

Semester of Change

As classes end and exams are completed fall semester will come to a close. This is an appropriate time for us to reflect on this semester and to look ahead to spring, 1983. This semester has seen much change initiated by students, faculty, and administration. It began with Dr. Litzenburg's inauguration as our 17th president.

With the opening of the Sawtooth Center for Visual Design and our Student Life and Fitness Center, new opportunities are available for students. "Thursday Night at the Lab" lectures have provided students with information concerning women in science.

This semester the faculty has approved a new foreign language-management major, new courses in math and religion, a new degree for CE's, and a new exchange program with Guilford College.

Students have initiated perhaps the most gratifying changes this semester. Gratifying because we've shown we can work together to accomplish goals, and because we've proven to ourselves, faculty, and administration just what we are capable of: the Salemite was successful in gaining Back Door as its new office, the Fast for a World Harvest successfully raised our consciousness' and funds which will help others, the Bloodmobile sponsored by Arete is another success which reached outside the campus to the community. A campus Weight Watchers program is closer to reality (see story p. 4). And problems in recall procedure have resulted in two different proposals for amendments (see story p. 1).

This semester has not been flawless, but we have accomplished a lot. Let's keep the activism going next spring.

Teri L. Capshaw



The Oracle

by Dr. Patricia Sullivan,
Academic Dean

The purpose of "The Oracle" is to involve faculty and administration in expressing their views about pertinent issues concerning students and today's world, around or beyond the square. This week, Dr. Patricia Sullivan, academic dean, addresses Salem's opportunities for continuing education students.

For over two hundred years Salem has been committed to the education of girls and young women in the liberal arts tradition.

Five years ago Salem decided to extend its commitment to the education of women by reaching out to a new group of females, non-traditional college age women. The first groups of "CE students" came to campus with considerable anxiety about their abilities to do college work. They worried about their ability to compete in the classroom with the capable Salem undergraduates. They were concerned about managing their varied commitments to family, career, school, and civic activities.

Salem has provided them with a supportive, responsive environment in which to study and learn. They enrolled in courses in all fields of study and have fared very well. Their academic successes were earned by hard, careful work coupled with judicious allocation of time to school, work and family demands.

Last year our faculty took a long, hard look at how well we were meeting the educational needs of adult women. The results bore fruit in April, 1982 with the formal adoption by the College faculty of a new Adult Degree Program, a baccalaureate program designed to offer the excellence of Salem's liberal arts program in a more flexible format to mature, motivated adult women.

We spent the summer and fall developing the policy and procedures to implement the new program. All the Salem faculty and administrators who worked on the program shared a sense of excitement when the new degree was announced to the public on November 19, 1982.

The response of community women to the concepts of the Salem program has been very positive. In recent information meetings with over 200 women, the message commonly expressed was a sense of appreciation that the quality academic program at Salem could be open to them. Our past work with CE students has provided a solid, credible basis for us to build upon in offering the new program.

Our new students will not be doing less to earn their Salem degree. They will be doing their work differently because as adults they have experience, knowledge, motivation and learning skills that they didn't have at nineteen. At nineteen they did not realize the importance of education. They may have dropped out of college, married and raised a family. Now they find themselves ready to work or already working and feeling disadvantaged because they need further schooling. We hope to help them meet these needs in ways that the excellent Salem faculty will endorse.

The same faculty who have been responsive and responsible in meeting the diverse educational needs of Salem College women will now bring their teaching and advising talents to help meet the needs of mature, adult women.

I hope that Salem women will welcome these new students into the community with a sense of openness and support. We can offer them a great deal and they have much to teach us about the values and importance of education for adult living.



Salem's Lighter Side

by Aqua Lung

Editor's Note: With this issue the Salemite takes the plunge with a new humorous column, "Salem's Lighter Side." The column will appear however regularly or irregularly its author or this editor deems fit. Comments and reactions or suggestions for future columns are welcomed.

"Let's go swimming tomorrow." How many times have we uttered those words to one another since the pool opened in late September? We used to say, "tomorrow I'm going to jog around the Square five times." There was always an easy out for not having to do THAT dreaded form of exercise: the weather was bad, there were too many tourists, or you had a busy day and didn't want to run in the dark.

Well, well, well -- with the construction of the pool, those excuses went out with your Nikes. The pool is indoors, so the weather is irrelevant. Excuse me, what's that you're muttering? Oh! You don't want to walk in the cold air with wet hair. Guess

what?! There are blow dryers on the locker-room wall.

What was the next problem with jogging? The tourists. The only spectators near the pool are people enviously admiring our new three million dollar facilities.

The pounding patter of Salemites jogging around the Square was rarely heard after dark due to security concerns, but you can safely splash-splash after dark because the area around the Student Life and Fitness Center is well lit. And there are three lifeguards on duty at night to insure your safety once you take the big plunge.

Need more reasons to mosey down to the pool? Here are a few: 1) The pool is within easy walking distance of every dorm. 2) Swimming is the best sport for all-around conditioning. 3) Swimming is fun -- you can swim laps, use the kickboards, dive or play water games.

What's keeping you ashore? Come on landlubbers, "tighten up on your backstroke."

Letters to the Editor

Response to Michie

Dear Editor,

As a reporter and proofreader for the Salemite, I would like to respond to Hewson Michie's letter in the Nov. 19 issue.

Mr. Michie has the right to voice his opinions in this column; that is its purpose. But it is unbelievable to me that anyone, much less a professor, would make such an explosive and potentially damaging accusation and then not back it up in any way. He essentially charges that the Salemite is irresponsible. I think that making this charge and not supporting it with evidence or even giving any indication of what it refers to is more irresponsible than anything the Salemite has done while I have been on staff.

Sincerely,
Melinda McAfee

Dorm Closings

Dear Editor,

I am getting sick and tired of being locked in the dorm every night at 10:00 p.m. What is the possible security reason for this? We have combination lock doors inside for security purposes. I bet there are many more cases brought before House Councils as a result of doors being left open - mostly before the former lock-up hour of 11:45 (1:00 a.m. on weekends).

The biggest problem with locking the doors at 10:00 p.m. campus wide is that most people have friends in other dorms and they do like to go to dorms after 10:00 without having to go to the trouble of tracking down the friend in the other dorm by telephone.

I think 11:30 p.m. would be a more reasonable time for dorm lock-up -- fewer violations, everyone could get their visiting in, and security would certainly not be in jeopardy.

Thanks,
V. Beaty

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