

EDITORIAL

"It was nothing to her, that an innocent man was to die for the sins of his forefathers; she saw, not him, but them. It was nothing to her that his wife was to be made a widow and his daughter an orphan; that was insufficient punishment, because they were her natural enemies and her prey, and as such, had no right to live. To appeal to her, was made hopeless by her having no sense of pity, even for herself. If she had been laid low in the streets, in any of the many encounters in which she had been engaged, she would not have pitied herself: nor, if she had been ordered to the axe to-morrow, would she have gone to it with any softer feelings than a fierce desire to change places with the man who sent her there."

"Such a heart Madame Defarge carried under her rough robe." Charles Dickens perceived the terrible amorality of his French revolutionaries in **A Tale of Two Cities**. His astute characterization of Madame Defarge applies today, as it has throughout history, to the people who are struggling to overcome factors which suppress their hopes for mankind. Everywhere we look—in the newspapers, on television, in the world around us—are evidences of Defarge's negative attitude toward established channels as means for improving lifestyles.

The desperation of the pro-Palestine guerrillas who, at Munich, destroyed Israelis as symbols of the oppression Palestinians suffer, is an evidence of this hopelessness and lack of consideration for any right or wrong. Exiled Palestinians despair of regaining their homes, so they react by treating all Israelis as "natural enemies and prey," with "no right to live." Nations of the world respond with shocked demands that action be taken against these killers and the countries endorsing their activities; some nations even demand that Old Testament eye-for-an-eye revenge be enacted. The revenge attitude, however, has perpetuated the Middle-East problem from time immemorial, and never has exacted lasting retribution for the avenged.

The Olympics disaster does not stand alone as a focal point of international problems. Each week revolutionaries and anarchists in the United States and in virtually every other country in the world attempt to change socio-political relationships by violent methods. The riots, hijackings, and bombings in our country in the last decade attest to this fact. One also can consider the tragedy of Northern Ireland, in which "characters" prefer to fight rather than compromise in settling political and religious disputes. Unbelievably, the established norm for behaviour in the Irish conflict seems to be recurring ferocious violence; yet, several hundred years of civil disagreement have not lessened the apparent thirst for vengeance on the parts of the Irish Revolutionaries or their Protestant-Establishment foes.

One might wish that the established norm for behavior in the "Land of the Free, Home of the Brave" were (at least) a modicum of rationale. American history seems to reveal the opposite: We are a nation founded on the despairing basis of revolution. As in our first revolution, we have come to express our disapproval through personal slander of persons and even wholesale destruction of any institution deemed outdated or inhibitive of social progress. We apparently have no sense of pity, even for ourselves; dare we despair of discovering a suitably successful alternative to the age-old pattern?

In his Opening Convocation address, Dr. Chandler counseled us as Salem students and as members of society to take courage and maintain a breath of hope for mankind and future history. Human history is, after all, potentially tragic, as he said. Human history is, at the same time, freighted with man's continuing efforts to exceed his base allegiance to princelings, whether they be princes of darkness, nationality, or self-destruction. The Munich Olympic Games, which continued despite international differences and retaliative gestures, exemplify this humane communal ideal for spiritual, mental, and physical excellence. In order to perpetuate the intellectual concept of universal manhood and preclude future reoccurrences of Vietnams, 1968 Democratic Conventions, and Watergate bugging incidents, we must, as Dr. Chandler stated in his address, "not give up hope for life or for this new year."

In two short weeks of school, students already have begun denying authority and demanding individual attentions which nullify Dr. Chandler's and other responsible people's efforts on behalf of students. Some people evidently believe that prominent members of our "community" are incapable of thinking and acting wisely for the school. Students have abused our privileges and openly defy house counselors, student government officers, and administrative representatives by entertaining men in outlawed areas, partaking of drugs on campus, and by flaunting personal anarchistic opinions before these officials. Such actions result from ignorance and an attitude prevalent among certain obnoxious American youth. These people will provoke the dissolution of all responsibilities allowed Salem students, if they continue.

