

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

My eyes open in the early morning to the bright sun lighting my room. The fan makes a light buzzing sound. My body feels warm underneath my quilt. I stretch my legs as my thoughts wander throughout my mind, and I am trying to make a conscience effort to organize them. I turn my head and my eyes read a quote that I have posted on my wall -

"Is there someone you know
You're loving them so,
but taking them all for granted?
You may lose them someday
someone takes them away
And they don't hear the words
You long to say" -Bread-

For some reason, on this particular morning this quote melts my heart. It means so much. For whatever reason, the quote hit home. At this moment I look over at my roommate sleeping; she looks so peaceful. I think of my friends down the hall. I think of my friends in my dorm. I think of my friends at Salem, and I feel content inside. But, at the same time, I feel a little sad. I realize that we may not always be together. I realize that I may not always be able to tell a friend that she played well in the game or that she looks pretty today. I realize that I may not be able to tell her that I am proud of her or tell her that I love her. She may not be around to listen.

This may have been a sad thought for a beautiful Friday morning, but we have all had events in our lives that we wish we could change. But sometimes we cannot change life. We must live with what we are given.

I know that spring is right around the corner. I know we will all be busy with papers, tests, and exams. We will all be busy with parties, dances, and summer plans. But what we must remember is not to forget. Let's not forget to smile, laugh, hug, and kiss. Tell your parents you love them. Write to an old playmate. Make up with an enemy. Hug your boyfriend. Every day try to take a deep breath and look at your beautiful surroundings. We are all very fortunate young women.

Sincerely,
Walker Shaffner

Dear Editors,

The winter formal is coming up this weekend, and as usual there's excitement in the air. Since I have been at Salem, I have heard about dance weekends but never considered that I might actually attend one. After all, I'm too old for all that, right? Well this year the traditional students have been kind enough to invite the CE's to their gala. And I figure that if you don't think we're too old, I prefer your opinion to my own.

As one student phrased it, its time we showed off these phantom husbands you've heard about but have never seen. So in between studies and other chores this week, some of us are dusting off our dancing shoes, pulling tuxedos out of mothballs, and digging in our closets for our most elegant finery.

You may not recognize us at first, but don't be alarmed. We're not chaperones, parents, or refugees from a wedding. We don't promise to behave, but we'll try not to embarrass you. We are delighted to have the chance to spend a social evening with you since all too often at school, we have little time for socializing. And besides all that, our husbands are anxious to meet these Salem women they've heard so much about!

This invitation has made me realize yet again that we have much to gain by looking at things from your perspective - in this case, an elegant evening with friends and fellow students! So thanks for the gracious invitation. We'll see you on the dance floor!

Sincerely,
B.J. Buckland

Dear Editors,

Congratulations to Mary Martha Whitener on coordinating the idea of having students escorting members of the Board of Trustees to lunch. It was a wonderful experience and time well spent.

I had the opportunity of eating lunch with Mr. Richard Shore, who is a delightful, very genuine man. Kristin Johnson, Amy Cass, Heather Armstrong and Kathryn Swing joined us in some very interesting and knowledgeable conversation. Mr. Shore was very interested in what we thought about different topics including the new visitation policy, the

Dear Editors,

Three cheers to Jenny Savage for having the guts to speak the truth on a very touchy subject...Responsibility. All too often we students of Salem College choose to close our eyes to avoid the thing we would rather not see. A prime example of this is the lack of a yearbook for last year (1988-89).

In anticipation of the upcoming elections, it's time for the students of Salem College to be reminded of a few facts. Salem College is based on a self-governing student body made up of and elected by students. These students elected in March will become representatives of the entire student body in both voice and action.

This should explain the importance of electing competent young women to these positions of leadership. Unfortunately, people sometimes run for positions for the wrong reasons. Maybe they want the power, or the recognition or just something to put down on their resumes without the responsibility that goes along with the job. These are the wrong people to elect. Sincere candidates, and the student body, are short changed by this practice.

Sometimes it is hard to determine one's sincerity to a cause and to the people who elected her. Now is the time to exercise your right to vote and make a wise decision by looking beyond one's popularity to the true person. Salem's environment is unique in that it allows you to get to know people better than might have been able to, so use this knowledge to the best of your ability.

Someone once asked me why seniors are allowed to vote since they won't be here the next year when people take their offices. Well,...maybe it is because we want to leave you in good hands! We've been here for four years and if we don't know who can uphold the responsibilities to get the job done then how can we expect the underclassmen to.

In hopes of shedding more light on the responsibilities of those who take major offices, the Executive Board and Interdorm will be hosting an informal dinner discussion. We would like to encourage everyone who has considered running for an office, or would just like to know more about them, to please come by and ask questions. The future of Salem College will soon be in your hands. I hope that each of you will live up to your responsibility as a voting member of the SGA to elect the best people to serve you!

Sincerely,
Strat Newitt

Dear Editors,

I am truly impressed by the enthusiasm and intensity of our newspaper staff. I am just regretful (or resentful) that I am in the last semester of my senior year, and I've just begun to involve myself with your staff. It amazed me that your staff still has so much spirit and drive this far into the year. I was talking with the yearbook editor and it seems that the enthusiasm of her staff dwindled down to almost nothing, and a few did the job of many. However, on the newspaper staff

Student Commons, the Capital Campaign and our thoughts on the faculty and administration. He was very interested in what we thought about the curriculum here at Salem. He listened with a very open mind and was genuinely interested in our concerns. I must applaud him for listening to all of our thoughts and concerns.

I have heard all positive responses to the lunch. I think it should become an annual event. Everyone involved should praise Mary Martha Whitener on a job well done!

Sincerely,
Jenny Savage

not only does it seem as each select, dedicated member completes their job, but it also appears as if they enjoy what they are doing.

Staff dedication and enthusiasm is a goal that is difficult to achieve. This goal can only be reached through good leadership, a relaxed environment, and a sense of humor. I just hope that other campus organizations are able to achieve this kind of unity.

Sincerely,
Ginny Crable