

## Looking Up From The Underground Offices

Wow, this has been some year. Without trying to sound like a Virginia Slims commercial, we've come a long way just this year. When we came to school last fall things really did look different from the way they do now. We all wore dresses and shoes, for one thing.

This was the first year that 4-1-4 was a reality that we could plan for and not just a dream. Class cuts are unlimited now and Main Hall doesn't look too empty.

On the social side, this was the first big year for SDH, for those lucky enough to have it. Now we don't have to wait fifteen minutes in the refectory for a cigarette, but we do have to wait for forty-five minutes for the night watchman. Now we can drink at Salem functions and even occasionally on campus.

Honor Tradition was re-evaluated this year. Student Government underwent a big change too, one which we hope will make the system more efficient and fair.

Are we blue-jeaned, class-cutting late-hour-keepers going to stop here? You can bet your parental permission slip we're not.

Definite moves forward already planned for next year are no more required assemblies, no handbook tests for upperclassmen, proficiency tests for freshmen placement and a great year for Symposium and Bi-centennial plans. Other things that we're trying to work out include the possibility of Interdisciplinary majors, a key system for SDH, and the hope of more liberal drinking rules on campus.

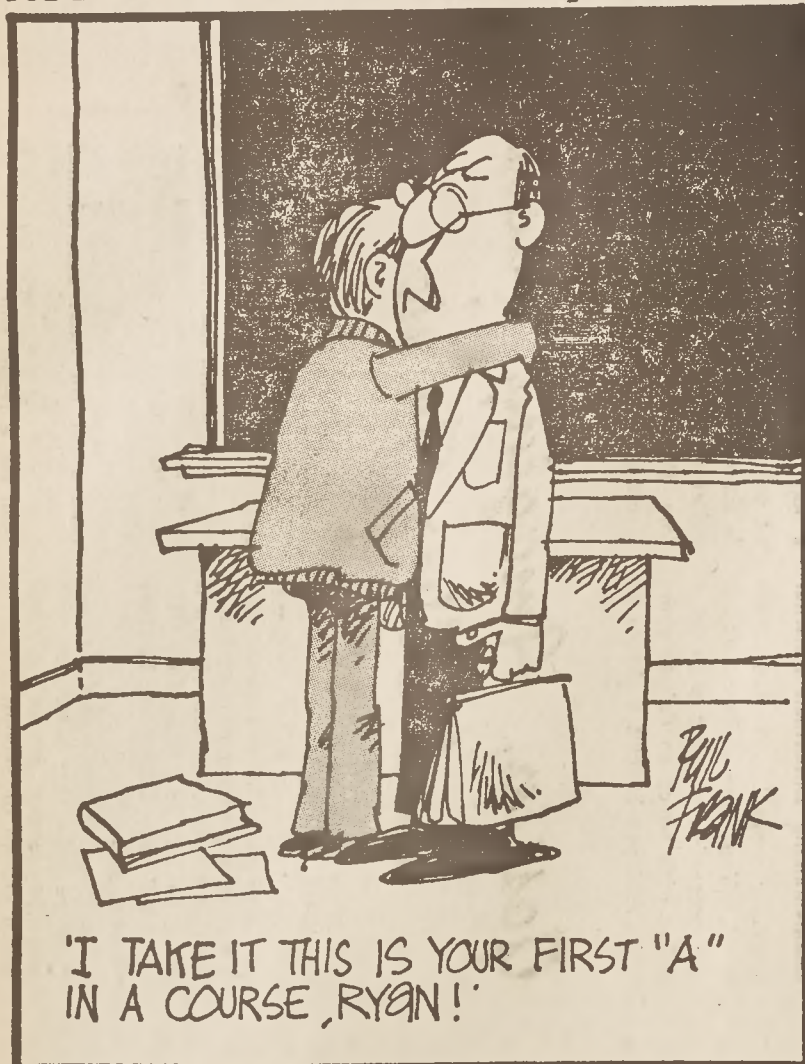
Some things that we could plan to work on next year would be the possibility of making changes in the present plan of the refectory—maybe a system of lunch tickets or cafeteria style, working towards a pass-fail system for grading and the possibility of getting faculty and student representation on the Board of Trustees.

No matter how you look at it, next year is going to be a good one.

The 1971 **Sights and Insights** will be a summer edition this year. The books will be delivered on July 30 and Senior's books will be mailed to them. Everyone else can pick up their books when they return to school in September. If you are not returning to Salem, please give your name to Libby Seibert and she will see that your book is mailed. There will be a slight charge for shipping and handling.

### FRANKLY SPEAKING

by Phil Frank



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# Moon Gets Serenade When N. Y. Museum Accepts Print

Jim Moon was not quite sure what the racket on his front porch was all about. But after three nights of disturbance he decided to investigate. The last thing he had expected was an "impromptu celebration" staged by none other than Miss Pence disguised as the Lorelei, strumming her lyre and Dean Johnson swathed in streams of pink toilet tissue, dancing as she merrily tossed daisies about Mr. Moon.

