

## Editorial

While pondering my next editorial expression, as I sat on Babcock Beach amidst the aroma of fresh coconuts and the sounds of today's Top 40, it struck me that the surge of inactivity I was suffering from must have also been a common malady for other healthy students in the past. Devoted reporter that I am, I later searched through old Salemites to find out exactly what was on our elder sisters' minds in springs past. The results are below. I leave the final judgement on the proximity of our spring sentiments to your discretion.

May 19, 1928

When we suffer from unbearable inertia, un-supportable annui and a peerish temper, let us rejoice and be glad. We have Spring Fever! There are countless others experiencing the same symptoms. All of us are satisfying our natural desires and the tendency of self preservation -- we will not do the required work which we are asked to heap upon our desks these few remaining days. "The consequences?", someone may ask. Exams are at lend but the best one can do is memorize the subject the night before the final examination.

April 29, 1938

It's going to be funny tomorrow to see so many boys around her. It certainly will be a relief to go through the receiving line once with a boy to introduce. I think all of us should read over the etiquettes book on how to act at a dance.

April 23, 1948

The well-dressed what? Vogue has them...Esquire has them...and now that the sun is hot and spring is here, Salem has them...The well-dressed sunbather! There's no water in the pool yet, but there are tans to be seen anyway. By looking our of Clewell's windows or looking over the wall (don't lean), it's easy to see what is being worn in THE fashion circles of Salem.

Of course, the "athletes" of Salem can be seen well-dress, but there are those "non-athletes" who are holding their own by the pool.

If you're at Myrtle Beach this summer and see a two-piece jersey suit, that's Miriam Bailey. One half is melon pink and the other half black. Sophisticate at the least!

May 9, 1958

The beat generation has found a minute expression in Salem College. If Salemites can no longer dress appropriately, they certainly must be beat. It is regrettable that the IRS had to make such an announcement as it did last Tuesday, urging Salemites to be more careful in their appearance.

The presence of a social standards organization on campus makes it evident that there are standards to be upheld. Students knew about these standards before they came to Salem. Perhaps they are now viewing the IRS as a social organization to provide entertainment for students and to keep watch over their dining hall manners.

However, one of IRS's objectives is to put the Salemite beyond the square as a fit representative of the college with the support of the administration. If neatness in socks and blazers is impossible, then a request from the IRS for students to wear dresses and nylons would not be unreasonable.

May 4, 1968

Mr. Alvin Welgel, who is vice-president of Houbigant perfumes, contends that there is a direct relationship between...the property of perfume...the growth of sexual freedom...and the decline of Puritanism.

The erotic nature of perfume is an established fact -- women have used it to titilate and excite the male since early civilization and some psychiatrists acknowledge it as one of the psychological aphrodisiacs.

Laura Castellanos del Valle

## Letters

### An open letter to the Student Body:

Petitions are now being circulated in each dorm regarding the issue of having a key on campus after closing. As the rule now stands, possession of a key on campus after closing is a violation of social procedure. Interdorm is now attempting to change this rule and has developed proposed guidelines to implement this change. The guidelines are as follows:

a) A student may visit in another dorm after closing and thus may be allowed to have a key in order to return to her own dorm that same evening.

b) A student must be in the dorm she is visiting before closing. A door may not be opened to let a student in after closing under any circumstances.

c) While in another dorm, a student is responsible to the rules and regulations of that House Council. Any violator will be handled either by the House Council, or by Interdorm.

d) Upon leaving, a student must be escorted by her hostess who must then sign the visitor out of the dorm. Both parties are equally responsible for the proper closing of the SDH door. This precautionary measure is taken because the SDH doors in each dorm close differently.

e) Failure to comply will be treated in the same manner as leaving the door open when returning from off campus with SDH.

f) After a student leaves a dorm, she is responsible for her own safety. Walking on campus late at night is not safe and a student should make provisions to help insure her own safety.

I resently, Dean Johnson and her staff do not support the procedural change and proposed guidelines Interdorm has developed for a number of reasons. However, Interdorm feels that the proposed guidelines overcome their objections. Their objections are as follows:

1 - Visitors, because they are unfamiliar with lock-up procedures in a different dorm, are more likely to leave a door unlocked and thus endanger the security of the dorm. However, Interdorm believes that a sign-out sheet will prevent this problem from occurring. It should be remembered that Salem does have an Honor Code. We are on our honor to follow social procedure and Interdorm is confident that students will comply with these guidelines as well.

2 - Noise will be a problem once this rule is in effect due to the visitors.

Frankly, the rule is now being violated, thus an increase in traffic would not be expected. There have been very few complaints of noise created by visitors. If the problem does arise, the offenders will be punished by the respective House Council, or, depending on the severity of the offense, by Interdorm.

3 - The security risk of walking between dorms late at night.

Nevertheless, Interdorm feels that it is also a risk for students to go off campus and walk back to their dorms, a choice which they freely make. A student should be allowed to make this choice with respect to visitation on campus as well. The Handbook states that each student must be responsible for her own safety to a large extent. Interdorm believes we are responsible enough to take precautions to insure our safety and will do so wisely when returning from another dorm after closing.

Salem students have demonstrated responsibly and maturity in complying with social procedures and therefore Interdorm maintains this is a reasonable procedural change. We are adults and are thus capable of handling this additional responsibility wisely. We urge all students to support the petitions now circulating.

Amanda Robinson  
Chairman of Interdorm

## CAMPUS NEWS

The Faculty Development Committee has made awards to Margaret Snow, Ann Wooten, George McKnight, Charles Pate and Dave Kurtz for attendance of workshops which relate to their teaching responsibilities. The Committee will also fund Todd Fay's travel to a conference at which he is presenting a paper. Funds for faculty development will be used to supplement departmental travel funds when a paper is being presented by the faculty member. About \$4,000 remains in the Fund.

The Morrills will be visiting Salem on May 6, 7 and 8, to make plans for their moving later in the summer. Chairman Vance has asked Mary Scott Best to serve as the person in charge of their schedule during their visit. Information about particular events will be forthcoming later on.

Ann Waldron, award-winning author of books for children, will be th keynote speaker and special guest at the second annual June Orton Reading Maifest at Salem College Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5.

Sponsored by the college's Center for Special Education, the Maifest, "What's Right, Whose Rights?," is open to the public with pre-registraton required.

The two-day program will include four major workshops and several mini-workshops or "serendipities." There will also be a film and an author's wine and cheese party.

The Maifest is named after Mrs. June Orton, nationally-recognized pioneer in research and therapy of learning disabilities who died in 1977.

Those wishing to register can call (919) 723-7961, ext. 283. Registration fee is twenty dollars.

## ATTENTION SENIORS!

April 27th will be the last edition of The Salemite for this school year. As one last tribute we offer you that entire issue, in which you may voice any last words of wisdom, warning or farewell. Write your last wills and testaments, your class prophecies or whatever whim may strike you.

The deadline is Tuesday, April 24th. Give any eopy to Laura Castellanos, or the Salemite box in Main Hall.

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