

Organizations Need You - Be Active, Get Involved

You're a Freshman now—and this is just the beginning. You have a new way of life, new horizons opening for you with your college career. Your academic work is of prime importance—but what I want to emphasize are the activities other than school work which college offers to you.

Traditionally one of the advantages of a small school is the opportunity for everyone to get involved in campus and civic organizations and projects. There is much truth in this statement. But it only becomes a reality when YOU take the initiative..

Your academic life is important, but it is through campus activities that you make new friends, find outlets for your interests and take "breathers" from your schoolwork. With the large number of campus organizations, it's obvious that YOU are needed to keep them functioning. And often Organizations Heads don't have the time or knowledge to recruit a sufficient number of interested people to staff their organizations. Consequently, the responsibility is upon you to let yourself be known, to become involved in campus activities.

There is no doubt that you will benefit from your involvement in campus activities, but the entire college community will benefit also. As you enter Salem, you bring with you new ideas, interests, talents and energies just waiting to be tapped, and this can only be done if you become involved and active in campus life.

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Around The Square

Clewell Hosts Surprises For Frosh

By Celia Watson

Attention Clewell Kids! As the lucky newcomers to carpeted Clewell, you may find the following dormitory highlights interesting and informative:

1. Clewell is the only dorm at Salem that has an ice machine; and if the gods are with you, you may find ice in it two out of every six trips you make downstairs.

2. As residents of Roach City (as some affectionately call Clewell), you have several washing machines right at hand in the basement. So, when you're tired of cracked buttons on blouses and board-stiff jeans that the laundry readily supplies, you can collaborate with a friend who's washing her red Salem nightie and get back still-dirty socks tinted a putrid pink.

3. Another illustrious feature of Clewell are the pay telephones for

out-going calls located for privacy in the laundry room. If not a single one of the five hundred resident Salemites is using a washer and if the ice machine isn't running you might hear the operator the fourth or even the third time she asks for your number.

4. When winter rolls around and the heating is turned on, all you jazz lovers can practice bongo accompaniment to the clickety-clang-

clap of the pipes (which run attractively throughout the rooms providing a trellis for paper flowers and a rack for drying stockings) sometimes until 2 a.m.

Such are the bounteous benefits in store for you envied-by-everyone Clewell cuties. But don't despair Salemites of Gramley and Babcock—you'll get a shot at Pandemonium Paradise next year.

Class Of '73 — The Statistics Scoop

The 1969 freshman will have a variety of names, but will probably be called Elizabeth, Ann, Mary or Susan. The tallest is 5 ft. 10 inches, the shortest 4 ft. 11 inches; the average girl is 5 ft. 5 inches. Her average weight is 118 pounds, though possibly as heavy as 160 pounds and as light as 96 pounds. Thirty-three of the freshmen wear contact lenses.

Forty-four of the freshmen (including the five new day students) come from North Carolina but over all will represent 19 different states and one foreign country. They're from as far north as Groveton, New Hampshire, as far south as Goulds, Florida, and as far west as Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In high school she was most likely on the annual staff or newspaper staff, a member of the student council, and a cheerleader. Approximately 74% of the freshmen attended public high schools.

She averages 18 academic units for her four years of high school

preparation; 4 in English, 4 in foreign language (usually French), 4 units in math, 3 in science, and 3 in history. At this point she plans to major either in English or some field of science, or math.

Patience And Prudence — Not The Now Generation

(ACP)—While patience may be regarded as virtuous by the older generation, it is not a virtue coveted by the growing student generation, says the *Ball State News* of Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

The newspaper's editorial continued:

History, in many cases, reveals the futility of patience.

"Be patient," the elder statesmen of four generations said to the enslaved Negro. "You will have your day." So the Negro was patient. And "his day" was put off until tomorrow.

The main hope for the student generation lies in its rejection of the belief that patience will be rewarded by "the gift of a better day."

"Listen to all that protest," says the older generation which fights wars, domestic and foreign, from their desks. "There's no respect for age. These students are irresponsible. They make a mockery of freedom."