But what was the occasion for such merriment? Was it Mr. Moon's birthday? Had his cat just

had a new litter of kittens? Was it an early bon voyage fling before his leave for Italy? No, it was nothing as important as kittens or birthdays. Mr. Moon had merely received notice of the acceptance of one of his serigraphs by the New York Museum of Modern Art into its permanent collection . . . that's all.

Miss Pence and Dean Johnson tried not to make too much fuss since copies of the print, an excellent example of silkscreen technique, are already on display in the

North Carolina Museum, the Guggenheim Museum, and the Appalachian Corridor Exhibit. But now that Mr. Moon is immortal and occupies a position among the other heroes of the art realm, he should receive a "little" tribute for a well-deserved honor.

We all want to join Miss Pence and Dean Johnson in their enthusiasm in congratulating Mr. Moon. However, Dean Johnson warns all Salemites that Mr. Moon threatens to call the cops if anyone disturbs his sleep again with porch parties.

## Companies Try To Let Themselves, Us Off Easy

Ever since "environment" exploded into the American consciousness, the most frequently asked question has been, "What can I do?"

To answer those questions many organizations have published pamphlets, handbooks and guides that deal with what could be called "lifestyles." They urge the citizens to use white toilet paper, compost his garbage, launder with non-phosphate soaps, tune up his car, and in general see that his purchases are not the result of environmentally destructive practices.

Too often these booklets become the easy way out both for the organizations that publish them and the citizens who use them. They enable the organizations to cope in a simple and efficient manner with the growing numbers of people who contact them for advice. And they enable the individual to check off his list of lifestyle practices and feel he is doing all he can to save the environment.

In so doing, the booklets can divert the citizen from looking more deeply into the issues of pollution and responsibility. They also make it easier for organizations to avoid coming to grips with complicated problems and reorienting their programs to cope with them.

That is not to say the lifestyle booklets are bad. Far from it. They are often essential in helping people realize that everything they do has environmental implications—whether it is in misuse of natural resources or poisoning of air and water. They also help people see the interconnections of all things which is the essence of ecology. However, they can mislead people into thinking that if they follow those guides, environmental problems will be solved. And they imply that the consumer can always make significant environmentally sound choices.

Unfortunately, that just isn't so. For even if everyone carried out the lifestyle recommendations there

would be no noticeable improvement in the poisonous condition of air and water. Solid waste problems would still be overwhelming and natural resources would continue to be misused. The probable result would be disillusionment on a massive scale.

The real problem is that there are few environmentally sound alternatives.

Consider the automobile. It is responsible for the majority of air pollution. Except for the very few American cities which have subways, mass transit in America is still a dream. Most people have no choice but to drive to work, and they cannot choose but to own an auto with an internal combustion engine. The alternatives—walking and bicycling—are both unpleasant and unhealthy as long as the majority continues to drive cars.

Or take recycling. Most lifestyle booklets focus attention on turning in old newspapers but ignore the problem of creating a demand for the recycled paper those newspapers will become. Many mills already

claim to be handling all the waste paper they can and industry says it will take 20 years to build the facilities necessary to recycle the paper now available. If all government, businesses and organizations insisted on buying recycled paper, it's probable those mills would be built a lot sooner.

These solutions, however, are complicated and more difficult. Since it's hard enough to get people to give up their phosphates and to buy returnable bottles, it isn't surprising that organizations often emphasize the easier things, postponing for a while a serious discussion of what saving the environment really requires.

It requires reading dull, complicated laws and financing lawsuits against polluters and recalcitrant government agencies. It takes finding out how city or country government works, what interest groups get their way, and how the citizen can make his voice heard over that of the lobbyist.

It is hard work. And it will take a long long time.

## Symposium 72 — To Explore Future World

by Meredith Hardy

Everyone has been dreaming and speculating about all the new changes that will take place next year. Perhaps your January Program is taking shape or being given SDH for the first time excites you, but many of us will experience our first symposium. Next year's Symposium will be held in April, probably during the second week. The Theme is "The Future Society" and it will cover these three main areas: Religion of the Future, Future of the Family, and Future Economics. These will be discussed by out-

standing speakers and then broken down into discussion groups. The Symposium Committee is writing such speakers as Bess Myerson Grant (editor of Consumer Affairs in New York), Sylvia Porter (a well known economist) and Jesse Bernard (a distinguished writer). The Committee is working with a \$4,000 budget supported by the Student Government and Alumni Organizations. The Symposium is still in its formative stages and is still soliciting suggestions for speakers. They have asked faculty members for suggestions and would like any student help. Do you know of any interesting, exciting new religious cult leader? or religious mystic? an economist who can predict the future economical conditions in America? What about a Women's Liberationist who can speak on the future family? If you have any suggestions or comments about the symposium please contact student chairman, Libba McPherson.

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