

decided to run for the office her junior year.

Connie realizes that she is treated differently by some, now that she fills such an important position on campus. But she doesn't feel that anyone tries to "get in good with her" simply because she has that position. "I now know alot of different people in the school and in my class that I probably wouldn't have known had I not been elected," says Connie. She believes they are friendly towards her because of her position not in spite of it.

As president, Connie is involved with many committees on campus. She especially enjoys the faculty contact she experiences through her involvement. "This is a privilege that means a great deal to me," says Connie. "To be able to attend the Board of Trustees meeting is also quite a privilege," believes Connie. "Few people get to see what they actually do!"

According to Connie, her most exciting involvement so far has been with the Presidential Search Committee. This committee is in the process of finding a replacement for retiring Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim.

Connie's advisory position on the committee has been particularly thrilling because the selection of a new college president will determine the future of Salem for the upcoming years.

Connie, as SGA president, believes her main goal for this year is, "to be able to leave SGA as an effective, working organization which holds the respect of the entire

student body." She goes on to say, "I would like to see the branches of SGA, the clubs and the various committees all running smoothly."

"During the past couple of years," Connie explains, "the organization got confused as to what it was trying to do. Members neither defined their goals nor their means.

The SGA as a whole was just not in functioning order."

Connie saw the need for particular changes that would help eliminate the problems of previous years.

She summarized some of the changes being made in this year's organizations.

One helpful adjustment concerns the Legislative Board. "Leg Board is working much better this year," states Connie. "Kate Wallace, SGA vice president now presides over it where as before the president had the responsibility." Connie feels this shift of authority gives a different edge to the important committee.

Also, she further explains, "more emphasis is put on the communication between Leg Board and the dormitories.

Student representatives from each dorm attend the meetings and are responsible for relaying all information back to their dorm."

"Student and faculty committees are now defining their purposes and goals"

Connie says, as she went on to explain this year's adjustments. "Members will set up guidelines that will help the committees reach their goals."

Connie firmly states that, "SGA is interested in all areas of student life especially areas where some concern has been expressed"

She further points out that "the organization is willing to become involved with and help with such issues as the P.F. requirements and Founder's Day". Connie would also like to meet with the different campus publications and see what SGA, as an organization, can do to help provide for the publications' betterment.

Salem's SGA president feels that this year's student support has been great. She believes it is a great improvement over the past few years. "It's a nice feeling to look out and see that all the seats in Hane Auditorium are filled."



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Hail to the Chief!

by Missy Littleton

"A certain degree of self confidence is important" says Connie, "especially when working with Trustees and Faculty because you find yourself thinking - what do I know compared to what they know! You've got to try and reach their level," she adds.

For Connie, the idea of running for SGA president came about gradually. She had been active on the Executive Board and wanted

to remain involved throughout her years at Salem. With this in mind she

One of the most important student offices on Salem's campus is SGA president. This year's office holder, Connie Caldwell, has been well received by the student body. She has already proven to be an adept and competent leader.

Connie feels that an effective SGA president is an organized manager and a budgeter of time. The officer must also possess the quality of diplomacy in order to deal with the different types of people congregated at Salem.

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