

# "convalescence"

John Milton glares at the bedpan across the shelf  
 And sighs.  
 And I pick up my knitting again,  
 And suddenly throw it at the  
 Stiff-mummed basket of gloom  
 Brought by "your friendly town florist."  
 Who is also the town funeral director Who loves a parade.  
 And John and I fight World War I again,  
 Reliving the monotonous excitement and terror,  
 And emasculating decadence of John Dos Passos' 1919.

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Then Jeffie calls, breaking the beige hospital sameness,  
 Racing my close-regulated pulse.  
 But I fight a wave of nausea  
 And shut off his voice, cut this strength-giving  
 Computer-wired link with my world  
 . . . And relegate my shell to the john,  
 Where the nurses want me to live.

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And I grimace at the bed and crawl into that  
 White knight of modern push-button machinery  
 Which mocks me in its purity:  
 I want to squash it with my sullied stomach  
 Of railroad stitches.  
 And I look at the bedpan on the shelf next to  
 John Milton  
 And Lucifer, Adam, Eve, John Donne, and the  
 Life-filled Cavaliers.  
 And I sigh. Again.

## SPEAK-OUT

The Third World is that glob-  
 bol mass of the forgotten, the  
 hungry, and the destitute so  
 much in need of our help. Here  
 is Salem's conception of the  
 Third World as reported to the  
*Salemite* representative:

Marti Russell: "The 3rd  
 world is Marti Russell."  
 Jane Lockwood: "There is  
 no 3rd world at Salem."  
 Sally Burnett: "Sleeping and

eating."

Sherrin Gardner: "I guess the  
 first world is academics; I think  
 the second one is the friendship  
 of dorm living. The third world  
 is the atmosphere here at  
 Salem."

Karen Johnson: "I guess it is  
 my third year at Salem. I took  
 the road less travelled by, And  
 that has made all the differ-  
 ence." (from Robert Frost)

Kathy Roberson: "My third  
 world is the excitement about  
 the first two worlds, whatever  
 they may be."

Sally Phillips: "ALL MY  
 CHILDREN."

Muffin Saunders: "Fantasy."  
 Kem Mims: "The post office  
 and the telephone."

Sally Jordan: "The post of-  
 fice."

Beth Coleman: "Mayberry  
 and the post office."

Lucy Lane: "Hockey."  
 Raquel Severance: "Having  
 tea parties."

Aggie Cowan: "Looking for-  
 ward to the weekends."  
 Sarah Coulter: "Weekends at  
 home!"

Sarah Huff: "Dreams of the  
 Next weekend."

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 made this paper possible.



The construction at Salem's library continues week after week. This particular corner will one day boast a reconstructed Moravian house.

## Leg. Board Reviews Changes

Legislative Board  
 October 30, 1972

- I. The meeting was called to order by Christina Spence.
- II. There will be a SGA meeting November 7, 1972 at 12:45 unless announced differently by Christina Spence.
- III. Those present suggested the following issues and topics to be discussed at the next SGA meeting: activities on campus during January; Library Committee progress; departmental committees; the Salem tavern.
- IV. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mary Ann Campbell  
 SGA Secretary

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