

SALEM 1969-1970

Date entered	Resident Student	
	Tuition	Total Cost*
1966	\$1,100	\$2,500
1967	\$1,200	\$2,700
1968		
1969		

SALEM 1970-1971

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	Tuition	Total Cost*
1967	\$1,350	\$3,000
1968		
1969		
1970		

*Covers tuition, board, room, laundry, library, science laboratory costs, applied music instruction when taken for credit, accident insurance, and diploma.

Tuition Fees To Rise As Cost Of Living Goes Up

Beginning first semester of the 1970-1971 year, Salem students will pay an increased fee voted upon by the Board of Trustees at their October meeting. The increase for boarding students will be from \$2,700 to \$3,000 and for day students from \$1,200 to \$1,350 per year. The increase will affect all students, regardless of what year they entered.

The reason for the increase is primarily the rising cost of living which, according to Dr. Gramley's letter to parents on January 14, has risen between 12% and 14% since 1967. Comptroller Peter Smitherman noted that the increase was made to meet increased expenses for faculty and administrative salaries and for increased wages for other employees, primarily to raise wage levels to the federal minimum wage standards. Increased costs for goods and services have also contributed significantly to the rising operating expenses of the college. College expenses have increased at a rate of about 4% per year for the last five years while there has been no tuition increase since 1967, and the coming fee raise from \$2,700 to \$3,000 is only an 11% increase.

Out of an approximate budget of \$2 million for 1969-1970, Mr. Smitherman revealed that about 45% of that sum is paid annually for faculty and administrative salaries. He also noted that alumnae contributions comprise approximately 2% of the operating college budget, and that \$77,000 was appropriated from the 1969-1970 budget for scholarships. There are no plans for expanding Salem at present, but renovations and redecorations, which have been put off for the past year for financial reasons, will have to be made if and when funds become available in the future.

It might also be noted that September enrollment figures for Salem dropped this year from last year, from 538 (497 boarders and 41 day students) in 1968-1969 to 517 (486

OTHER WOMEN'S COLLEGES

College	Entering '69	Entering '70 Total Cost
Bennington	\$4,325	Same
Hollins	\$3,350	\$3,600
Mary Baldwin	\$3,100	Same
Mount Holyoke	\$3,550	Same
Randolph-Macon	\$3,100	\$3,400
Reed	\$3,385	Same
Sarah Lawrence	\$4,300	Same
Smith	\$3,455	\$3,680
Sweetbriar	\$3,600	Same
Agnes Scott	\$2,900	\$3,000
Salem	\$2,700	\$3,000

boarders and 31 day students) in 1969-1970, thus decreasing the income of the college this year.

Whether Salem's fees will be increased in the future depends on the direction which the present inflationary trend will take, although the Board of Trustees estimates that the fee increase for next year

will be adequate for the next three to four years. Economists have noted that President Nixon's efforts to curb inflation do not at this time seem to be very effective since national estimates of the cost of living for November, December and January have not declined when compared with previous months.

One must consider that in order to maintain academic standing and present standards of service to students, Salem must meet the rising costs of operating the college. The accompanying chart reveals that other women's colleges have also had to increase student fees and that Salem, along with Agnes Scott, will have the lowest total cost for students of the women's colleges listed on the chart for 1970-1971, and the lowest of all these colleges listed for the present year.

NOTICE

Help make St. Patrick's Day, March 17, happy for disabled veterans. The Y is sponsoring a fun party at the Veteran's Hospital in Salisbury. We'll eat early and then leave at 6 p.m., returning by 10 p.m. Transportation will be provided. We hope to see you all.

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You have to hear it to believe it! Four Fun Plans for European Summer. Ten weeks of the most educational, economical, meaningful, and just plain fun ever. All inclusive, also accredited. Come hear all about it March 11, 1970. Informal talk by Claude Shotts, director of Guilford Seminars Abroad Program. Don't miss it! For more information contact Jane Cross, second floor Strong.

Parents Come To Visit Freshmen This Weekend

The Salem campus will be inundated Saturday by approximately 360 members of the "other generation." March 7 is Freshman Parents' Day.

