

# EDITORIALS

Recently there have been many meetings of campus organizations frantically attempting to organize their agendas for next year. Among these groups is the Student Center Committee working closely with Dr. Chandler, Susan Hendrick, Mr. Yarborough, the Senior Class, other interested students, and faculty. These people feel it is imperative for our future as a full time campus (rather than a suitcase school) that all members of the Salem community evaluate present and potential use of the Student Center.

At this time our Student Center is merely a nicely arranged room. Granted it has a nice atmosphere—for people who enjoy sitting in the dark with nothing to do. It also has two pool tables—which amuse the novice who can play at pool without the aid of a cue ball and its varicolored constituents. Our Student Center once housed a piano, a radio and a change machine. They were taken out. It once had a color television set which was stolen some dark and lonely night. It still boasts an ancient, brokendown juke box no thief has yet been induced to steal.

The Student Center Committee recognizes the degenerate state of the Center's facilities and has undertaken the task of making the SC an enjoyable gathering place offering luxuries not available in our dormitories. At this time the committee has reinstated the coffee setup, and hopes to handle more coffee, tea and doughnuts. Other refreshments may be added next autumn. The committee has located a piano for the S.C. and has purchased billiard equipment (to be installed in the Center in September). A new television set will replace the stolen one, and if all plans jell, a new juke box or record player system might grace the SC in the near future.

The committee plans, moreover, to remove several of the unneeded tables. Perhaps they can replace them with the furniture from the TV room. This allows for more leisure space in the larger room where the new TV will be set up. The small room could be furnished with cast-off dorm furniture (several dormitories are receiving new furniture this summer), and used by "quiet types" and "retiring couples," instead of being used for storage as has been suggested.

These tentative plans will provide us with a marvelous social area, but there is no guarantee that students will take advantage of it. We now have the privilege of drinking on campus. The mere lack of alcoholic beverage sales in the SC does not preclude our enjoying impromptu parties and casual drinking there. Several dorms already have become centers of such social activity. Why not the Student Center, which could draw off noise from the housing areas?

Many people complain that we need a good food setup in the SC. The Senior Class plans to leave \$1000 to a specially-created SC grill fund (subject to change, as of this printing). This would be used with other funds within the next five years to install an elaborate grill system. But what happens if the Senior Class must reallocate their contribution after five years have elapsed and sufficient money has not been collected?

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WASHINGTON—Students on a number of U. S. campuses have begun a campaign to turn the Nixon Administration around on its refusal to hold public hearings on the issue of environmental impact of the proposed trans-Alaska pipeline.

Working with the Alaska Action Committee, an organization of conservationists living in the vicinity of Washington, D. C., these students are distributing a pamphlet entitled "The Alaska Pipeline Reading Lesson." The pamphlet deals with unanswered questions and inconsistencies found in the government's pipeline impact statement.

At issue is whether the federal government will grant, as early as May 4, a permit for construction of the 789-mile, hot-oil pipeline that would carry oil from Purdhoie Bay in the Arctic to the Alaskan port of Valdez. There the oil would be transferred to tankers for transport along the west coast of Canada to western U. S. ports.

Canadians have expressed fears about the prospects of oil spills on their coast along the route. In addition, environmentalists fear that the pipeline, going through one of the world's most active earthquake zones, might exact severe damage on the wilderness, rivers, streams, wildlife and fishery resources of Alaska. All of the land over which the pipeline would be laid is owned by the federal government.

In its own study of environmental impact the Interior Department reveals there would be less environmental risk and no greater economic cost involved in constructing a pipeline through Canada. However, the consortium of seven oil companies seeking the trans-Alaska permit already has pipe stockpiled and wants to go ahead with the project as originally conceived.

The government, in refusing to hold public hearings on the impact statement, urged interested citizens to read the report and render comments. Conservationists complain, however, that there are only seven copies of the nine-volume study available for public inspection in the "lower 48" states. Copies can be purchased through the mail, but they cost \$42.50, and delivery time is still uncertain.

