

# Editorials

## Clubs In Need Of Decision-Makers

What can replace the feeling of seeing over 30 Salem students turn out for a meeting which is not required? Last Monday we witnessed this unusual event in the Salemite office, and tried not to gasp at such INTEREST and PARTICIPATION in a campus organization.

"Apathy" cries from club presidents have been heard and ironically ignored too many times to recall. Why? Organizations take time, effort and genuine commitment from us, and each of us must decide what or if we can contribute. The problem has been that students have chosen either to ignore the availability of club resources or, hopefully, many have considered a commitment and decided that they could not participate.

I am weary of "apathy" cries, but even more tired of hearing students complain of "having nothing to do on this dead campus." Hopefully, we are not a campus of totally class-oriented OR party-oriented students. Most clubs or organizations offer education in a more relaxed atmosphere than the classroom. April Arts, for example, sponsors programs which teach students about various craft techniques, and exposes them to the cultural aspects of Winston-Salem. WRA provides an outlet away from the delicacies of the refectory, to organized physical activity.

Students at the Salemite meeting indicated their need for activity beyond the classroom and parties. They chose the area of publications - through reporting, art work, photography or editing. We were inspired by such an energetic representation of decision-makers on campus!

Examine the clubs and organizations at Salem which you support already through annual Student Government fees. You may find that the benefits are well worth your time!

-Beth Fenters

## Rumors Surround Sights And Insights

Rumor has it that the 1977 Sights and Insights is forthcoming, - but the claim has not been substantiated with an official announcement. The aura of mystery surrounding the Salem annual does not end with the suspicious absence of the 1977 volume, for the current crisis facing Sights and Insights is the glaring lack of an editor or staff. The pitiful situation of Sights and Insights prompts an easy comparison with the character of Salem college, but it would be unfair to generalize that the apathy surrounding this major publication is typical of Salem. Frequently there are signs that Salemites seek involvement in extracurricular activities and pursue their endeavors with creativity and dedication.

In recent years a virtual unknown has spearheaded the yearbook staff. Few Salemites can even recall the names of past editors. It is a sad commentary on Salem when we must plead with our community for a volunteer to be editor of the annual, - a volunteer, when the job should be considered a prestigious campus position to be passed on to a fortunate, qualified individual.

Everyone concurs that we want a yearbook, but our common feelings will do little to remedy what appears to be a desperate situation. We have failed to build publication staffs with concern for leadership succession. An editor may emerge out of our numbers, and the crisis will have passed momentarily. But rumor has it that it can happen again...

-Jane Dittmann

## Interdorm Chairman To Be Elected

By Janet Kaduck

Since Kim Anders, the unopposed Interdorm Chairman, did not return to Salem this year, it has become unnecessary for us to elect a new leader for Interdorm. Although the duties of chairman are indeed tremendous, the job will most certainly be a fulfilling and a challenging one. Therefore, each Junior should undoubtedly consider herself for the position and, even if she is not interested in the office for herself, she should make sure that her class provides excellent candidates for Interdorm Chairman.

The election schedule is as follows:

Monday, Sept. 12 - Friday, Sept. 16

Petitioning for Interdorm Chairman

Upperclassman sign candidates' petitions 6:00 - 6:45 (Refectory)

Monday, Sept. 19

Speeches by candidates at dinner

Tuesday, Sept. 20

Primary voting by upperclassmen at SGA meeting (if necessary)

Thursday, Sept. 22

Final voting by upperclassmen



Do We Want  
A Yearbook?

## S.G.A. Reports

By Anne Piedmont

At the risk of using these two words to death, Welcome Back. This year, SGA hopes to have a weekly column in the Salemite, so look in this space for all news and announcements. We feel that a column such as this one will be useful in dispelling rumors and for setting Executive Board policy on the hot issues at Salem.

This being our first column, there is not much to report; however we are looking forward

to welcoming the new Chairman of Interdorm, and urge all interested Juniors to run for that office.

We will also use this column to salute all the students, faculty and staff who work so hard behind the scenes to make life more pleasant for us all. This week, SGA would like to thank Marie Camp, Laura Benfield, and the entire Orientation Committee for a fine job welcoming the freshmen.

## Letters . . .

Dear Editor,

In the production of a play, interaction among actors is essential to create successful theatre; however, before a player can interchange with his fellow actors, he must thoroughly understand his own character. If an actor does not know his character, then his interaction with his fellow actors will be superficial, and he definitely will be unable to reach out to his audience. The same holds true for Salem College. We cannot work together in a sense of community unless we each have a clear sense of self. Lately, both students and faculty have been bombarded with talk of community, common cause, and the public good. The development of the individual has become secondary.

Granted, working together is important, and college is a good place to learn how to work together, but college is a place for self-discovery. Our responsibilities are nil; meals are prepared for us and we have no monthly rent or utilities to pay. We have time for ourselves and we should take advantage of it.

At opening convocation, the academy and college communities joined together and were introduced to every new face on each campus. For the sake of equality, our college faculty sat in the audience with us, instead of on the stage, because the academy faculty had to sit in the audience, too. Luckily our professors were allowed to wear their academic garb. The fiasco called opening convocation did not bring the academy and college communities together, but widened the gap between the two. A forced sense of community and working together defeats the purpose of constructive interaction.

The same holds true for the faculty retreat. The majority of the faculty did not want to go but were forced to attend. More than likely, his coercion will cause resentment rather than a sense of community. Our faculty should not have to breathe Salem College seven days a week, 24 hours a day. They need to leave school at school and go home to a different life.

Involvement and togetherness are fine, as long as they develop naturally and are not forced.

-Beth Jones

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