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Freshmen Enter with Enthusiasm

by Rebecca Grubbs

Welcome class of 1996! It is a new year for everyone at Salem but especially for the freshman class. Everyone is very excited about this year's freshman class for many reasons. Their new, enthusiastic faces add another dimension to Salem's campus. After talking to some of the freshmen, it seems that they were just as excited to be here as we are to have them. Here are some of the things that they said regarding their new life on campus:

Caroline Mclean - "I really like the size of the school because I feel that it gives you a chance to meet and know so many people on campus."

Celeste Steele - "I like the professors because if you don't understand something in

class, they are very eager and helpful to take the time outside of class to help you understand it."

Gretchen Illig - "I love the size of Salem and I'm really looking forward to my years here."

Diana Faulk - "I like how the freshman class can mix with upperclassmen so easily—we are not confined to ourselves. There is no place I'd rather be."

Heather Kvasnak - "I think Salem is great and so much better than high-school in all aspects."

Lee Zell - "It's great to know your professors on a personal level."

Dean Farris said, "I think this class is bright and energetic and they have already shown me lots of potential. I was lucky enough to meet some of these girls when

they were in high school and because of this, I feel like I already know them. I was also very excited about the large enrollment. Usually, there are many problems with a large group but I'm happy to say that this hasn't been an issue with the freshmen. They have already shown a great interest in both academics and the social life here. Also, I feel very confident saying that there is no chance anyone in this class will be taking a back seat to any of the other classes."

Dean Farris is not alone in her enthusiasm over the freshmen class. As Salem's largest class they are mixed with a variety of personalities and outlooks. The Salem community looks forward to the new ideas and insight they will bring to life at Salem over the next four years.



Audra Valentine, Alx Sankowski and Rhonda Webb have adjusted well to their new life here at Salem. Photo by Meredith Snellings

Far and Away--Salem Students Abroad



Angela Aaron, Elizabeth Bolton, Michelle Williams and Heather Rankin spent last year studying in various European countries. Photo by Meredith Snellings.

by Wendy Jane Garrett

World peace begins with the kind of experience that four Salem students were able to have last year. Angela Aaron, Elizabeth "Ebie" Bolton, Michelle Williams, and Heather Rankin were all part of study abroad programs, taking Salem "far and away."

Angela spent time in both Germany and Austria. During her first two months, she attended the Goethe Institute in Prien am Chiemsee. The school was comprised of one hundred students from all over the world, all wanting to enrich their interest in the German language. Angela remarked, "The most important thing that I learned was how to rule out stereotypical views that Americans have about individuals from other countries such as Spain, Japan, or Russia."

"At this particular school, I was viewed as just another student from another country. Where we were from really was not an issue. Where you were going and where

your future was headed was," Angela continued.

Ebie Bolton also lived in Germany, in Bavaria. She remembers snow-capped mountains and a live performance of Mozart's Requiem in a room in the Royal Residence of Munich where it would have been played in Mozart's time.

Being Canadian, Ebie's experiences brought a slightly different perspective. "As a Canadian, I found people were often more receptive to me than to the Americans. Maybe they were not as intimidated. People were more interested in hearing about Canada, as it's a little known country," says Ebie.

Ebie found that the people were intrigued by the idea of Salem. "There is no such thing as a small private university in Europe and there are no women's colleges. The idea of going to a small school where you could participate in class and where the professors and administrators know and care about you is a real novelty," comments

Ebie. She continued by saying that at first, her peers were skeptical of the quality of education that a school such as Salem could give. But, she concludes, "The more I talked, the more envious they became!"

Both Michelle Williams and Heather Rankin went to France. For her spring semester, Heather lived in Cannes where she was able to attend the famous Cannes Film Festival.

Michelle spent her year in France in Angers. "It was hard to leave the securities of Salem and the familiar things that I take for granted. I learned that the U.S. is not the only country on earth and that there are other cultures as important as ours," says Michelle.

One thing that all four women had to say was that the experience changed their lives. They talked of world peace and cultural differences with people from around the world. These four women played an important role in the task of beginning to pull our world together in harmony.

Burn your Bra, it's Mardi Gras!

Amy Woodard

"Burn Your Bra, It's Mardi Gras," was last year's theme for Fall Fest.

Cary Clayton, who chaired the event, scheduled the seniors to wake everyone up around 9 a.m. The morning began with a brunch in the refectory. Afterwards, each class had only a few hours to put together floats, sister songs and decorations for floats for the refectory.

Each class had a theme and a court of women, including a queen. Freshmen had a court including a queen, Adola Osobo, Margaet Petit, and Sophie Keo rode in their convertible that was decorated for their theme, "Sister Songs." Sophomores were decked out in gowns and bell-bottoms for their "60's" theme. Their court included Jennifer Kintz, and Meredith Snellings, Anne Hitchcock and

Lynn Marino.

The juniors, who were the winners of the Fall Fest celebration, "swam" around campus as "The Little Mermaids Under the Sea." Junior court members were Cherie Norton, Cary Clayton, Margaret Pike and Amy Woodard. Finally, the seniors spent all day in togas with vines adorning their somewhat tipsy heads. Their theme was "Ancient Greece" and their court was made up of Emily O'Brien, Ann Davis, Amanda Long, and Hester Havercamp.

All of the floats paraded around the square twice, giving tourists something to really take pictures of and trying to impress the faculty and staff panel of judges enough to give them winning marks.

The queens for each class were Adola Osobo for the freshmen, Meredith Snellings

for the sophomores, Cary Clayton for the juniors and Ann Davis for the seniors.

Cary Clayton commented on how successful this year's Fall Fest was by saying, "Everyone was so creative in such a short amount of time." She continued, "It was fun because it was something everyone enjoyed - so many students participated." She also complimented the freshmen on a great job even though "they really didn't understand what was going on."

Thanks to Cary Clayton and class representatives Gretchen Illig, Shannon Sides, Drewry Wills, and Erin Garden for a super-successful day! Special thanks also to the refectory staff for fabulous Fall Fest meals and to Mr. Tilley and his staff for cleaning up all of our mess!

Welcome to the new Salemite!

You may have noticed that this issue of *The Salemite* looks different from previous years. The fact is, it is different...and, we hope, better. First of all, it looks different; we've changed fonts and layout format to make room for more and easier-to-read articles. Also, *The Salemite* will be issued on a regular basis to keep you better informed.

Due to these changes, the first issue of 1992-93 is somewhat later than planned. We apologize for this tardiness but know that our readers will be pleased with the results of their wait.

We are excited about this year's *Salemite* and hope students and faculty will help to make it their newspaper.

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