

## Editorial

It is apparent that the 1980s are not going to be easy years. According to newspapers, magazines, and Walter Cronkite, we are all in for some rough times. Unfortunately, something very close to us is especially vulnerable to the impending hardships - our school.

Salem, being a small private institution, is wide open to the threats and difficulties of a changing world. Though Salem can't be excluded from them, she can be fortified.

The Salem Challenge Campaign is one way of strengthening our school. Financially, this endeavor promises to be a great help. But money matters aside, Salem is going to need all the love and support she can get in order to survive the uncertainty of the 80s. This kind of backing must come from us - her students - because we are Salem. We must do our best to help keep her going because if she falters - we falter.

So we have to join forces and face what may come together. Salem needs financial help - sure - but she also needs our devotion to give her confidence. We can give her a boost by improving and vitalizing those areas of Salem that need it.

Everyone can help get enrollment up by promoting and advertising our school. Of course Salem needs students - so when you are home rave about how great Salem is!

Participate in all facets of life here on campus. Student involvement is a strength and asset to any school. Get involved and excel in anything from academics to the arts, from the student government to the student activities. These aspects of Salem can be

improved by more student involvement and interest. This involvement will not only benefit the school but the student as well.

The survival of the Salem community is as important to us in the future as it is or should be to us now.

We have been taking from Salem long enough, now, in her time of need, we should start giving to Salem. In our Founder's Day song, the sophomores sang, "Our future relies on Salem" well now Salem's future relies on us.

Missy Littleton

On April 30th Salem students will be able to experience the past and present of Salem College. As we live here, many of us are not aware of Salem's heritage. On Wednesday, I hope we will all learn to appreciate the legacy of our school.

It is so hard to concentrate in the spring. With all sorts of plans being made for next year, our first Founder's Day will help us conceive the idea of Fallfest being something totally different. As students in the oldest educational institution for women in continuing existence in the United States, we need to honor the actual founding of the school.

This day will be a day to view changes that have taken place in 208 years. The College, Academy, and the Salem community will be entertained by the best talent Salem can offer. Founder's Day has not been observed as such in quite a while. I hope all Salem students will be proud to attend the functions and learn more about their school.

With the many events in the spring -- dances, prospective students weekends, and alumnae weekend -- this day is set aside to enrich us and exemplify our education and heritage. Even though it is not a day of fun and games and we don't have kegs in the afternoon,

everyone should still be eager to attend the activities. Founder's Day is a serious occasion. The students can take this opportunity to show the residents of Old Salem and the Salem community that we respect this school as much as they do. Let us show them that we are indeed proud of 208 years of fine education.

Joan Gentry

## Class reunion slated

Class reunions will bring Salem College graduates back to the campus for the school's annual Alumnae Day this Saturday, April 26.

Those celebrating 50th, 55th, and 60th reunions -- members of the classes of 1920, 1925, and 1930 -- will attend a dinner Saturday

evening at the home of the president and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Morrill.

Former classmates will begin to gather Friday night for a reception and barbecue in the May Dell, when students will entertain

them with music. The senior alumna expected to attend is Mrs. Cleve Wharton of Winston-Salem who was graduated in 1906.

The weekend schedule includes registration Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in

the Fine Arts Center, general meeting at 10:30 a.m. in Hanes

Auditorium, reception on the refectory lawn at 12:30 p.m., lunch at 1 p.m., class meetings and picture-taking at 2 p.m., and class parties in the evening. Some

will attend the Home Moravian Church service and have lunch at the refectory on Sunday.

Alumnae director Doris Eller is coordinating the event.

## Introduction to Salem planned

About fifty high school juniors will be arriving Sunday the 27th for junior prospective students weekend. The juniors will be visiting on campus until after lunch on Monday.

On Sunday afternoon, the students will be able to attend programs in four special areas --

Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences, and Fine Arts. They will choose their specific

area of interest and spend about an hour talking with professors and finding out what graduates have done in those particular areas.

This program is basically to give the girls an introduction to Liberal Arts. The

students will be entertained on Sunday night with the Salem talent show which will take place at 8:00 p.m. in Shirley Auditorium.

On Monday the juniors will attend classes of their choice and also four small talks on various things around campus. These

will be four ½ hour sessions in which the

juniors can talk with students and faculty about various aspects of the college life. Their visit will end with lunch in the club dining room.

Liz Boyd is in charge of the overnight weekend and she had these comments. "We

have found in the past that people are deciding earlier, and earlier where they want to go to

school. We hope to get Salem in the running early enough. There are

lots of people helping admissions and we certainly appreciate all their efforts to help these girls and to help Salem," she said.

Most of the girls are from North Carolina, but some are from South Carolina and Virginia.

This is the first time to visit Salem for many of these girls and the first time to visit any college.

The first impression is always the strongest and we hope it will be a good one.

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