

Communication A Key To Effective Student Government

By: Leigh Flippin
SGA President

As President of the Student Government Association, one of my main objectives for the 1984-85 year is to improve the communication around campus. From here on out, a microphone will be set up in the Refectory at every sit-down meal in the hope of doing just that. For everyone's benefit, we want to make sure that all announcements may be heard. (Also, according to Wayne, the plates and glasses are getting a little worn from the previous method of "clanking"!)

"This Week at Salem" is another form of communication improvement. Dotty Sayers instigated this weekly calendar at the end of last year and it has proven to be an excellent means of centralizing events of the week. Also, the Legislative Board, Student Activ-

ities Board, and Executive Board are encouraging everyone to remember the Day Students and the Continuing Education Degree Students when announcing meetings and important events.

These are some ideas that Executive Board has come up with to improve communication; however, any suggestions are indeed welcome. Where and when can you make all of your suggestions? Glad you asked . . . the official "Gripe Night" will be re-instigated at the end of this month.

For those of you who were not here in 1982-83, this is a time for anyone interested to voice their opinions and concerns. After all, how many times have you had a brilliant idea, gotten all psyched up about it, yet told no one? How

many times have you disagreed with the way an issue was handled yet complained only to your roommate or close friends? Well now is your chance to properly channel those opinions. Thursday, September 27th is the date of the first Gripe Night. Executive Board will stick around in the Refectory after dinner to talk with anyone interested. No agenda will be planned; in fact, we will be the listeners of the group.

Remember, the Executive Board of your Student Government Association is made up of only six members who depend on your voiced opinions. Without knowing what you want, we cannot work effectively for you. Keep this in mind.

Social Responsibility

By: Vicki Gaines
Interdorm Chairman

Should ten students be held responsible for upholding the rules set forth by an entire student body? A student body that sleeps, studies...lives in seven resident halls, should be able to independently support and respect the guidelines set down by her temporary home.

As chairman of Interdorm, I believe students should accept a more responsible role in their dorm life. Our 1984-85 Council consists of a group of students interested in improving, updating, and supporting the life style that Salem students demand. Yet we believe that the real responsibility lies in the hands of every student - not just a council of ten. Interdorm has a social responsibility to Salem as a whole; in turn, all Salem students have a personal responsibility to themselves in supporting Salem's roles - or making a genuine effort to change them as she sees fit.

Simply sitting in a hallway complaining about rules and regulations will get nowhere because these ideas usually become stagnant and remain in the dorms. Are we really too apathetic and lazy to help push the idea out the door? Let someone hear the idea!

The Interdorm Council wants to make some definite changes, yet contrary to popular belief, we are not omnipresent. If a student does not approach a member of Interdorm Council with a creative idea to solve a problem or a suggestion to improve life in the dorms - her idea will probably go unnoticed.

If Interdorm could make any definite steps this year, I believe it can only be done through the help of all her students. I want to make this a great year for Salem women, but we cannot do it alone. Uphold your Salem responsibilities in some way on campus - get involved! It is better to try and make that effort than "kicking back" and wasting all that time complaining to your white dorm walls.

The Thread That Runs So True

By: Angie Bostrom
Honor Council Chairman

"Honor is not divisible. It is not something one puts on and off as one does a garment or a show. It applies equally in academic and social life."

-Dr. Dale H. Gramley

As Chairman of Honor Council, I have been asked to write a series of articles for *The Salemite*. I like to take this opportunity to clarify a few misconceptions about your Honor Council. First of all, the Honor Council is not a police force. We are a group of nine students who act as a neutral body to assure that all students who have violated the Honor Tradition are fairly heard. We do not go in search of honor violations, in fact our job is to do just the opposite - to promote honorable living on Salem's campus. We realize that no one can enforce honor, for honor should come from within each Salem student. We promote the Honor Tradition by hearing those students who have failed to live up to it.

Second, when a student contacts me with a potential problem, I agree to meet at her earliest convenience. From that point on, every effort is made to accommodate each student who appears before Honor Council. Surprisingly, the members of Honor Council become the student's most ardent

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support group. We are acutely aware that the student is under a tremendous strain. It is a difficult task to admit one's mistakes, especially to a group of one's peers. Our purpose is to hear the student fairly, providing her with every opportunity to express herself, rather than grill her questions. We do not judge the person, but rather the action. It is the violation of our Honor Tradition that is the issue in an Honor Council hearing - not evaluating the student's character.

Finally, Honor Council is well aware of it's reputation. Hopefully, through this series of articles we will be able to better acquaint the student body with the true nature of the Honor Council. We are

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responsible for supporting and maintaining the Honor Tradition - the most important thread in the Salem tapestry. Our job is vital to life at Salem, for without the Honor Tradition, we would be a very ordinary college. We want the student body to understand and support our endeavors, and therefore we will be presenting readers of the Salemite with a current picture of how we operate, current issues we are facing, and the opportunity to respond with suggestions and feedback. Anyone who wishes to respond may always do so by way of the Salemite, or by contacting me in 202 Strong.

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To the Editors:

As women, as students of Salem College, everyone on this campus should be concerned and involved in the political system which governs the state of North Carolina and the country. This pertains to those of you who are majoring in arts management, economics, foreign languages, or are undecided. The College Democrats will provide an outlet for your concerns and interests in the current trends in American politics. If you are a registered Democrat, if you are a registered Republican with plans of changing party affiliation, or if you are not currently registered but would like to be, please contact me in 301 Strong or look for notices of upcoming meetings. The next few months will provide an unending source of excitement, frustration, and intrigue in the political arena of this country. Be a member of an organization which can and will help to determine the outcome on November 6th.

Debbie Drylie

To The Editors:

The College Republicans at Salem have gotten off to a great start this year. A Republican booth was set up at the beginning of the year providing students with information on local as well as national candidates in the Republican Party. Sandee Smith, President of College Republicans, has already held a meeting for students interested in working with the College Republicans. Sandee had students conduct a poll among the students on each hall concerning party choice, registration, and choice of candidates. Several students took part in attending a luncheon held for Stewart Epperson-Republican Congressional Candidate in the fifth district. Also, several students attended the Bush Rally held at Wake Forest University on September 10th.

With the November election drawing closer and closer, your support is greatly needed. Look for signs concerning the next College Republican meeting!

Anne Roberson

Salem Today

by Lee Sears



Photos by Lacy Buck

"Hell yeah! I think it would be good for me to go there."

Mary Dixon Presby
junior



"Holding on to tradition for tradition's sake is not good if it keeps the university from being progressive and up to date."

Tricia Moss
senior



"They are the oldest boys college and I think they are breaking tradition. That would be like boys coming to Salem."

Kim Rider
junior



"If they aren't strong enough to uphold the tradition, then I think that says something about their character."

Vicki Gaines
senior



"I wish they'd do it here! No, I don't think W & L should do it."

Lucy Davis
senior

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