

SGA Candidates Discuss Topical Issues at Salem

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dependable records and as a member of the council to deal with each student as an individual. If she does her best to uphold the principles of the honor system she will be the most efficient.

Cyndy Patterson

- (1) It is a 4-year girls' liberal arts school, small, with a lot of tradition and atmosphere. However, it is progressive, is on 4-1-4, and has a strong Music department.
- (2) I am in favor of family planning facilities on campus, chiefly so girls can have the information before they get married and pregnant, and it's too late.
- (3) I think we need some kind of penalty for less serious infractions, but I don't think call-downs have very much effect or strength. I think we should either do away with them all together, or come up with a more effective system.
- (4) Yes, as the highest elected officer, I feel the president of SGA should be in close contact with the President and the faculty-advisory board. This would, it seems, get the President more involved with the students.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) It seems to, but I am not very well-informed about its operation at present.
- (7) Yes.
- (8) I'm not sure it can be made more effective. It seems to me that its effectiveness relies on the sense of honor within each Salem student and the students enter already having or lacking this sense of honor. Therefore we can only make students aware of the Honor System and depend on each individual to uphold it.
- (9) Because I have not actually been aware of when and how they have been handled, I can not say.
- (10) Yes; yes.
- (11) No, because even if it is not as practical a system (family style) meals are a good chance to relax and sometimes your only chance to see and talk to some people. Possibly an alternative would be to pay Salem students to wait on tables instead of hiring maids.
- (12) Yes, possibly by allowing only so many of each textbook to be brought in and have more students selling them.
- (13) I don't quite understand this question.
- (14) Yes, because all Salem students can usually benefit from clubs' activities, whether they are actually members or not.
- (15) By taking an active interest in what is going on on the Salem Campus and by voicing my opinion when I feel it will be beneficial.

Mary Lou Cunningham

See above, under Chairman of Honor Council.

Junior Honor Rep.

Clark Kitchen

- (1) I would praise the academic standards the beauty of the surroundings, and the quality and diversity of students and their ideas. I would hope she wouldn't ask about campus social life (i.e. on-campus activities).
- (2) They should be available as is other medical services.
- (3) Silly, but it does no harm.

- (4) Yes.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) Yes i think so.
- (7) Yes.
- (8) Students should somehow be shown its worth -- as opposed to other systems, so they would want to honor it.
- (9) As a rule they have been dealt with fairly.
- (10) Changes could be made to make IRS so that more students can participate, and more often; but I think it definitely belongs here.
- (11) Yes, because it is ridiculous and wasteful that so much food goes to the garbage at each meal -- appalling. Family style is nice, but let's do think of economy now and then.
- (12) It's ok except at the rush hours.
- (13) Interclub council should keep an overview on activities so there can be less overlap.
- (14) No.
- (15) Do my best, while in office, to give everything to the decisions that come up, with as much objectivity and clear thought that I can give.

Nancy Adams

- (1) Salem is a small conservative, Southern girls school that offers a liberal arts education with small classes and good faculty student relationships.
- (2) I am in favor of such on campus because I feel the services are not only necessary and appreciated -- but used by many students.
- (3) I think it has many trivialities that could be done away with. Abolition of the system would be my choice for it does not serve as an adequate means of punishment.
- (4) It is imperative that there be this link between SGA and the Pres. With the SGA president working with the Pres. better communication could be upheld.
- (5) Definitely -- this is our only means of communication to the faculty on school wide issues of importance.
- (6) I am not familiar with the workings of this group but I sincerely hope that it does operate successfully.
- (7) It is up to the students themselves to abide by Salem's honor system. Only when infractions continue to appear without being reported does it become invalid.
- (8) I think honor council tries as best they can to try cases fairly and to adjust the punishment according to the infraction.
- (9) Some of the trivial sign-in-out rules have been handled much too harshly. Two days of general restriction for failing to sign out for a holiday seems unfair.
- (10) It should continue as an organization for all students but I do not see their role being to uphold Salem honor and tradition.
- (11) No -- with our size and available facilities I think cafeteria style would only cause more confusion and congestion during meal time. If an efficient system, however, could be instituted I would be for it.
- (12) It is run well but needs to be built up more and publicized.
- (13) I think the Interclub Council is an excellent idea, if for no other reason so everyone (the different clubs) can know what is happening on campus.
- (14) Yes -- only this way can the money necessary for the

functioning of these clubs be collected. All students benefit from the clubs, so all should be willing to pay it.

(15) Working on all cases as a group bringing out all aspects both positive and negative, concerning a case would be the most effective way I could serve on honor council.

