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Salem Welcomes Applicants

April 8-9 Salem's Admissions Office will again sponsor the applicants weekend. Darcy Camp of the admissions office with the help of Fremderdienerin has organized the event which has always been an effective way of promoting Salem College.

The admissions office feels that one of the greatest ways to stimulate the interest of prospective students is to get them on Salem's campus and show them first hand what the college is all about.

Miss Camp stated that a Salem student is the best salesperson for the school. The Admissions Office feels that they rely a great deal on the Salem students because they can be most effective in encouraging applicants and actual enrollments.

Miss Camp said she was expecting 46 possibly 50 girls, who had applied and were accepted, to participate. She explained that some of these girls have already decided to attend Salem and this weekend would serve as a kind of orientation for them. The others have not yet decided and hopefully the fun and informative program will persuade them towards an affirmative decision.

The girls, who are coming from Florida, Maryland, Kentucky, and places in between, will register Sunday and then attend a panel discussion concerned with the topic, "Liberal Arts: A preparation for the 1980's." This is the first time this type of program has been on the weekend's schedule and it promises to be very successful.

Dr. Fay, Dean Helmick, Dr. Pubantz and Ms. Pence-Sokoloff will each speak on the topic from the viewpoint of their respective areas. Sunday evening, the whole student body will gather with the applicants in the May Dell for a cookout. Afterwards a "dorm session" will take place. This involves students from different areas of campus life who will talk with the applicants and answer any questions. Sunday night the Archways, Dansalems and other student performers will provide "a Night of Students Entertainment" which will be followed by an ice cream

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Admissions Overview

Because students should be aware of issues pertaining to Salem's Admissions Program, the Salemite recently discussed the changing scene of college admissions with Mrs. Annie Jenkins of the Admissions Office.

A drop in the amount of enrollments has been expected by Salem and other colleges due to factors such as the economic situation and the fact that there are comparatively fewer students than there were a few years back when the effects of the "Baby Boom" were still felt. Also, in the

student population, only 3 percent of the females aged 18-21 are interested in a woman's college. "So the pool has been reduced," according to Mrs. Jenkins. But she added that, "Girls who do choose a woman's college are more concerned about their future."

Enrollment in woman's colleges, as well as co-ed

institutions, is leveling off but "fortunately," Miss Jenkins implied, "Salem has been able to keep a steady enrollment all along." There has never been a great fluctuation in the number of applicants. Salem has always been able to obtain its quota of around 500 students. Though this figure may drop somewhat, Mrs. Jenkins feels they will not compromise the admission's standards. Salem will continue to accept only those applicants qualified for admission.

Salem's admissions office has employed the idea of pre-selection which enables them

to advise interested high school juniors as to whether or not it's a good decision to apply to Salem.

Miss Jenkins also explained that recently a new trend in the admissions process has appeared. This shows that some prospective students are applying later in the year than before. This trend may have appeared because the backgrounds of Salem's student body is becoming more diverse more students may come from families in which the parents did not attend college. Therefore

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