Parents will arrive and register between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Lunch will be served at noon, and the mothers and fathers will be furnished entertainment with their meal in the form of a fashion show featuring clothes styles and fads of the Thirties and Forties. From 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a faculty tea in the Club Dining Room where parents will have the opportunity to meet the freshman teachers. All afternoon the freshmen dorms and lib-

rary will be open for visitation. Ping-pong and pool facilities will be available in the gym and student center for bored fathers or just anyone to enjoy.

At 6 p.m. freshmen and their parents will be the guests of Salem at a banquet in the refectory. Then while the parents enjoy traditional talks by Dr. Gramley, Dean Johnson, Dean Hixson, Mr. Gibson (Freshman Class Advisor), and Susan Gravely (Freshman Class President), in Shirley the freshmen will be madly preparing for the big Parents' Day skit to be presented in Hanes. The theme of this year's Parents' Day is "Peanuts" characters on an easter-egg hunt. This is the idea that will support the skit and be reflected in outdoor decorations.

Be Sure To See 'Round of Three

By Mary Davis

The Pierrette Players are getting ready for a new spring production. They are trying something different this time. March 11-14, "A Round of Three," three one-act plays in the round, will be presented in the Drama Workshop. Not only are the plays student acted but also student directed.

The Boor by Anton Chekov is directed by Carol Hewitt with student actresses Margaret Floyd and Janet Ward. Reed Potter, a law student at Wake Forest, will also appear in the play. Mary Davis and Mary Ann Patterson are co-starring in **Save Me a Place at Forest Lawn** which is directed by Celia Watson. A one act opera, **Sancta Susanna** by Paul Hindemith is directed by Dail Mahood and Dee Geraty. Rebecca McConaughy, Heather Wemyss and Libby Cain are all in the opera. All of these are different and should prove to be an evening of good entertainment.

Tickets go on sale Monday, March 9. All student tickets are free and can be picked up any time during the day.

Curtain's at 8 p.m.!

Salem Representatives Attend Ecological Press Conference

By Laurie Daltroff

Four Salemite representatives attended the February 27-March 2 College Editors Conference sponsored by USSPA in Washington, D. C. Jeanne Patterson, Cori Pasquier, Sara Engram, and I, Laurie Daltroff, had the unforgettable experience of mind-expanding encounters with editors and anarchists from Montana to Maine.

The convention was entitled "what's the difference if we don't wake up?" and covered various aspects of ecology, causing us to wonder if in fact there would be a difference. We attended panel discussions, lectures, and happenings concerning pollution, overpopulation, women's liberation, Indians, Blacks, and the ever-burgeoning movement for revolution. We sat through press conferences staged by political figures and ate to the words of Dr. Margaret Mead. We went to special midnight screenings of movies: We ached through

"They Shoot Horses, Don't They?" jeered through "Tropic of Cancer," and cheered throughout "Zabriski Point."

Walter Hickel displayed his ignorance to our highly indignant, very obnoxious crowd. The harmless Hog Farm people flitted among us, carrying a spark of childish gaiety into the tensest atmospheres. Individuals passed out every conceivable type of literature, including college newspapers, women's liberation pamphlets and papers, pollution booklets, and radical underground newspapers. It is unfortunate that every Salem girl could not expose herself to the intense environment abounding at the Marriott.

Facts and attitudes shook us: the fact that the news media can change, challenge, or influence the ideas of individuals, thus, those of society. We hoped that Barry Weisberg and Murray Bookchin repre-

sent only a minority feeling, and that Doyle Grabarc was too pessimistic when he stated that governmental birth controls will evolve as a result of individual irresponsibility. We warmed to Garret De Bell's plea for rationalism and his quest for help in lobbying for anti-pollution bills in Congress.

We learned more in five days than we usually learn in three months; we discovered that a little knowledge can be a frighteningly powerful tool. Now we wish to use this unique experience and the facts to inform everyone on campus of the necessity for awareness and action in the next few years. We realize that a lukewarm approach to the world's ecological problems cannot possibly save the human race.

It is questionable whether an idealistic revolution can save us. But the only alternative lies with responsible actions by concerned, informed citizens of all ages.