

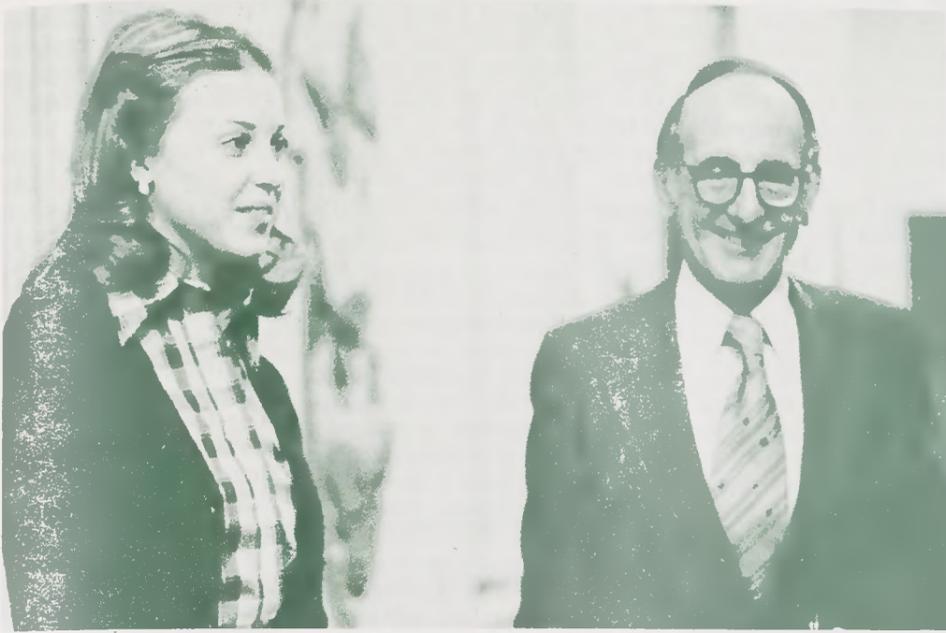


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Why is this man smiling? See viewpoint, page 2

## Converse Hosts Conference on Southern Women's Colleges

by Kathy Kirkpatrick

This fall, Converse College initiated an effort to form an organization that would ally the many Southern women's colleges. The purpose of such an organization is for similar colleges to exchange ideas and discuss common problems. A steering committee, composed of representatives from Converse, Salem, Columbia, and Meredith colleges met to organize and make plans for the first Southeastern Women's College Council of Student Government. This first council was held at Converse on November 5-6. Len Brinkley, Karen Smith, Dean Johnson as our faculty advisor,

and Kathy Kirkpatrick attended this first council.

Eight colleges attended the council: Salem, Converse, Columbia, Peace, Meredith, Agnes Scott, St. Marys, and Wesleyan. Activities began Friday evening with the opening banquet and Paula Phillips Berger spoke on "Women in Leadership Roles." Saturday morning three separate workshops were held simultaneously with Salem being represented at each. These were Student Government, House Board, and Honor Court. That afternoon three special topics sessions were held. These topics included: drinking, visitation, assemblies, student apathy, day

students, and faculty-student advising systems. There was also a chance for faculty advisors to get together. After these sessions there was a general evaluation of the day, then discussion of future plans for this council. To provide for continuity, the colleges represented decided to hold another council in the spring after college elections so that both old and new officers could attend. Salem offered its campus as a central meeting place between the Virginia colleges and the George colleges. A tentative date has been set for April 15-17.

Salem's representatives benefited from this council. Stereotype and reputations for the various colleges were broken down and each saw the other as people in similar situations trying to move forward with their own student governments.

Executive Board left this council feeling quite proud of Salem. Of the eight colleges present, Salem was the only one that allowed drinking in the dorm rooms. Only three others had drinking at certain times and in certain places on campus. Salem's Honor Council seemed to be the most advanced, and the exam policy was the most liberal. Salem was the only college that allowed intervisitation. Hopefully at the next council with more colleges present we will be able to work toward some policies other colleges have that Salem does not. This council should continue to grow and gain momentum — Not for colleges to be exactly alike, but to help and to learn from one another.

## Christmas Events in Old Salem

**CANDLE TEA** — Single Brothers House — Sponsored by the Women's Fellowship of Home Moravian Church  
Dec. 2, 3, 4: 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Adults — \$1.00  
Dec. 9, 10, 11: 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Students — .50  
Age 12 and under — 25¢

For information write: Mrs. Lucile Kimel — 3101 Old Salisbury Road (General Chairman) (Tel. No. 788-5531) Winston-Salem, 27107

Mrs. Powell Winstead —  
217 N. Pine Valley Road, Winston-Salem, N. S. 27104 (School Chairman) (Tel. No. 722-2169)

NOTE: Reservation for group tours will be accepted by telephone only beginning September 7, after 9:00 a.m. at (919) 722-2169

**CHRISTMAS EVE LOVEFEASTS** — Home Moravian Church — Sponsored by the Church  
Dec. 24: 11:44 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (children's)  
5:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.