If these students wish to live in a police system which grants no participation or allows no vocal opinions, they might succeed. Maybe responsible Salemites are tired of being fair; maybe we prefer a violence-engendering eye for eye system. Hopefully, though, in this new year, Salemites will not become as Madame Defarge who had "no sense of pity, even for herself."—LD

Girls Praise Refec Food

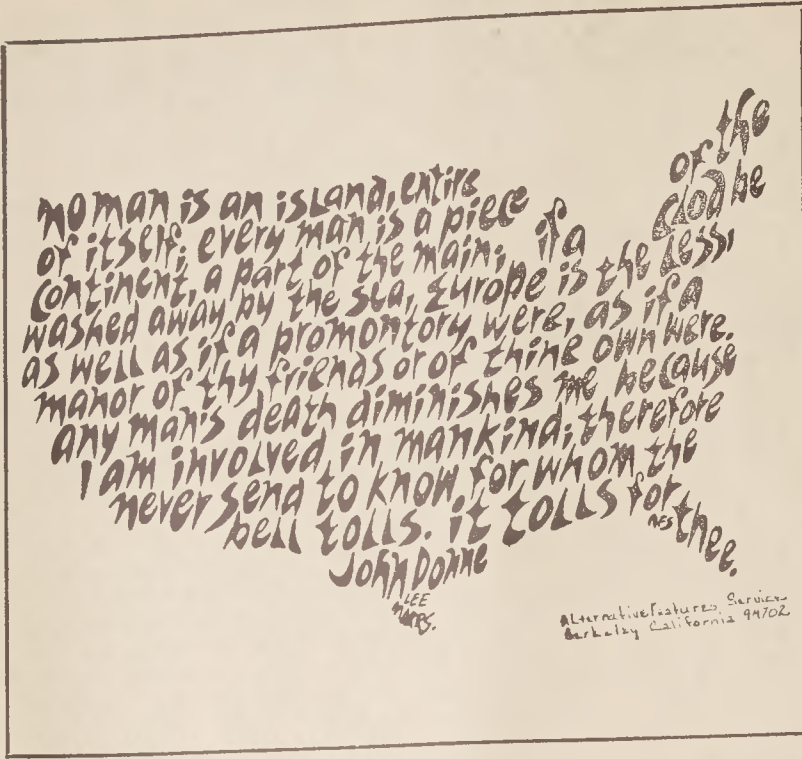
Dear Editor,

One of the nicest innovations that occurred on Salem campus this summer was the improvement in the refectory menu. The food is not only pleasing to the tastebuds but it is attractive to the eye as well. It is evident Mrs. Duncan has put much time and effort into the planning of the meals. The bright new uniforms of the maids are a definite improvement over the former in-

stitutional "greens." And of course, the extension of the breakfast hour until 9:00 a.m. was a welcome addition for all us late sleepers. With all these new changes, mealtimes at Salem are something to look forward to.

Mouthwateringly yours,

Dee Wilson
Chris Moran
Shirley Brobst



of cabbages and kings

by Sarah Dorrier

Welcome back, gang! I've been faithfully fertilizing my cabbages all summer, in hopes of harvesting a few this fall . . . so here goes!

Greetings to all you freshmen . . . it's great to see so many new faces on campus. By way of introduction, "of cabbages and kings" is the **Salemite's** socio-political column. Most of the time it's more socio than political, and sometimes (because I don't like to write complete sentences) it degenerates in dribbles.

My thoughts this week turned toward Munich and the muchly belabored 1972 Olympic games. Janie Barkman has made the competition more personal for me, as I'm sure it has for all those who know her.

Hearing Janie talk about her experiences and seeing her films of the 1968 competition in Mexico City opened up a whole new dimension in athletics for me. While Margaret Brinkley and I were traveling in January, we visited Janie in Pennsylvania. Her mother stuffed us with yummy beer stroganoff, and Mr. Barkman gave us a guided tour of their trophy-filled den.

