to accept and participate in directing, mainly that of the Vietnam War.

Perhaps all this revolutionary action seems irrelevant to the college community here at Salem, but falling back on our apathetic attitudes of the past—of non-involvement—is not necessarily the answer. The rebelling youth who took over Columbia University and those who peacefully "lived-in" on Duke's quadrangle are part of US. They are the men and women with whom we will shape the future of the state, nation, and world—socially, economically, culturally, and politically. They are expressing viewpoints and attitudes not just of students still in the process of learning, but of young adults who will go to the polls in November, who seek an end to discrimination—or rather racial peace, and whose men are subject to Uncle Sam's call to duty despite aspirations or potential for graduate school, with the exception of those in medicine.

These so-called radicals are our contemporaries, as part of our generation. Do we have the courage to speak out with them and take a firm stand on the issues—or are we going to watch the world go by? Will we choose to maintain our apathy in the mainstream of the controversial issues of today or will we utilize some peaceful means to express our opinions and stand up to defend them?

Just think about it . . .

SNC

Little Theater Presents Musical "The Boyfriend"

By Jane Horton

Creating current theater excitement in Winston-Salem is **The Boyfriend** by Sandy Wilson. From the London scene featuring Julie Andrews, this play shifts to the stage of the Little Theatre from May 8-19. Curtain time Monday-Friday is 8:15 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 3:15 p.m. Individual tickets can be purchased at a cost of \$3.50.

Set on the French Riviera during the 1920's, **The Boyfriend** features a cast of twenty Winston-Salem players. Principal characters are portrayed by Little Theatre veterans with the exception of Polly, played by Beverly Culbreath. Johnnie Smith assumes the role of Bobby Van Heusan; Mary Ramsey of Masie, and George Lee of Tony. Other characters of foreign and noble origins are Madame Dubon-

net, alias Jane Dull; Sir Percival Browne, played by Jim Austin; Bobby Dayle as Lord Brockhurst, and Helen Bryant acting as Lady Brockhurst. Doris Pardington directs the cast.

There is much singing and dancing in the show. Choreographic work is managed by Deanne Collins; music is directed by Phyllis Oesley. Also adding color is a collection of authentic 1920 costumes and 1968-styled old fashioned bathing suits. This is a production of personality which promises much audience appeal to theater-goers of Winston-Salem. In Little Theatre terms, "This show lilts; it is tuneful and reflects the high spirits and innocence of the Charleston and cloche hat days. You'll have a ball!"

Other writers contributing this week are Jane Bostian, Cyn-dee Grant, Candy Stell, Barbara Horney, and Sara Engram.

ISN'T THIS PAPER A MESS?!!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Piedmont University Center will be held on Tuesday, May 14, at Reynolda House. Dr. Dale H. Gramley, President of the Board, will preside at the meeting.

The northern area of the college Alumnae Association will meet on campus on Thursday, May 16.

A grant of \$400 for 1968-69 has been received by the college from the Presser Foundation of Philadelphia. The grant will be awarded to a music student who is planning to teach.

Dr. James W. Edwards, Head of the Biology Department, will be on campus this weekend to assist in the senior comprehensive examinations. Dr. Edwards is completing a year of special study at Cornell University.

The American Guild of Organists will hold a workshop in Hanes Auditorium May 10-11.

Pool To Open; Rules Set Down

In the near future Salem's swimming pool will be filled with water (rather than frying girls), and the lifeguards will take over their domain. In preparation for this coming day, WRA has asked that we pay attention to certain rules.

It is especially important that the pool area be entered only when a life guard is present. The official swimming times will be posted in the Refectory as soon as they are decided upon.

Also, the WRA has asked that these rules be adhered to:

1. No food, chewing gum, cigarettes or glass containers will be allowed in the pool area.
2. The pool is to be used by Salem students only.
3. Proper pool conduct is expected at all times. No running, horseplay — only one on the diving board, etc.
4. Students must wear a bathing suit when using the pool.
5. Enter the pool area through the basement of Clewell. Do not go over the wall.
6. No Smoking in the pool area.

WRA feels that it is only fair to warn Salemites that infringement of these rules will be referred to Student Government. However, obeying a few regulations should help to make this a pleasant swimming season for all of us.

Students Express Views On Exam Changes, SSC

Dear Editor,

I would like to try to clarify exactly what has happened in relation to NSA on this campus since last November.

When I was elected Coordinator of NSA around Thanksgiving, NSA was in trouble. Legislative Board had set up a commission to study the value of Salem's affiliation with the United States National Student Association. The NSA and I tried to evaluate our position and then plan a program of action that would enable us to keep our affiliation. But within the space of two weeks, we felt that it was a hopeless fight. The few who knew anything about NSA didn't like it; the few who knew nothing about it APPEARED to be against it. We therefore, under my direction and advice, decided to petition to drop Salem's affiliation and thus avoid a fight that would drag out all spring and undoubtedly end in defeat. I tried to keep what would be most beneficial to the student body in mind at all times when I began to initiate action.

While Mary Alice and I were trying to plan an organization that could take over the functions of NSA, the International Relations Club petitioned to become a budget organization. Gail Rogers, Kathi Long, and I compromised to form two separate bodies. IRC, in its trial year as a budget organization next year, will try to take over the non-service elements of NSA—international programming, speakers, informing the students of current events, discussion groups, films, etc. The problem then was to draw up what was left of NSA into a comprehensive, effective body that would aid the student body.

The idea for a Student Service Council came into being. With the help of Mary Alice and ideas I had gathered from innumerable NSA functions, I wrote the petition to form SSC and its constitution. It would not be a part of Student Government in the sense that the budget organizations are, for it would take its money directly from Student Government; yet its head was to be a major officer, elected from the student body. In this way, we hoped that SSC could become a vital part of life at Salem. SSC would not only continue such mechanical work as the Book Exchange. It would also be an aggressive, challenging force that would gather ideas from other campuses and use them to stimulate student government to continue existing

programs (such as curriculum evaluation, which has been allowed to drop). I had hoped that the SSC would serve as Salem's contact with the outside world.

But it did not happen quite that way. SSC, as the new Leg. Board has set it up, could become little more than a tool of student government. Its head is not a major officer, although she does sit on Leg. Board without a vote; she will not have the students' backing she would have, had she been elected by the students. Rather than becoming a part of a dynamic, active student government—one that initiates petitions and moves quickly in immediate response to its student body—I fear that SSC will become another organization that will lie, useless and idle, until someone or a Somebody happens to think of it and uses it because it had been impotent for so long. The future of SSC lies in the hands of the student body. By voicing an opinion to someone on Leg. Board who will speak up in the meetings, SSC can become a nerve center on Salem's campus.

SSC is NOT to become a second NSA, either in name or form. I now regret that I did not push the NSA disaffiliation petition (it was introduced in January but not acted on until March) so that you, the student body, would have had time to offer suggestions as to how you would have liked the resulting bodies structured. By being more aggressive, perhaps I would have been allowed to explain the thinking behind the petition creating SSC to the new Leg. Board before they set it up.

All my "I wish" 'es are now too late. I can only give my endorsement to SSC's new head, Louise Sherrill, and hope that the student body will be given the opportunity one day to read and vote on SSC's constitution.

If anyone has any questions regarding my stand or what has been done within the last six months, I hope they will come to me directly. I will be glad to do all I can to continue to serve the school and the student body.

Respectfully,
Lyn Davis

Dear Editor:

I have delayed in writing this letter for a long time, with the hope that the exam policy of the college might show some improvement, but unfortunately I have seen few signs of amelioration in a system which

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