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In this section *The Salemite* is presenting a comprehensive listing of election information compiled from the student handbook. The importance of student participation in all facets of the elections can not be overly stressed.

Eligibility.

- A. The Election Committee shall be responsible for checking eligibility for office.
- B. In order to be eligible for a principle office, a student must have a cumulative average of 2.0 or better. In order to be eligible for an executive office, a average of 2.0 or better. In order to be eligible for an executive office, a student must have a cumulative average of 2.3 or better. The Executive offices are President of Student Government, Vice-President of Student Government, Treasurer of Student Government, Secretary of Student Government, Honor Council Chairman and Interdorm Chairman. In case an appeal is necessary in relation to Academic Probation, it shall be made in writing to the Executive Board of Student Government within one week after the start of the petitioning period.
- C. In the primary and secondary election, a student may run for only two offices. However, in the final election, a student may run for only one office.
- D. The President of Student Government and the Chairman of Honor Council shall be members of the senior class and must be boarding students.
- E. The Vice-President of Student Government shall be a member of the senior class.
- F. The Secretary of Honor Council and the Secretary and Treasurer of Student Government shall be members of the junior class.

Filing.

- A. Each student, if eligible, has the right and privilege to place herself on the ballot. She must notify the Election Committee that she desires to add her name to the slate of candidates for the office. The candidate will enter an application in her name. The candidate must sign the application before it is posted. Applications will be posted for at least four days and no more than a seven day period.
- B. At the end of the filing period, the student must designate her first and second choice in the event her name should appear on the slate for both offices. A student who has filed for an office and who might later want to withdraw from the slate should preferably do so before the primary and notify the Election Committee immediately.
- C. At the end of the filing period, in the event that the slate for an office is empty, Legislative Board, in a closed meeting, shall have the power to complete (3 or less) the ballot with the name of any eligible candidate who gives her consent.

Voting Procedure.

- A. Primary:
In the event that more than five people have filed for one office, there will be a primary election handled by the Election Committee to narrow the slate for the secondary ballot to five candidates (or the number deemed advisable by the Election Committee). The names will then be placed on the slate of candidates for each office in the secondary.
- B. Secondary:
In the secondary election, under normal conditions, there will be a maximum of five candidates on the slate for each office. However, when several students are running for two offices, the Election Committee may deem it advisable to have more than five candidates running for a particular office. There will be a required SGA meeting in which each student will vote for one candidate whose name she wishes to be placed on the final ballot. For each office, the two students with the most votes will qualify to have their names placed on the final ballot. A difference of one vote between the second and third place candidates will be regarded as a tie and a run-off between the two candidates will be held. However, if a student should qualify to have her name appear on the ballot for two offices, the Election Committee will eliminate her name from the ballot for the office which she earlier declared to be her second choice. In such a case, the candidates receiving the next highest number of votes will be placed on the slate of candidates for the final election of the office.
- C. Final Election:
In the final election, there will be only two names appearing on the ballot for each office. In a required SGA meeting each student will vote for one person for each office. The nominee with a majority of the votes will be elected to each office. A 1/2 vote difference shall constitute a majority.

Contested Election.

- A. The result of any election may be contested by any individual or group of individuals who can submit evidence that the election was not conducted in an impartial and valid manner. The evidence should be presented within two weeks of the contested election to the Chairman of Honor Council. Honor Council will hear charges, collect evidence, and determine the action to be taken. If Honor Council deems that a revote/re-election is necessary, it will be conducted as soon as possible.

General Regulations.

- A. Freshmen are to have 1/2 vote in all elections by the whole student body. In the case of Founders' Day Chairman and Secretary of Interdorm Council, they have a full vote.
- B. In case of a tie in any election, there will be a revote.
- C. In case of a vacancy occurring in the office of President of SGA, the Vice-President shall assume the duties and a re-election shall be held as soon as possible. The rules governing the original election shall apply.
- D. Should a vacancy occur in any other Student Government office, Executive Board shall approve a temporary officer to serve in the interim. A reelection shall be held as soon as possible.