Betsy Hester

- (1) Salem is a small, four year liberal arts school for girls. Its size allows for small classes and good student faculty-relationships, yet it also limits the number and variety of course offerings available. It gives a girl a good chance to hold offices and there is a fairly-close knit student body. Students might not be able to hold some of these offices in a coed or larger school.
- (2) Definitely in favor -- if a girl needs or wants these facilities for any reasons she ought to be able to get it here on campus. I also feel that it would be used, and that in itself makes it needed and worthwhile.
- (3) I am not in favor of the call down system. It is at the present very ineffective and trivial.
- (4) Yes, we need good communication between students, faculty and administration. The president has an important role in being a link between students and faculty. Although it is the responsibility of each student to be involved, the president of SGA is vital as a link.
- (5) There is a great need for a link between students and the administration, and if a faculty advisory board will help -- then we should have it!
- (6) I have only been in contact with the faculty-advisory board in one instance -- which is Honor Council, and it worked well. The faculty and students discussed ideas and finally reached a good decision. The F-A board has also been successful in working with students concerning petitions, such as intervisitation.
- (7) Salem has a good honor system -- but it is valid only if the students as a whole consider it so. If the student agrees with the honor system, it will be upheld, respected and effective. But if the students disagree with it, it will become useless.
- (8) The best way to make our honor system more effective is to gain the full support of all the students -- which can be hard to do. If the students believe in it, they will not violate it. It should be adapted to the needs of the students, and be flexible enough to change if necessary.
- (9) I believe rule infractions have been handled well this year. There have probably been some too harsh and some too general, but that's to be expected. Since I have served on Honor Council, I can say that we handled cases as fairly as we could, and I'm sure those on Interdorm have done the same although I don't know for sure what they've handled. Deciding a penalty for an infraction is quite hard and I know everybody tried to be as fair as possible, and did what they felt was right.
- (10) IRS has just an important role in upholding Salem's honor and traditions as any other club or individual student. I think the clubs should be open to any who wish to join.
- (11) At this point I feel we should stay as we are, although I

- would like a trial period of time for cafeteria food service. I think it's good that students can sit down twice a day and enjoy a meal without having to rush through a line. Also the facilities here aren't the best for a cafeteria line.
- (12) I think the book exchange is a good idea and is very successful. I think it could be run better if there could be one student specifically in charge of it and working on it in enough time to get it organized well. It's a big help to students if someone does have the time to do it well.
- (13) I think clubs ought to work together not only for communication but for helping each other. By possibly working together, events could be better and gain more student interest.
- (14) Yes. Because it's not that much money going to all the clubs and they need this money ahead of time to be able to plan all the events they do and for the events to be good.
- (15) I believe the efficiency of Honor Council lies with all those who serve on it and not just one person. Each representative is needed to present her feelings and ideas on a case and other matters which come up, and to work with the others in coming to a fair solution.

Questions:

- (1) If you were asked to describe Salem to an outsider, what would you tell her?
- (2) Are you in favor of or opposed to family planning facilities on campus?
- (3) How do you feel about the call-down system?
- (4) Should the SGA president work closely with the President and the faculty-advisory board?
- (5) Should the students have a faculty advisory board as a link between students and administration?
- (6) Does our faculty-advisory board operate successfully at present?
- (7) Is Salem's honor system valid?
- (8) How could our honor system be made more (if necessary) effective?
- (9) Do you think rule infractions this year have been handled too harshly or too lightly in general?
- (10) Does IRS have an important role in upholding Salem honor and traditions? And should IRS continue as an organization for all students?
- (11) Do you think Salem should switch to cafeteria food service... explain your reason.
- (12) Do you think the book exchange could be run more efficiently? If so, how?
- (13) To what extent do you think clubs should work together for communication?
- (14) Do you think club fees should be included in SGA fees?
- (15) How can you make your position (if elected) more efficient?

Sophomore Honor Rep.

Lynda Casanova

- (1) Salem is a small liberal arts women's college located in Winston-Salem N.C., a town of 150,000. Salem offers much more to today's girl than most colleges as more individual attention from faculty due to small classes, 17 individual majors, a warm homey atmosphere and a beautiful campus situated in the Moravians historic Old Salem.

- (2) Yes. I am in favor of it. I feel students would definitely take advantage of these facilities which would be readily available to them right on campus.
- (3) Any organization or community I feel definitely needs a controlling force or some type of laws with punishment. I don't feel the call-down system is the best, but it should stay until something more efficient is put into use.
- (4) Absolutely. The SGA president should be totally aware of the feelings and actions of the President as well as members of the Faculty Advisory Board. The SGA President should also be able to convey with no reservations her feelings and relate opinions and feelings from individual students.
- (5) No answer.
- (6) I think students should be more aware of what actually is going on faculty-advisory board. There needs to be more communication between students and faculty.
- (7) Yes. I think Salem students for the most part have shown a tremendous amount of maturity dealing with the honor system. It functions well, how it is set up now.
- (9) As of now, I have not heard of anyone treated too unfairly in connection with rule infractions.
- (10) No. I think the name IRS itself is ridiculous and should be changed to Salem Student Union (SSU) and should continue only as a social organization planning more activities for Salem students and dates.
- (11) I still prefer the traditional family style service. I think it is much more convenient than cafeteria style and gives students time to relax at meal time.
- (12) I am told that it is very inefficient.
- (13) No answer.
- (14) Yes.
- (15) The job of an honor council member should mainly be, being completely objective, open minded, and being able to relate in some way to student problems when dealing with infractions of the honor code. To be effective, a member must act in this way.

Susan Wooten

- (1) Salem is a fairly liberal, close-knit community of girls in an academic environment.
- (2) I am in favor of family planning facilities on campus.
- (3) I feel it is a necessary part of discipline at Salem. It is not so major but serves as a warning.
- (4) The SGA president is the student's spokesman on the campus. This communication is one of the ways that the students have for letting the faculty know their opinions on issues that don't come up for a vote.
- (5) Yes, jsut an opportunity to discuss issues with a neutral but concerned group is helpful in getting issues presented in the most favorable way.
- (6) I think that it does as evidenced by the way the intervisitation petition is being handled.
- (7) The honor system at Salem is definitely valid. It gives the student the responsibility to report violations and to maintain the standards of the whole student body.
- (8) The only way to make the honor system more effective is to stress the importance of using it to uphold the high standards.

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