For more information write to: Home Moravian Church, 529 South Church Street Winston-Salem, N. C. 27101

**SALEM CHRISTMAS — 1800** — Sponsored by Old Salem, Inc.  
Dec. 14: 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (Afternoon presentation) free  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (Evening presentation) not free

Advance ticket sale begins November 14 (limited sales)  
Adults: \$2.00 Students (including college): 50¢  
In ordering tickets, please designate either afternoon or evening  
These two presentations — taking place in the center of the restored area of Old Salem — recreate the sights, sounds and smells of the little Moravian congregation town of Salem in 1800. Five exhibit buildings are open: Single Brothers House, John Vogler House, Salem Tavern, Miksch Tobacco Shop and Winkler Bakery. Activities include cooking in the old fireplaces and bake ovens, craftsmen at work in their shops and the presentation of music known to have been performed in Salem in 1800. On the streets around Salem Square, there are Moravian bands, craft demonstrations, costumed men on horses and a night watchman blowing a conch shell and calling the hours. Traditional refreshments are served in the various buildings. All participants are in early Moravian dress. Lighting is by candles, lanterns and torches.  
The event will take place on December 14 regardless of weather.  
For further information write: Miss Frances Griffin, Old Salem, Inc. Drawer F, Salem Station, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27108.

## Refectory Vandalism: Who's to Blame?

by Jettie McCullough

Seven hundred and sixty-six pieces of silver, worth \$1,150.00 have been taken from the refectory since Sept. 2, 1976, said Jim Robinson, Food Director and employee of Epicure, Inc. This is an average of ten pieces every day.

In response to this problem, six Salem students gathered the glasses, silver and china from all the buildings and dorms on campus. They found 26 pieces of silver, nine dinner plates, 48 glasses, seven coffee cups, six small saucers, one small serving dish, five salad plates, four coffee saucers, one soup bowl, two cereal bowls, six salad bowls and one vinegar cruet. This is only a small percentage of the total loss.

Considering that Mr. Robinson, known to the students as Jim, must keep 600 knives, forks and spoons, or a total of 1800 pieces of silver in the refectory at all times, these 766 missing pieces of silver represent 42% of his inventory. If the current rate of loss continues, his yearly replacement rate will be 134%.

Mr. Robinson said, "It should be less than 10% per year," referring to the rate of loss that he would expect from breakage.

On Sept. 2 there were 250 coffee cups in the refectory. On Nov. 16 there were 30. These coffee cups cost \$18.00 per dozen.

This fall Mr. Robinson has spent \$3,400.00 on china to replace that which was lost last spring and this fall, but he has no records on

how many pieces of china have been taken from the refectory this fall.

Attributing the majority of the loss to students, Mr. Robinson said, "I don't think most students view it as stealing. They don't realize the magnitude it gets to sometimes." He would make no comments when asked why the student search of the dorms had produced such a small percentage of the total loss of silver and china.

Mr. Robinson did state, "I'm at a loss, but I have learned to absorb it." Epicure, Inc., through its contract with Salem College pays for replacing china and silver out of their budget. But, increases in Epicure, Inc.'s budget come from the office of Bill Talbert, Director of Purchasing and Institutional Services for Salem, and increases in his budget mean increases in Salem's board costs.

When asked about the missing silver and china, Mr. Talbert called it a stealing problem, and said, "The manager should make frequent inventories to pinpoint when the silver is disappearing."

Stealing is an Honor Council offense at Salem. Karen Smith, Chairman of Honor Council, responded to the situation saying, "I have talked about it with several people here on campus who feel that it is not students — they never see anyone."

Mr. Talbert had an additional comment, "We need to get more specific and try to find when things are happening. You never solve anything by assuming."

## Students, Faculty Participate in Pre-Symposium Discussions

by Anne Beidleman

The Symposium Committee has been conducting meetings at the homes of various members of the faculty. The first meeting was held at Dr. Rackley's home on Nov. 11 where the topic for the evening was Humor. Several faculty members attended along with interested students. Discussions ranged from the universality of humor, to the comic and non-comic elements in slapstick. At the close of the evening, the topic for the proposed symposium on humor had been narrowed down to Humor in America. Suggestions for possible events to be conducted during the symposium include: an exhibit of contemporary American Humor as it is

portrayed in art; a demonstration by a political cartoonist; a night of comedy film; and a performance of mime.

On November 15 a letter was sent to various colleges to inquire about their past symposiums. The letter included requests for the time-table used for the symposiums, the budget allowed and the topic of the symposium. This letter was sent to Smith, Queens, Radcliffe, Hood, Wellesley, and Converse Colleges, and Southwestern University at Memphis.

On Nov. 18, the Symposium Committee met at Dr. Thompson's house for discussions on the proposed topic, The South. The topic was narrowed down to The Art of **continued, page 3**

## Curriculum Committee Examines Academic Program

by Kathy Watkinson

The Curriculum Committee is an enabling body with the responsibility of approving or rejecting proposals from the departments concerning changes in their academic programs. We have had several proposals this year, all of which have met with out approval. These proposals are then sent to the faculty for the final decision.

The Religion department wanted to delete Religion 260, Problems in the Study of Religious

History, and add Religion 230, or Religion in the South. Religion 230 will be offered this spring. The Philosophy department proposed a philosophy major. Up until now, a student could not major solely in this field. An American Dietetics program was approved for the Home Economics department. Biology 50, a course in human ecology open to non-majors, was proposed by Dr. Chase, and was voted in. This course will have a prerequisite, Biology 10, and will be taught by Dr. Chase.

The Curriculum Committee is here to help improve the academic programs at Salem. You can help by making suggestions to the heads of departments for changes and additions. I have heard many suggestions and complaints from members of this community. Do something about it — go talk to the head of a department where you want a change. They want to hear what students have to say, and the Curriculum Committee wants to work for you, but you must take the initiative.