Freedom does demand responsibility. But responsibility also requires freedom and a voice in the course of events. If an individual's life is put in jeopardy for a cause, then he has a right to question responsibly the reasoning that says his dying is necessary.

The same holds true in a university. If an individual is getting a second-rate education, he has the

right to demand something better. If he is treated like a child in the determination of important policies that affect his campus life and as a "young adult" in the less important areas, he should be able to actively seek a cure to this administrative schizophrenia.

If he's a second-class citizen in the campus community because of age, race, or the length of his hair,

he should question the middle-aged, closely-cropped, white administration which says this role is best for him.

If the individual chooses to wait for academic reform to descend from Mount Olympus, he must be patient.

Things come to those who wait, but only those things which aren't very important.

Sally Salem Writes Home Of Orientation Experience

Dear Mom and Dad,

I just can't believe I'm really here. Since you left, we haven't sat down for two minutes. Everybody is so nice, and I love it already. My roommate is beautiful and has more clothes than I've ever seen. Do you know that she carried at least fourteen boxes of shoes up all three flights of stairs three different times? There's really no room at all for mine but that's okay. I know we are going to get along well. We really don't have a thing in common, but that doesn't seem to matter. We probably won't have to get bedspreads, curtains, etc. for at least three

weeks—she'll still be unpacking! We discussed colors; she wants red and I told her that was fine with me (although I'd really like blue).

We went to dinner and had delicious sandwiches. There are candy machines downstairs which will be nice for a midnight snack; but since we can't stay up after 11 p.m. I guess that will have to do. And everyone talks about the "F. D." I can't wait to find out what that is. I've heard you gain twenty pounds a month—but I know I won't!

Already I've met three girls—the ones in my Orientation Group. My adviser is so sweet and her room is just darling. All the upper-classmen here now have really been nice to us, but I wonder what it will be like the day everyone else arrives. They're great one at a time—but not all at once.

Ooops! I'm supposed to be at a meeting right now. According to Attention Please! I'm out of time. Oh no, the meeting is in Hanes, and I don't know where that is.

Write soon and say "hello" to Rover and Fluffy, and Grandma and Granddaddy, and Susan, Bob, and Joe. I miss you, but I am really happy—don't worry.

Love,
Sally

P. S. Please send a "CARE" package big enough to wipe out the dust in my Post Office box at Salem Station. I'll probably call tomorrow night to find out how everyone is (if you don't call first).

Beyond The Square

Misconceptions Hurt Peace Corp Image

(ACP)—The Peace Corps has been one victim of the revisionism many students feel toward the "establishment," comments the University of Pittsburgh's *Pitt News*.

Because it is a government agency, the newspaper continued in an editorial, people tend to identify it with Johnson administration policies and thus dismiss it. This is unfair, because the Peace Corps exemplifies the kind of solution being advocated by many Vietnam war critics—namely, a means whereby underdeveloped nations can be strengthened on the grass roots level through education and economic development.

This winter's crop of recruiters has noted that large campuses are not as responsive to the Peace Corps as they once were; it is as if a feeling of disillusionment has set in. We think this is a correct analysis; we see the futility, the feeling that one cannot change the status quo, in other situations, such as participation in student government elections.

We cannot criticize this alienation too harshly, because there are valid reasons for it. Too many hopes have not been realized. A recent survey of college students asking them to name a hero showed that many were unable to cite anyone. The void left by President Kennedy's death has not been filled. On all fronts, whether national politics or the Negro revolution, the "promises to keep" have not been kept.

Resignation is too easy to accept—and far too dangerous. It is lamentable that so many of us accept defeat so quickly. The war in Vietnam will not end automatically. The establishment in Washington will not alter its course in response to our disillusionment. But that does not bar us from making our mark.

If we remain armchair critics, are we not really accepting the status quo? Why not take the other alternative and make a contribution through the Peace Corps or VISTA? Then we will have begun the thousand-mile journey—we will have taken the vital first step.

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