Through Janie and her parents I've caught a glimpse of the sacrifice, the self-discipline, and the dedication necessary for athletic excellence. It's not an easy life, but there are many rewards—both tangible and intangible.

One of the highest of these rewards is the opportunity to compete internationally at the Olympics. What could be more exciting than living and working with the top amateur athletes from all over the world?

But it seems, such idealism is not to be allowed. The events of the 1972 games have sadly scarred the Olympic tradition, perhaps even permanently hampering future competition. Political expediency has seeped in around the edges, eroding fair play and the competitive spirit.

Pretty pessimistic, isn't it? But, above all the tensions and hostilities, the 1972 Olympics for me is a picture of Janie grinning tearfully as she whistles the "Star-Spangled Banner." That smile may not end the Arab-Israeli conflict or solve the Rhodesian race problem, but it sure makes positive thinking a little easier!

Will Tavern Reopen?

The Story of a Good Thing
Recently, people may have asked someone to walk over to the Salem Tavern for a beer or some sangria, only to get to the door and find it locked. Why was it locked? Because Salem students got what they wanted—drinking on campus. And the Salem Tavern cannot survive on bread alone.

The Salem Tavern opened its doors late at night because of a request by Salem College. The college felt it would be a good thing to have beer and wine available to its students, though the school policy upheld that there could be no drinking on campus. The Salem Tavern agreed as long as it could break even financially. Breaking even was all they did, and some weeks the Tavern even "went into the hole." However, when drinking on campus went into effect the Tavern could not afford to stay open only for the very few Salem students who dribbled over.

But we miss the good cheese, the cold beer and the relaxed atmosphere, don't we? Well, not all hope is lost because the Salem Tavern and its management wants to do what it can for Salem College. The

whole night-time, beer-drinking business was experimental in the first place, and if there is sufficient interest this fall, the Tavern might try another experiment. There are even tentative plans to open the garden to the students on the warm, evenings. But—there has to be sufficient interest!

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Contraceptive Information

Nowhere is our ambivalence toward sex more striking than on college campuses. While parietal rules have all but disappeared, coeducation and coeducation dorms have become increasingly common, most college administrations have continued to ignore the fact that students have sexual needs that can be overlooked only at the expense of both the student and the institution. Several studies have documented the fact that premarital intercourse is common among undergraduates, but college health administrations have been slow to respond to the patent need for birth control information and services.

Despite the evident need, however, college administrators have been reluctant to sponsor, or even sanction, the publication of booklets dealing directly with contraceptive abortion and venereal diseases—the important component of which students can get appropriate service. The student response to this situation is instructive. They have taken the matter of sex and birth control education into their own hands. Handbooks covering the subjects have been appearing on college campuses across the country and in Canada. Most are student-written, financed and published. Few carry the imprimatur of a college press; apparently the latter are as reluctant as their institutions to become involved in this sensitive aspect of student lives. These booklets are a healthy and responsible action on the part of young people and speak directly to the timidity if not downright responsibility of college administrators.

The pamphlets give frank, honest, practical and, for the most part, correct information about anatomy, physiology and reproduction in language that young people (and the elders, too) can understand readily. The writers eschew the technical jargon that afflicts so many books and manuals on this subject, making them often obfuscating than enlightening. And they not only provide information about contraceptive methods and abortion, but also the harder-to-come-by information on where to go for service and how much it will cost. While avoiding a hortatory or homiletic tone, they make quite clear that having sex without contraception is a kind of Russian roulette. They place responsibility for failure to use contraception not on society's failure to make it readily available, but on the shoulders of the young people themselves.

The newest list of local pamphlets includes the following:
Elephants and Butterflies . . . Contraceptives, Ecos, UNC, P. O. Box 1055, Chapel Hill, N. C. \$1.00
A Guide to Contraception and Abortion, Committee on Contraception and Abortion, Medical Center, Durham, N. C. 25¢
Sex Information, Division of Student Affairs, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N. C. 10¢
The Loving Book, Red Clay Publishers, Charlotte, N. C. 75¢