

Editorial

The continued success of sleeping pill manufacturers never ceases to amaze me. After all, why should anyone take a potentially habit-forming drug to induce sleep when all around her a permanent cure for insomnia masquerades as public speaking. I refer to the countless uninspiring speeches delivered with increasing regularity by even less inspiring speakers, many of whom are, unfortunately, in leadership positions which require periodic addresses.

One contributing factor to the dearth of good orators may be the lessening emphasis on good English usage in the schools. Just as one cannot become an expert tennis player without first learning the rules, so one cannot become an adept writer or speaker without first learning the rules of grammar and composition on which the language is based. The ability to use the English language effectively is requisite to conveying one's ideas, even in daily conversation. Yet, every year more and more students graduate from high schools (and are admitted to colleges) without even knowing the basic parts of speech.

Fortunately, one can still find some practitioners of good English usage and excellent oratory to remind us of what might be. Witness U.S. Representative Barbara Jordan who mesmerized the nation with her eloquent and inspiring address to the 1976 Democratic National Convention. Closer to home, former Academic Dean Jan Somerville was a refreshing ray of light in an otherwise oratorically dark administration.

Is there hope for a renaissance of skillful oratory after the murky rhetoric of the dark ages to which we have become accustomed, or shall we join those who have been mourning the demise of oratory for years?

-Sandra Spear

NOTE: This writer makes no claims to having reached perfection in her writing, but she is trying. SLS

NEW DANSALEMS

Dansalems, Salem's modern dance society, has selected the following new members: Nan Barefoot, Lisa Bedle, Roxanna Boldea, Jocelyn Dradley, Ruth Clark, Greta Harrell, Mary Taylor, Charlotte Tomlison, Melanie White.

Old members include the group's president, Carol Coggin and Suzanne McCaskill, Susan Owen, Kathy Goodman, and Lynn Ewing.

S.G.A. Reports

By Anne Piedmont

Last week, Executive Board appointed a small committee to look into the matter of Interdorm. The members of this committee are: Robin Maxey, house president of Clewell; Amy de Court, house president of Babcock; and Marty Pratt, hall advisor in Gramley. They will be studying the Constitution and making with proposed alterations for Interdorm. Anyone with thoughts on the subject should get in touch with this committee or with any member of Executive Board.

S.G.A. Salutes

This week, S.G.A. salutes all students, who gave blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile was on campus, Sept. 26.



People on Campus

This summer Betty Shull gained insight into the world of the art museum. Working as a non-paid intern in the Mint Museum in Charlotte, Betty participated in all phases of art museology including matting, framing and restoring art, planning and hanging exhibits, and research and sales. Betty's endeavor was doubly successful, for in addition to gaining valuable practical experience she was awarded one course credit for her summer job.

Jenny Eury will have the distinction of having published in an Undergraduate Journal when her article, "Every Quadratic Equation Is a 'Howler,'" appears in the September issue of the *Journal of Undergraduate Mathematics*, a biannual publication of the mathematics department of Guilford College. The paper, which describes a theory which employs a non-traditional method to solve quadratic equations, by obtaining the correct solution through incorrect reasoning, was written under the direction of Dr. Lewis Lum.

Lisa Greenberg cites her pre-professional study in a hospital during January as one of many factors which influenced her decision to seek a career in medicine. Lisa achieved the first step towards her very important goal on Saturday, Sept. 17 when she learned of her acceptance to the University of Virginia Medical School. U.Va.'s first year class has 133 places and 20-25 per cent of the places are filled by women.

The Washington Center for Learning Alternatives allowed Sarah Parsons to go "behind closed doors" in the United States Attorney's Office, Felony Trial Section of Superior Court in Washington, D.C. Sarah worked as an intern-paralegal this summer assisting prosecutors in the preparation of their cases for trial, calling hundreds of witnesses, writing motions, which required legal research, and even standing in an official Metropolitan Police Department line-up.

Contributions to the "People" column should be placed in the Salemite box, Main Hall on Mondays before 4:30 p.m.

Series Features Groth

October 6, 1977, 8:15 p.m., Hanes Auditorium, Salem College presents artist-correspondent John Groth and his work. An autograph session and reception will follow the lecture. Mr. Groth is brought to Salem by the Lecture-Assembly Committee with the help of Salem alumna Abbie Suddath Davis.

John Groth was Art Director of *Esquire Magazine* from 1933-37, then a correspondent in England, Germany, Russia, and Mexico. Groth is most famous for his war illustrations. Ernest Hemingway wrote: "If John had made his drawings from any closer up front, he would have had to sit in the Krauts' lap." Groth has followed wars as War Correspondent-Artist for the *Chicago Sun Syndicate* in Europe, in Korea, in French Indo-China, in Japan, Formosa, Thailand, Spain, and Morocco. He covered the Vietnam War in 1967 for the U.S. Marine Combat Art Program as artist-war correspondent.

Letters

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Dr. Dudley D. Shearburn's letter in the Sept. 23 issue of *The Salemite*.

Writing letters to the editor enables students and faculty to express their opinions. One can assume that what is said is opinion without having to use introductory statements such as "I think" and "In my opinion." Obviously it is one's opinion and obviously one is thinking it if one writes it. If my first impression of the faculty retreat was inaccurate, I certainly am not so close-minded as not to listen to the opinions and impressions of others.

My views to some extent were shaped by the fact that my mother is a teacher and I know how much she dislikes to be surrounded by school all the time. The faculty and students of Salem do not need to be surrounded by each other and by Salem College all the time. Community is important, but it should not swallow up the individual.

As for opening convocation, it was a fiasco to me in light of other Salem convocations. Because Dr. Shearburn is a new faculty member, she has not seen other SALEM convocations. For three years, I had anticipated my senior convocation, and then I was disappointed by the lack of formality and by some of the speeches. This is not fact but my opinion.

-Beth Jones

Restaurant

Review

By Eleanor E. Gibson

Sam's Canterbury Inn
Club Haven Shopping Center

Dear Mom and Dad,

I thought I would try to find a good place to eat in Winston-Salem so that I could take you there when you come to visit. Since I had heard nothing but praise about Sam's Canterbury Inn, I thought I would try it.

This eating establishment is especially noted for its bountiful salad bar. Granted, the "appetizer bar" looked appetizing, but, as the adage goes, "You can't judge a book by its cover." Certainly it is impressive to serve such items as boiled shrimp, oysters on the half shell, caviar, and pate on a salad bar, but when they are tasteless or of poor quality, it would be better to serve a simple, fresh green salad

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