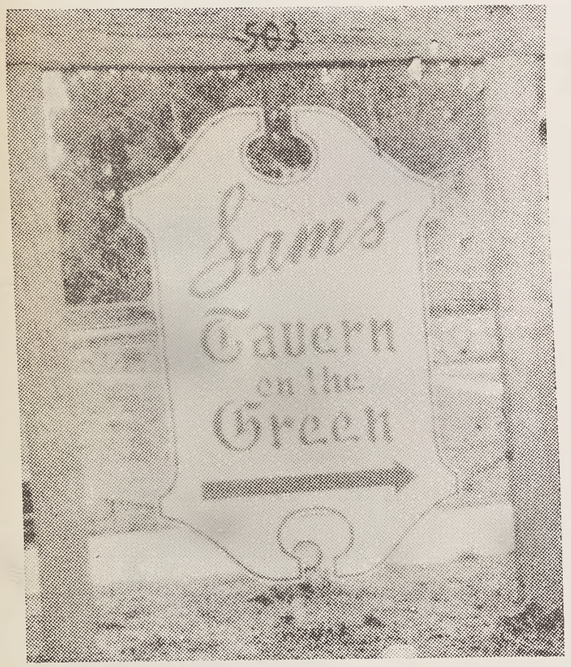

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WELCOME TO OUR GANG CLASS OF' 75

Class of '75,

Hi! I'm Spanky, the official spokesman of Our Gang, the Orientation Committee. I want to be one of the first to welcome you to Salem. All of the upperclassmen and I hope that you will soon love Salem as much as we do.

This year marks Salem's 200th birthday and we hope that you will help us celebrate. In 200 years Salem and the Salemites have established many traditions which will become familiar to you this year. I'll give you a quickie tour of the more outstanding ones.

The first one that you will notice is the loud, happy times when the upperclassmen return on Wednesday. It's a tradition that everyone make as much noise as possible. Don't feel left out because you don't have any long lost friends; before you know it you will be joining right in the hugging, screaming and furious chatter.

Another tradition is the formal opening assembly of the academic year. This year it will be held for the first time at night and it promises to be quite impressive.

In October everyone will take an afternoon off from classes to celebrate Founder's Day. After field games and skits and much yelling, one class is declared the winner of Founder's Day and everyone rushes off to the Tavern or some other hot spot to celebrate.

Christmas is a beautiful time at Salem. Such traditions as the Christmas banquet, Christmas Candle Vespers, Senior Carolling and the Y's Orphanage Party keep the Christmas spirit in all of us.

Dean Johnson's coffee helps take the pressure off exams and gives us a break from all the frantic studying.

Then in the spring everyone takes to the outdoors to study, play, sunbathe, and there is always someone who thinks up something to do outdoors that no one has thought of doing yet. Also we have Senior tree and ivy planting to look forward to. Spring is really a busy time for the seniors as they attend dinners and teas and worry about jobs or look forward to weddings.

Before you know it, it's exam time again and then it's summer and you are sophomores looking forward to another year of traditions and another freshman class.

So once more, for all of Our Gang, let me welcome you, Class of '75.