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editorial

When school began two months ago, we of the *Salemite* staff were anxious to serve our community in the capacity of intercommunications medium among parents, students, faculty and administration. We kept our eyes and ears open, always ready to print news and initiate changes in the newspaper when we considered they would benefit our readers. During a period of three weeks in September I was approached by four students - none connected with the others - who felt a need for our paper to publish a column based on sexual questions and professional answers. After the fourth request I stopped laughing and seriously considered adding such a column to the *Salemite*. When student response to my individual probing brought overwhelming assent, I actually did add a local question-answer column to the *Salemite*.

Unfortunately for us, the questions and answers sent to us by the student and doctor who write the column for UNC's *Daily Tarheel* were preselected: if the *Salemite* wished to maintain continuity in printing this column we had to publish the questions sent to us. This decision resulted in widespread parental criticism of Salem's administration, the *Salemite*, our advisor, and me because of a certain question printed in our October 9 issue. This criticism caused our staff and the administration to redefine our positions in the Salem community in relation to each other because freedom of the press was being attacked, because the *Salemite's* readership now extends to sets of parents, and because there seemed to be a deep-rooted need underlying the very presence of a "sex column."

At this point the *Salemite* staff and the administration have fairly resolved our anxieties. The administration throughout this situation has remained serene and principally opposed to newspaper censorship while trusting the *Salemite* staff's student judgement. Both we and the administration wish to serve our community; therefore, at this time we are delving into the causes of a campus need for sexual guidance - if there is one.

At this time the newspaper is unable to divulge specific information pertaining to projected organizations and seminars being set up for Salem students. However we can state that there are at least two projects that will help Salem students in the future. Moreover, we wish to encourage students with individual questions or problems to visit the campus counseling service, the women of which are qualified to answer questions and counsel problems or refer students to professionals who are qualified to counsel us and provide us with more explicit information. These women might be willing to visit dormitories for rap sessions if they see that enough students want such dormitory service; and they already are willing to bring qualified people - doctors, counselors, lecturers, etc. - to house sessions if girls want to listen to people with varying attitudes toward sexual practices and problems.

This news appears promising to the *Salemite*, but until we understand that such on-campus services are providing better medicine for student sexual difficulties, we will continue to treat the symptoms of student problems with a question and answer column. We realize, nevertheless, that such isolated questions often appear as fragments of a "how-to" manual and that the most important sexual values of love, self-honesty, and human morality cannot shine through the answers as brightly as they would in a one-to-one discussion. We hope, therefore, that our readers will act now to utilize available campus facilities which can provide a more suitable framework for the discussion of sexuality than our column now provides, and that students will support future facilities aimed at resolving our difficulties in adjusting to a sometimes frightening area of our lives. - LD

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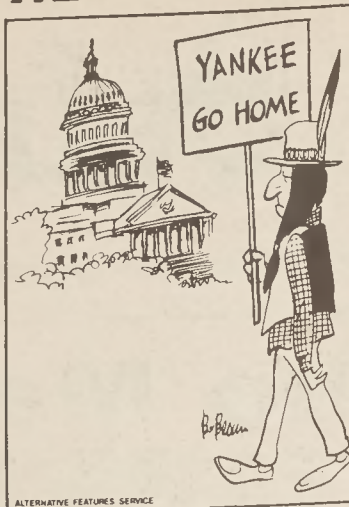
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of People..

The following polls are interesting to compare because of the time difference between them. The first poll which reached more people, was taken four weeks ago. The second poll, which was taken October 31st, was not participated in by as many students as the Salem Forum had hoped.

The following tabulations are the results of the Salem Forum voting which took place in Main Hall on Tuesday, October 31. Faculty and students participated in this poll.

- McGovern - 61
- Nixon - 203
- Schmidt - 3
- Ted Heath & Tories - 1
- Eric Severeid - 1
- (Communist Party & Gloria Steinam)

Total voter turnout = 269 which is 40% of the Salem community.

The Salem College Republican Club recently conducted an Election '72 survey of every dorm on campus, polling a total of 428 girls. The poll was distributed by the Helms for Senate Campaign Headquarters in Raleigh, North Carolina. The results in both nation and statewide races were as follows:

1. Do you consider yourself a Republican or Democrat?
 Republican - 203
 Democrat - 107
 Undecided - 118
2. Are you registered to vote in North Carolina?
 Yes - 170
 No - 253
 Undecided - 5
3. If the election for President was held today would you vote for Nixon or McGovern?
 Nixon - 344
 McGovern - 39
 Undecided - 45
4. If the election for Senator was held today would you vote for J. Helms or N. Galifianakis?
 Helms - 63
 Galifianakis - 90
 Undecided - 275
5. If the election was held today for Governor would you vote for Holshouser or Bowles?
 Holshouser - 77
 Bowles - 77
 Undecided - 274

ANNOUNCEMENT

Stephen and the Farmland
 Tuesday, November 21st
 Cone Ballroom,
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Letter...

Dear President Chandler,
 My wife and I subscribe to the *Salemite*, and wish to express our deep concern... We feel [one of the "sex questions"] to be extremely inappropriate, improper, pseudosophisticated and a blatant appeal to sensationalism.

[In my profession] I am naturally aware that many people have sexual problems. However, I would consider any discussion of sex without emphasis on love, knowing and sharing qualities as shallow, superficial and demeaning... I hope that in the future the total experience of love will receive greater emphasis than technique.

I would appreciate your comment.

Sincerely,
 Name withheld



of cabbages and kings

by Sarah Dorrier

Putting aside politics for this week, I'd like to editorialize a little on a subject that has interested me for several years: the "one" of 4-1-4. In some respects, Salem's January Program has turned into the January Problem.

Weekends have never been the most exciting time at Salem C., and with a third (or more!) of the student body planning to be away, January looms ahead as one long twenty-eight-day weekend. Sounds pretty gruesome, doesn't it?

We give ourselves top billing as a school with a close student/faculty relationship, a sense of community, and a meaningful campus life. But do we really live up to all that? From what I've heard about last January, I think not.

The January Program (in fact, the whole 4-1-4 calendar) is an effort to loosen up the structure of a classical curriculum by providing students and faculty with the opportunity to pursue individual interests, either on or off campus. Because so many students choose to go off-campus and because the academic life on campus is less structured, it seems to me that we must make more of an effort to structure community.

Perhaps I should point out that the "we" in the sentence above is not merely editorial. It includes students as well as the faculty and administration - and especially the faculty and administration. January on campus will be a much nicer experience if the students have the extra added bonus of getting to know the faculty better.

One of the January facts of life is that professors have a light student load. Why not offer extracurricular academic "happenings?" For instance, Mr. Thompson might lecture on some aspect of religion and the arts, or Dr. White might discuss his favorite author. The informal exchange of ideas would expose students to faculty members other than their January sponsor and would do much to encourage a sense of intellectual community. What is a college if it's not a group of people (students and faculty) interested in learning from each other?

Socially, there is much to be done also. We need to tap resources at Wake Forest - including providing some sort of transportation over there for students without cars. We need to investigate the activities available in Winston-Salem. And we need to plan things here on campus. Volleyball, sherry parties, game night, bridge tournaments, eating clubs... the list could go on forever.

In the next few weeks, the January Program Committee and some interested students will be brainstorming for ideas, trying to get activities organized, and setting up a January calendar of events. If they come knocking on your door, think before you say no. One person can make a big difference at a place like Salem.

Potent Quotable from *Barefoot in Boogar Hollow*:
 Our mayor is a politician who stands for what he thinks other folks around here will fall for.

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 TO THE EDITOR!**