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# Parking Policies Change-AGAIN

By: Barbara Teates

Students returning to campus over January term break were surprised to find that the parking spaces in the "L", between the FAC and the Moravian Church, were once again reserved for faculty and staff only. This change in the campus parking policy came about after several months' deliberations by a Parking Committee, the Faculty Affairs Committee, and the Administrative Council after faculty and staff members appealed to the Administrative Council to find parking facilities within reasonable distance of their offices.

Terry Moore-Painter, Dr. Litzenburg's Executive Assistant, said there was a "general misunderstanding among the faculty and staff on how the parking spaces behind the Inspector's House and the Shober House were assigned to individuals." This led to a reassessment of the parking facilities for all faculty and staff members. A memo with the proposed changes was sent out to the faculty and staff for feedback, with a particular interest in the reaction of the Faculty Affairs Committee. The comments from

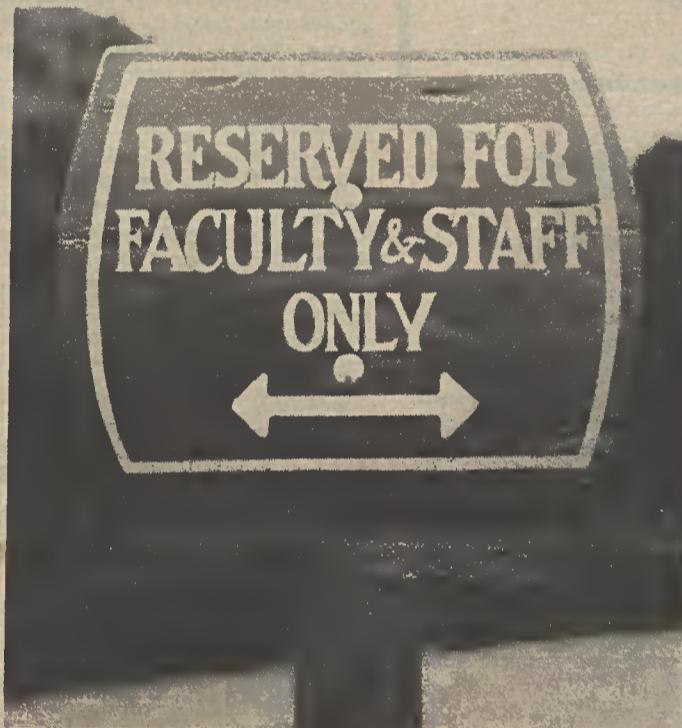


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the committee and individuals were taken into consideration when the final policy was created, she said.

Many students on campus wondered why the student body was not consulted before altering

the parking policy. Ms. Moore-Painter explained that the real problem involved faculty and staff parking, and there have been no formal complaints from the students this year concerning parking facilities.

Steve Hampton, Director of Security and Safety on campus, said there have been no real problems resulting from the revised policy yet. He also said the security force "is now enforcing the revised parking rules seven days a week, and students will be ticketed if they park in restricted areas." The fee for parking in the faculty and staff spaces is set at \$15.00 per day.

Problems with parking facilities are not unusual on campuses of any size, and Salem College has had its share of troubles in the past few years in maintaining enough space for student cars and faculty staff, and administration members' vehicles. Last year a proposal was put into effect which limited the number of cars on front campus. This policy change was to increase safety on front campus and to allow more facilities for residents and businesses to park near their homes or shops.

Along with the restricted parking in the "L" in the FAC lot, spaces in the Inspector's House and Shober House lots have been assigned to individual faculty

members. The three spaces behind are reserved for visitors and handicapped individuals. Spaces in the refectory-maintenance building area will be restricted to use by staff members and institutional vehicles. Some parking spaces have also been reserved in the "pit", or the tennis court lot, for maintenance and housekeeping staff members. Day students may now park under the same provisions as the CE students, who may park on front campus.

Interdorm has come up with a proposal that will allow students to park in the "L" lot by the FAC between 6 p.m. Friday and 9 p.m. Sunday nights. This proposal went before the Administrative Council on February 17.

The new policy should alleviate any problems with the campus parking situation without creating new problems; at least there should be facilities for everyone on campus now within reasonable distance of their residence halls or classrooms or offices. Any problems with the parking situation should be addressed to security or the administration.

## Spring Scholar-in-Residence

By: Dudley Shearburn

Dr. James William Johnson is the Salem Scholar-in-Residence for Spring 1986. He will be on campus from March 16 through March 19. In addition to a public address, as well as a special lecture for the entire Salem community, Dr. Johnson serves as guest professor in a number of classes.

He is from the English Department of Rochester University, Rochester, N.Y. His academic area of specialty is Neo-Classicism in English Literature. Additionally, he has concentrated his studies on Utopian Communities, Women's Studies, and most recently, The Perception of Women in American Films.

Dr. Johnson was born and grew up in Birmingham, Alabama. He graduated from Birmingham-Southern College cum Laude and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He studied in Europe as a Fulbright Fellow, received a

Folger Library Fellowship and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

In Rochester, Dr. Johnson does a weekly radio commentary a kin to the Lake Wobegon series. He comments on life's events in imagined conversations with his southern relatives from Opelika, Wetumpka and Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

A complete schedule of events during his visit will be posted on campus, circulated in students' boxes and put on tables in the Refectory.

On Monday, March 17 at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Johnson will speak in the Drama Workshop on the Brontes.

On Monday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. he will read in the Library from Salem's collection of Dr. Johnson's 1st editions.

Tuesday evening in Shirley Auditorium, he will use a slide presentation to illustrate his lecture on "The Perception of Women in American Film".

## Drinking Committee Faces Challenge

By: Robin Wiley

Colleges and universities across the nation are now being faced with a challenge - the new drinking laws. In most states the legal drinking age will go up to 21 years of age for all alcoholic beverages.

This new law creates two major problems on college campuses: first, enforcing the law on campus; and, second, removing all liability from the school. If an underage student is injured or killed after leaving a school function and he/she is intoxicated, then the school could be held responsible. Even if the student had been carded and had not been given permission to drink, the school, as well as the organization in charge of the function could be liable.

Salem, like many other institutions, was faced with a tough

decision: should the campus go dry, or should we have our own drinking policy on our campus? "It would be easy to say no more alcohol on campus; but through the questionnaire distributed by Executive Board during SGA, Salem College women expressed much concern about their campus going dry. Executive Board works for the students, so they were faced with the responsibility of forming a new drinking policy that would coincide with the new North Carolina Drinking Law," said Kelly Connolly, vice-president of SGA.

Salem then followed the steps that many other schools have followed. Executive Board formed a committee, consisting of student

representatives, to weigh all of the options and collectively write a

policy best suited for Salem.

The proposed drinking policy encompasses these concerns: personal responsibility, designated drinking areas, party contracts, brown bagging, special events and misuse.

Lisa Councilman, president of SGA, states "The policy is very fair, sufficiently liberal and it makes students assume responsibility for their own actions."

Whatever the outcome of the drinking policy, it is certain to alter every aspect of social life on our campus.