

editorial

GOP Eradicates Crime

Statistics Cited

Contrary to popular belief, apathy is no longer the most prevalent attitude on campus. The good old days of harmless indifference to Salem have acquired a more serious dimension - irresponsibility.

Apathy is non-action. It serves to undermine the morale of the community by creating a tension between the apathetic and the non-apathetic, making the efforts of the few active students seem futile in the face of their inactive counterparts. Though selfish in nature, apathy is essentially honest in that it is open indifference.

Irresponsibility, on the other hand, goes a step further than apathy. It is not merely inaction, but negative action. It not only undermines morale, but actually threatens to destroy the community structure by placing the burden of full responsibility on the already overworked few. It is open indifference, but in a dishonest sense because it first seeks responsibility, then ignores it. It is directly harmful to others because of its active negative influence. Examples of irresponsibility can be found everywhere - Founder's Day skits, failure to close an SDH door, volunteering to do jobs such as writing articles or taking polls, then never bothering to follow through on one's commitment. In each of these cases mentioned, students have not remained merely indifferent to campus activities but have accepted responsibilities on their own volition. In each case this responsibility has been cast aside, causing more pain and inconvenience to the students who are left to compensate for the neglected work of others than if the responsibility had never been accepted in the first place. In this light, apathy is tolerable and sometimes understandable, but in any case, irresponsibility is inexcusable.-CAM

Letter...

This is a rebuttal to the article written by Dee Wilson which appeared in the October ninth edition of the Salemite. We disagree with the logic used in this article and refute it point by point.

"We are opposed to intervisitation for reasons we consider important in regards to the privacy of the individuals especially that of a woman."

Women as well as men require privacy. We can think of no good reason why the need for privacy of a female is greater than that of a male. Privacy also includes a couple as well as an individual.

"We feel that a girl's room is her Private Domain and in this respect should remain free of any unwanted intrusions."

Being her private domain a girl should have the right of inviting anyone she wishes to visit her there. This includes males as well as females. Unwanted intrusions occur at present whenever another female visits in a dorm room, when one roommate is studying and the other is not.

"The majority of girls lead informal lives after class and especially at night and may be caught relaxing around the dorm..."

This points out the main reason why intervisitation is needed on a campus such as Salem. In the first place, the dating at Salem is mostly on a formal basis - he picks you up, you get in the car and drive away to wherever you are going. This formality excludes the conception of group dating or just becoming acquainted with a male in an informal manner. Further, this relaxed evening atmosphere at Salem, we feel, is more conducive to a real friendship than a night of drinking beer in a public place.

"Granted, most girls will continue to live thus informally but there are some girls who will be uncomfortable wandering around the hall even with a bathrobe on, knowing a male is present in one of the rooms."

Loosen up people! There are men in the world and at some point in your lives you will have to come into contact with them on an informal basis, and away from fraternity and cocktail parties. Even so, a bathrobe covers more of a female's anatomy than do hot pants. Being seen in a bathrobe may be a traumatic experience for some girls, but few males we know are disturbed by them.

"Plus, we feel it is degrading to Salem's male visitors to be constantly open to seeing a girl bedecked in rollers, sporting a facial mask, and wearing sloppy apparel..."

It is sad enough that we as women feel it is necessary to hide our true selves from a male by painting our faces and putting on a pantsuit. If a person feels that being seen with rolled hair and sloppy apparel is degrading just dressing up when ever you meet a male is not going to conceal your Mr. Hyde personality forever. At some point, one must forgo high heels and hose if she wants her relationship to be more than superficial.

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In 1967 serious crimes in this country increased 16 per cent over the previous year. That means for every 100 serious crimes - such as rape, murder or serious assault - reported in 1966, there were 116 in 1967.

And 1968 was no better; it was far worse. The rate of increase was 19 per cent. For those same 100 crimes committed in 1966, there were 138 in 1968.

The trend of the late '60s is clear. It was up. And up. It was a problem to which President Nixon addressed himself in his campaign for the Presidency. And it is a problem to which he had addressed himself as President. He has attacked it on all fronts - through innovative legislation such as the Organized Crime Control Act, the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act, the Omnibus Crime Control Act; through increased federal outlays for financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies and through comprehensive study programs to help pinpoint the causes of crime.

