

Letters To the Editors

Roaches Cause Havoc in Residence Halls

Dear Editors,

I bring to you an issue of great concern. BUGS. Perhaps this issue is somewhat over emphasized in that we attend a women's college and women traditionally have "bug - phobias." Nevertheless, I contend that during my four years at Salem, I have never seen as many bugs or heard as many comments about them as I have at present.

Everyone knows that there is no logical reason to be frightened of bugs, taking into consideration the average size of a human versus the average size of your favorite bug. But it happens more often than not. Further, everyone can accept the fact that this (NC) climate predisposes itself to the invasion of more bugs than one would find further north. The problem occurs not in the acceptance of the existence of bugs, but in the location in which they are found. Bugs outside are one thing, but in your bedroom and bathroom are quite another!!

At this point I would like to interject and remind everyone that one particular bug, the cockroach does not indicate filth but is indicative of clean areas. This is difficult for us to comprehend because they are so ugly and we associate ugly bugs with negative connotations such as filth and spreading germs. Cockroaches are actually

among some of the cleanest bugs. But, I freely admit to a particular disgust of these bugs. (By the way, keeping your room filthy does not mean cockroaches will avoid your abode. Sorry!)

To get back on track I would point out that there are two treatments for bugs. The first is preventative treatment which usually entails spraying. The occurrence of so many bugs in the dormitories has raised the question among many students as to whether or not "extermination" (as they like to call it) was carried out over the summer. I too question this but doubt that the administration would forego such an event. The other type of treatment is true extermination - kill on sight. That is, if you can catch them and if in the case of cockroaches you don't mind the "crunch." In some of the dormitories this problem is so bad that it has been suggested that we invite the exterminator in during Fall Break. People have said that they would be more than happy to empty closets and drawers and pull furniture away from walls. This proves to me that the problem is severe, because people are willing to go through this exercise which often ends up being worse than moving in.

Please help!

Jennifer L. Wood

Three Cheers for Fall Fest

Dear Editors,

Thank you Salem College students and faculty for having so much fun at Fall Fest! The people who participated really caught the Salem spirit and that really made my day! I hope the rest of the Salem community had a pleasant day away from school as well.

I really appreciated the faculty team and I believe I speak for my peers as well. The "Fossils" had a lot of vitality throughout the day.

Fall Fest takes a lot of cooperation and planning among various organizations on campus. Everyone came together and pulled Fall Fest off even with it being a surprise this year.

Thank you Epicure for extra time, extra confusion and great food!

Thank you Lehman Hall for all your help with planning and enthusiasm!

Thank you Fall Fest Committee!

Thank you Maintenance, Public Safety and Brent!

Thank you Athletic Department!

Thank you Common Cents Committee!

And finally, thank you Dr. Litzenburg for finally declaring Fall Fest!

Sincerely,
Jennifer King

A Different Perspective

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The purpose of this section is to provide the readers of the Salemite with a Different Perspective, another point of view, if you will. There are many events; current, past and future that have acquired many different suggestions. These suggestions have not always been the most widely accepted. However, being one who has, over time matured enough to always respect others' opinions, which by the way, are usually far from my own, I felt that it was time out for hearing about the things we will always be familiar with and the feelings expressed on these "things" are very apparent and exhausted. (like saying that sentence is!). Instead, I want to focus on the things that may not be as noticeable to average Susie as well at things that are very esoteric to a few of us. We all need to learn how to treat opinions with equal worth and respect. Feel free over the course of the year to write in to dispute anything written or spoken here or any where else. Just remember the things you read here are only A Different Perspective.

Say it if you Feel It:

But just make sure you KNOW what you're saying!

KEEP N.C. CLEAN, VOTE HELMS! Now what on earth is that SUPPOSED to mean. I am so positive that whomever wrote this on a poster and hung it up in our refectory meant one thing, but I seem to be interpreting something that is the equivalent to what I flush down the toilet and that is far from being clean! Being objective I'm led to believe that "she" (assuming that this person is one of us) is referring to environmental pollution and the likes facing our state. BUT! Thinking subjectively, which is how we tend to think as humans, I could think of a lot of things that could be metaphorically, "dirty" that are grounds for omitting any candidate advocating them, from the ballot. Let me mention that at this point I am still addressing the "keep N.C. clean" portion of the poster. I have yet to deal with the strongest points of this desperate cry of ignorance.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness!

Well praise the Lord saints, this person (Helms advocate) is implying that good old Jesse is a God fearing man and adheres to the 10 commandments, the Beatitudes, etc.... Only there is one slight problem with my theory, my God teaches that we are equal, Jesse Helms thinks that women are not capable of making decisions that effect them personally and are none of his business anyway. Instead, he wants to play "Big Daddy" and make sure his Southern Belles are loaded down with youngin's (preferably males) to carry on the dignified name he's established for this fruit bearing state that is overdependent upon the WIC (for those of us who are seeing RED and just can't remember what those letters stand for, in simple words it means children who are on your Daddy's tax payroll because their Mommies can't afford to feed them!) not to mention how impossible it is to single handedly raise a child because Uncle Jesse proposed in 1983 an amendment that if passed, could have resulted in the elimination of 900,000 participants from the WIC program. He also voted to reduce overall health programs by 25%. This resulted in \$42 million being cut from the Maternal and Child Health Care program, which funds crippled children, screens pregnant women, provides neonatal care and prenatal care, and treats congenital problems. He was the only senator to vote in 1988 against a bill which included provisions for child support enforcement yet he is pro-life and anti-help for children.

What are his good points? The person who wrote the sign apparently knows something, and I invite her to share this with us before the elections while there is still a chance.

Keep in mind that a vote for Jesse Helms would pollute N.C. in several ways. Remember that Jesse voted against the Clean Air Act and against Superfund reauthorization, which provided funds for cleaning up toxic and hazardous waste sites.

Now do you get the picture. It makes sense now why Jesse Helms is not pro-choice because whether we have children or not. We're not going to be able to breathe anyway and nothing living will survive, so he's killed two birds with one big dirty, rotten stone. This was not intended to offend; however, I find it very difficult to believe that a female between the ages of 18 and 65 could perceive any benefits form another term served by Uncle Jesse (unless he's really your Uncle or you are in the direct bloodline of the Helms clan {like myself!}) But if you can defend your statements, or disprove of mine, you have an invitation to present your points. I'll grab a trash can and join in the fight if you can prove to me that ignorance isn't getting the best of you just this once as you advocate good ole' boy Helms!