What interested students can do is send a letter—or a telegram—to the President, asking for 90 days to review the statement followed by full public hearings to bring the knowledge and wisdom of the American people to this important decision-making process. Student action is needed, and it's needed now. Write or wire:

President Richard M. Nixon  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

In spite of the imposing concern on the part of conservationists, ecologists, Congress members and students, the Nixon Administration appears determined to bow to oil industry demands to issue the pipeline permit.

To Salem students (especially those who attend Senior Follies):

I am frankly appalled by the lack of manners shown at the refreshment period after Senior Follies. I am aware that food brings out the animal instinct in Salem "ladies," but this was absurd. The vicious grabbing for cookies and cups of punch was altogether unnecessary. I realize that I'm guilty of the same, but I had never realized what we looked like in our frantic attack on free food until I saw it from a server's point of view. Servers got punch spilled on them and they had difficulty maneuvering the approximate 10 feet from the kitchen to the serving table. It doesn't seem at all necessary to swarm around the back of the table as well as the front. I was amazed at the people who took it upon themselves to clutter the small kitchen as they

could avoid the pack and get refreshments at the same time. Fortunately there were not many visitors from outside of our Salem community to witness such a lack of manners and I hope the situation will be corrected immediately.

Kathy Bacon

Editor, Salemite  
Re Symposium

The hallowed groves of academe have been infested by a bunch of frustrated Johnny Carsons.

Bill Mangum

Dear Editor,

I have some thoughts which I've been wanting for a long time now to get out of my head and into somebody else's.

Have you ever considered what

## Podium: Students Speak

# Exodus Grips Students

As at many girls' schools, there exists here at Salem a mass student exodus on the weekends. An opinion poll was taken to discover student awareness and reactions to this situation. The question asked was: What can be done to make more girls stay at Salem on the weekends? Some answers and opinions follow.

**Meg Hutchins:** "There is nothing for a girl to do if she brings a guy here, so consequently she goes where he is. Why should we be expected to stay?"

**Leslie Bass:** "A convenient, inexpensive place for the boys to stay is needed."

**Malinda Mitchell:** "Have more things like IRS, and have open dorms on the weekends. If you have these things the girls have to support them."

**Donna Daeke:** "I don't think that anything can be done to make girls stay here because if boys aren't here the girls are going where they are."

**Madelyn Rankin:** "Go Co-ed and have better meals."

**Mary Dorsett:** "I guess what girls want is some place they can bring their dates to—nothing formal, just something casual — like cheap movies, WRA softball games with bring your own beer, or picnics with folk singing. Also try to get another TV."

**Caroline Gaver:** "Have more activities on the weekends that dates would enjoy and also have open dorms on the weekends. Make good use of the student center as a coffee house."

**Sarah Tucker:** "Greensboro has concerts like Andy Williams, Chicago, and the 5th Dimension; why not Winston-Salem?"

**Lee Simmons:** "Nothing can make me stay here on the weekend."

**Debbie Warner:** "Yes, I do care about this name tagged to Salem. I feel somehow we must delegate some funds towards some kind of entertainment over the weekends. However, more importantly I wish we could have 'rap sessions' with each other over some of the things going on here and at other places. The weekend is a good time to talk over those things we never have time to talk about during the week, for example the war in Vietnam, economy, Women's Lib, etc. I also believe we must get together and involve ourselves in community activities, for example weekend playgroups for youngsters, volunteer work at hospitals, or maybe do some serious work with the drug programs. I hope that by involving ourselves with things outside of the campus we can find more purpose in what we're doing or attempting to do here. It's worth a try."

**Irene Kimel:** "As long as Saem remains a girls school, the weekend remains the best time to get to-

gether with the opposite sex. I don't see how Salem can be anything but a suitcase school. This might be changed if we had open dorms."

**Joan Spangler:** "Activities must be planned with the student being responsible for herself and her guest. I am making this a direct comment towards what happened to the gym over IRS weekend. More dances, more open dorms as this weekend proves open dorms can be a success. Girls should use facilities here, but I also agree that as long as Salem is a girls' school, it will be hard to have student participation. Therefore, I care about what happens."

**Anne Tillet:** "There's no reason to stay because there's nothing going on here. Plan other weekends that have something for us to do. I'd like to see more people together like they might have been last weekend."