A. Duties of the President of Student Government.

1. To preside at all meetings of the Executive and Legislative Boards, all joint meetings of Executive Board and Faculty Advisory Board, and to preside at SGA meetings.
2. To call any meetings she may consider necessary.
3. To serve on the Handbook Committee.
4. To determine with the President of the College what legislative matters are under the jurisdiction of Legislative Board.
5. To serve as ex-officio member of Election Committee, Honor Council, Interdorm Council, and Student Activities Board

B. Duties of the Chairman of Honor Council.

1. To preside at all meetings of the Honor Council and all joint meetings of Honor Council and Faculty Advisory Board.
2. To serve on Executive Board.
3. To serve as ex-officio member of Legislative Board, Interdorm Council, and Election Committee.
4. To notify a student in writing of any accusation made against her.
5. To call any meetings she may consider necessary.

C. Duties of the Vice-President of Student Government.

1. To assume the duties of the President in her absence.
2. To edit the Student Handbook and serve on the Handbook Committee.
3. To serve as Chairman of Student Service Council.
4. To serve on Legislative Board and Executive Board.
5. To hold meetings with the members of miscellaneous committees.
6. To serve on the Honor Code Appeal Board.

D. Duties of the Treasurer of Student Government.

1. To serve on Legislative Board and Executive Board.
2. To keep a strict account of all receipts and expenditures.
3. To determine and collect the Student Budget.
4. To present quarterly reports to the Association.
5. To act as Chairman of Finance Board, Executive Finance Board, and Concessions Committee.
6. to serve as SGA parliamentarian.

E. Duties of the Secretary of Student Government.

1. To keep an accurate account of the proceedings of Legislative Board and meetings of SGA.
2. To prepare and read the minutes of each meeting upon all of the President of Student Government.
3. To report all Executive and Legislative decisions to the Dean of Students.
4. To keep a register of the membership of Legislative Board.
5. To post all official notices of the Executive and Legislative Boards.
6. To serve on Legislative Board and Executive Board.

F. Duties of Director of Student Activities.

1. To serve as director of extra-curricular campus activities.
2. To preside at all Student Activities Board meetings.
3. To call any meetings of Student Activities Board that she may consider necessary.
4. To evaluate the purpose and effectiveness of the member organizations.
5. To investigate the present new programming ideas to member organizations.
6. To serve on Legislative Board.
7. To serve as a liason between Student Activities Board and Executive Board.

G. Duties of the Secretary of Honor Council.

1. To keep an accurate account of the proceedings Honor Council.
2. To report, in written form, all judicial decisions to the Dean of Students and to the student(s) involved.
3. To keep a register of the membership of Honor Council.



Dr. Dudley Shearburn

Going, Going Gone

Wednesday, March 7, the Y-auction was held in the Refectory. Shearburn acting as auctioneer maintained a fast and humorous pace. Food was the most popular item among the students. Babcock girls have their own bakery after leaving with a large number of the cakes, cookies, and pies. Among the more popular items were:

1) Dr. and Mrs. Mowbray's Tanglewood Steeplechase package which Laura Witherington purchased for \$52.00.

2) It is a known fact that the juniors on 2nd floor Clewell enjoy eating. For their bid of \$32.00 they will join Mary Scott Best and Paige French for quiche and wine.

3) Sparkles were brought to Molly Fleeman's eyes when her opt bid of \$70.00 won her a champagne brunch for six at Dr. Clark Thompson's house.

4) For \$40.000 six girls will spend a beautiful, sunny day water-skiing and having a picnic with Ms. Nancy Bell and Ms. Mariam Farmer.

5) A challenging hiking trip to Hanging Rock with Dr. George and Kay McKnight sold for \$20.

6) Italian cuisine a la Dr. Todd Fay was purchased for \$50 by four Salemites.

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