

Editorial

The first Salemite meeting was held Tuesday, Sept. 19 and I suppose could be deemed successful because there were eight new people who attended the meeting. Our staff now consists of 13 students who produce a weekly newspaper for over 650 other students who apparently don't care if they ever see another Salemite again. The lack of interest expressed here and in SGA, for example, makes me wonder if other clubs and organizations at Salem are also suffering from the apparently incurable disease of student apathy.

This lethargic condition is contagious and must be checked before it reaches epidemic proportions. The cure is simple: become involved in some campus organization. You are automatically a member of every club at Salem via SGA dues. Why not take advantage of your membership? Attend club meetings and choose to contribute to one that coincides with your interests. I realize that making commitment to a club is time consuming; however, the results of your involvement can be both worthwhile and enjoyable.

I hate to think the sparse attendance at the Salemite meeting is indicative of campus-wide interest concerning Salem's clubs and organizations. Become active. Discover that there are many on-campus opportunities for involvement which are available to you. Why not take advantage of them?

Amanda Vannoy

Letters...

To the Editor:

Dear Editor,

All this talk recently about SGA and its value has gotten me stirred up. I'd like this opportunity to get on my soapbox and say a few words.

Student Government Association is more than just a required half-hour meeting once a month. SGA touches us everyday in the form of campus policies, opportunities, and freedoms. It is an organization for all students. Salem doesn't have a rah-rah football team or a fancy marching band, but we do have a system of which we are all members. It is possible for one vote to make the difference in any issue! Salem students are given the freedom to have a major pull in the operation of this institution. Do you realize what a dimension that adds to our lives? Unfortunately many students do not. The privilege of SGA is being taken for granted more and more. If we are not careful, we may find ourselves without it. How sad it would be to lose that measure of power not given most college students.

The Handbook states the purpose of SGA as "fostering individual and community interests by maintaining a high standard of conduct, by creating a spirit of unity, and by developing a sense of individual responsibility and responsibility to the Honor Tradition." These qualities are precisely the qualities I admire in Salem and her students. However, I wonder if the Salem community would retain these qualities if SGA were not sufficiently supported. I believe in Salem, and I believe in her SGA. I am convinced that SGA can and will do a great service to us all if we only let it. I will attend all SGA meetings and lend my ideals, criticisms, and talents. I will give the new slate of officers a chance to do their best possible job. I will support SGA because it supports me. Won't you?

Liz Boyd

Sing Out

With The

Archways

The members of Archways for 1978-1979 are Brenda Fenton, president, Sabra Harper, Susan Miller, Diana Joliff, Jean Fleming, Patsy Miller, Deborah Garrard, Anne Lester, Amy Inglesbee, Julia Owen, Laura Collins and Elizabeth Taylor.

Kick Up

Your Heels

With

Dansalems

The new Dansalems for the 1978-1979 year are Gunilla Brattstam, Elizabeth Frederick, Frances Gregg, Ellen McKelvey, Sarah Robinette, Susy Schultz, Suzanne Sherrill and Iva Lee Winstead.

They will be joining returning Dansalems Nan Barefoot, Charlotte Tomlinson, Ruth Clarke, Susan Owen, Melanie White, Lisa Beale, Lyn Ewing, Suzanne McCaskill and Greta Harrell.

MARY DAVIS APPOINTED BUSINESS MANAGER OF LIFE MAGAZINE

NEW YORK — Mary Davis, Assistant Business Manager of Sports Illustrated magazine, has been named Business Manager of Life magazine. The announcement was made by Charles A. Whittingham, Life's publisher. Life will reappear as a monthly in October after a hiatus of six years.

Prior to working for Sports Illustrated, Davis was Assistant Business Manager of Money magazine, also a Time Inc. publication. She has been with the company since graduating from Salem College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in 1972. Davis, 27, is a native of Belmont, North Carolina and now resides in Manhattan.

Excuse Me, Mr. President

By Martha Walker

When one faces a major change, usually his first question is "why." This fall Salem's president, Dr. Cuninggim, announced that he will retire after this year. Why? Dr. Cuninggim explains that there is "a whole nest of reasons . . . no one reason."

Although one sees dashing "Dr. C." M. C.-ing shows, chasing truck loads of juniors, and playing tennis, he explains that he does not have the energy-mental, emotional, physical—that is demanded of college presidents today. The effect of this strenuous energy demand is seen clearly in the decrease of the length of time college presidents stay in office now as compared to the past. When weighing the pros and cons of retirement, Dr. C. could not ignore that his job is seven day a week, with the week averaging 70 hours of work. Also, his first lady, Whitty, gives over 40 hours per week to the advancement of Salem College.

Another reason for retirement is the kinds of tasks that have to be done by all college presidents. Dr. Cuninggim feels that he has done them long enough. He said that "the administration has joys and disappointments. I've had enough of both." Daily grind is no longer a matter of particular delight.

There are, however, some other tasks which the Cuninggims feel they must focus more attention. Both Dr. and Mrs. C. are writing books in the field of education. Dr. C. is in the middle of writing his sixth book; this one is about private higher education relations—specifically those which are church related. Also, the retirement will allow Whitty to continue in her study and work in education of the handicapped and in the role of volunteers in education.

The factor that almost tipped the scales in favor of staying was "the people with whom I work most closely." As far as Dr. C. is concerned, the people make his position a "most satisfying and invigorating" one. His list of wonderful people associated with Salem is lengthy, including, of course, the magnificent students.

Dr. Cuninggim explains that all of the reasons listed thus far for leaving were the "ego centered" reasons. There are other reasons, too. His concern is also, "What makes sense for Salem?" He feels that Salem needs a president who can come and stay long enough to give stability to the institution; "seven to ten years, not three years." He explains further, "Someone should be in a job long enough to develop rapport to get things done. If he stays longer, he postpones that chance."

All of this merely answers the question, "why." What about his goals, accomplishments, hopes, fears? Dr. Cuninggim quickly points out that he has not yet retired! At the close of the 1978-79 academic year the Salemite will look into the answers to those questions. Stand back Salem College—Dr. C. has another year to go!

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