**Libby Bragg:** "You have to look for things to do. There's nothing to do. It's a vicious circle. (Beth Duncan agrees with Libby.) I wish there were more we could do with dates—places to go and things to do."

**Frere Sands:** "A lot of girl's schools are girls sick of campus and you want to leave. More dances with other clubs sponsoring more mixers especially with Freshmen, ski weekends, tennis tournaments with faculty members."

it would be like to have a cafeteria system here instead of our present family-style set up? Well think about it . . . Think about the amount of food that is wasted away because of state laws which require that leftover food once offered for consumption not be kept. Think of the amount of time and money required to have people set up tables and then stand around to wait on five hundred girls and then clean up their mess.

Our family-style dining room considered by many to be one of the nicest things about Salem. Instead, it seems to be a farce. It is ridiculous to have ten girls sitting around a table SUPPOSEDLY sharing the food as a group, conversing nicely, and being alert to each other's needs, when rarely do people even wait for the blessing to begin helping themselves as fast as they can. It seems then that we have held on only to the outward manifestation of a way of dining while its actual and real purpose was abandoned long ago. A cafeteria system would not rule out eating with friends, and we could even keep our white tablecloth having the food lines open several hours or even having the lines would mean a minimum waiting time.

Look at it from another viewpoint. How practical is it to expect that close to six hundred people should be able to sit down and eat a meal together and that the food should be hot and satisfying to a majority? Perhaps many of the gripes about the quality of our food would be quieted if people had a variety of dishes to choose from.

And it might be the case that students could do some of the work in a cafeteria-for scholarship purposes, thereby saving college money. The present maids could possibly be put on shifts, so that they could get other jobs as well and make more money.

This has obviously been a problem of mine for a long time. What do the rest of you think?

—Catherine Cooper

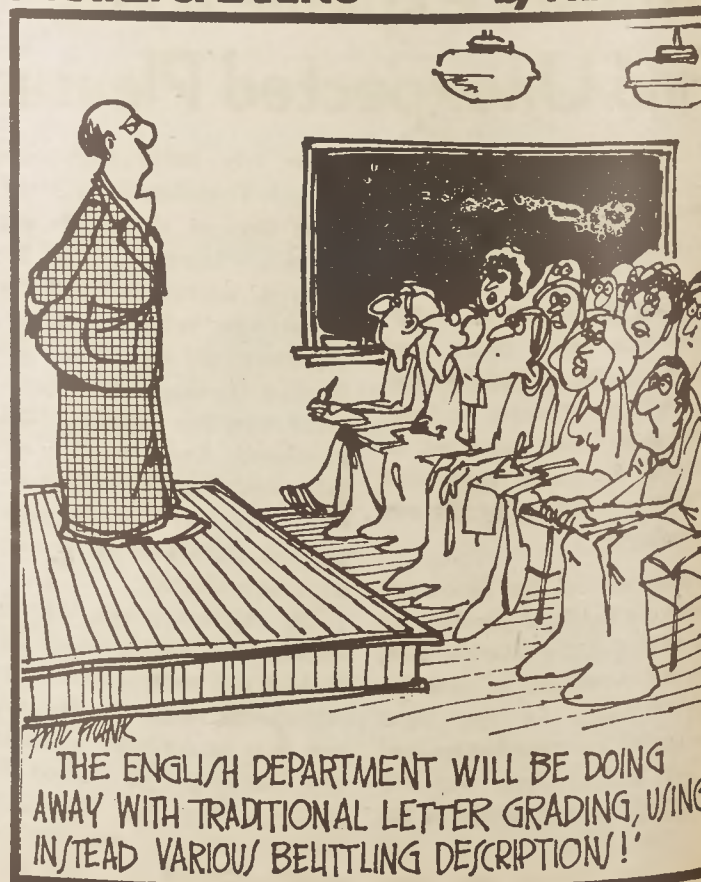
Dear Editor,

I certainly enjoyed having the opportunity to relax with my dates in my room on my hall in my dorm on my campus at Salem College last weekend on an overcast Saturday afternoon. I am looking forward to other opportunities.

Sincerely,  
Dean Cecil

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by Phil Frank



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