Progress was almost immediate. In the first year of the Nixon Administration, the crime rate increase diminished by seven per cent from the 19 percent rate already noted for the previous year.

By last year, that rate of increase was down to six per cent. And the incidence of crime in 53 of the 156 cities with populations over 100,000 actually showed a decrease.

Today, we have even more convincing evidence that Nixon Administration policies have scored a major breakthrough in fighting crime. FBI statistics for the first half of 1972 - released the end of September - show that in that time the rate of crime increase over the same period last year was *one* per cent. And, crime was down in 72 major cities.

The reasons for this progress could be cited in the concrete terms of legislation, financial and technical assistance by the federal government to local law enforcement agencies, more and better trained federal agents and other programs initiated by this Administration.

But much of the responsibility is in the attitude taken by this Administration. It contrasts with the permissiveness of the Democratic administrations of the 1960s.

And it is in stark contrast to

Auction

Circle and star Tuesday, October 17 on your calendars! Salem's Y.W.C.A. will hold its annual auction in Hanes at 12:45 on this day. Jim Bray will auction the items on the agenda which include (besides homemade goodies...pies, cakes, brownies...) a hiking day in the mountains with a trail lunch and a pizza supper in Boone, a steak dinner for 4, a lasagna dinner, a Christmas buffet, a cookout, a high English Tea.....(a police car ride, too!)

The Y's profits from the auction go to the World University Service Scholarship Fund to assist students financially who want an education. The majority of the funds are distributed to foreign students who may, upon receiving this help, attend school in their own countries.

Check your dorm boxes for a complete list of items to be auctioned. Come, bring your check-books, and exercise your vocal cords!!!

some of the things we are hearing in this campaign from the Democrat vice presidential nominee who recently said this about young people who commit crimes: "I don't see how we can blame them when they break a window or when they steal something..."

And even the presidential candidate, George McGovern, has said of Daniel Ellsberg who is currently being tried for the

theft of government documents "I admire him for what he did"

The Nixon Administration is not one that ignores the causes of crime, but it realistically places priorities on crime prevention and the protection of what President Nixon has called "the first civil right" of all Americans, "freedom from domestic violence."

While we study and develop

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of cabbages and kings

by Sarah Dorrier

How does getting credit for a semester in WASHINGTON sound? Pretty exciting, don't you think?

Salem has recently been accepted into the Washington Semester Program at the American University in Washington, D. C. There are 139 participating colleges and universities from all over the United States.

The program provides three fields of study, and a student may choose to focus on any one of the three:

- Government in Action
- Urban Affairs
- International Relations and U. S. Foreign Policy

Each study area requires a seminar, a project, and either an elective course or an internship.

The seminar (for which Salem participants would receive two course credits) consists of field experience through meetings with public officials, lobbyists, foreign embassy personnel, ambassadors and private citizens who have an impact on government proceedings. Meetings occur about four times each week, often in the office of the speaker.

Each student also does an individual research project which earns its one course credit. These projects would be arranged in conjunction with professors here at Salem and would be designed to provide in-depth study in the student's own particular area of interest.

To earn the remaining one course credit, a student may take a course from the American University's regular curriculum. This course need not be government-oriented; it may even fulfill a requirement at the student's home institution. In lieu of taking a course, a student may choose to do an internship in a legislative, administrative, or political office.

Salem initially had a quota of two students for the spring semester. The program is open to juniors, seniors, and occasionally sophomores, majoring in any field. American Government (or its equivalent) is the only course pre-requisite. A minimum grade of 2.5 is the other requirement for admission. Tuition is paid through the home institution, and students live in University housing while in Washington.

Mr. Bernhard von Nicolai is Salem's liaison with the Washington Semester Program. He has (as soon as I return it!) a folder of information including pamphlets, orientation information, and a syllabus. If you're interested in applying to the Washington Semester, go to see him, because

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 is the deadline for spring nominations!