

Salem's Own Jack of All Trades

by Elizabeth Bolton

Dr. Craig Miller is a very dedicated faculty member here at Salem College. He has been at Salem since 1976, and feels like the Salem community and Winston-Salem are home to him.

Dr. Miller and his wife arrived here from the West Coast feeling like transplants. But after only a few years at Salem, he turned down an opportunity to return out West to teach, declaring that Salem was his new home.

He shows this dedication to Salem in many ways. For Dr. Miller, who is a chemistry professor, teaching classes and labs is only the beginning of his role as a faculty member. He is not just a teacher, but also an administrator and even a student.

According to Dr. Miller, "At a small college, the demands on faculty governance and faculty time are relatively high. If you have a governance

system like we do...what you'll find is that it is necessary for faculty to serve on more than one committee."

This is an understatement on Dr. Miller's part. He currently serves on Curriculum Committee, Tenure and



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and Appeals Board. These committees meet anywhere from once a month to even more than once a week. Then, once a month, all faculty meet to tie together and approve what has been done in committee meetings. It is

Promotion Committee, Academic Council, Academic Planning Committee, Academic Appeals Sub-Committee,

both personal concern and interest, as well as expertise in certain areas, that lead Dr. Miller to be active on so many different committees.

Beyond his roles as teacher and administrator, Dr. Miller is also a student. Faculty are expected to keep up their professional development, which Dr. Miller describes as "maintaining a certain professional currency, being aware of what is going on in their field in any certain point in time, and incorporating what is appropriate from the latest in the field to various courses." He continues, "We see faculty development as being a component of effective faculty teaching."

Another component of Dr. Miller's continuing scholarship is the research he conducts at Bowman Gray. There he puts his expertise in the field of Synthetic Organic Chemistry to work. He contributes to projects by making special organic copies of substances.

Often he changes these substances slightly, tailoring them to the other scientists' needs.

Miller says that this keeps him active in the scientific community, and keeps him abreast of the new literature. Lipid Metabolism is his most recent area of specific expertise. He brings what he learns through his research to his biochemistry and organic classrooms

"Why Salem?" is a question that Dr. Miller has fielded many times from his colleagues at larger institutions. He answers by equating the "Salem Experience" to his own undergraduate experience at a small college. He decided early on in graduate work that he wanted to teach. He enjoys the small class size, and the ability to get to know his students. He also dispels the myth that students get better-quality lab experience at larger schools.

Miller does not believe that there is

a trade-off between individual attention at small schools for the access to greater resources of the larger schools. He asserts that at Salem students can get the best of both, with more hands-on lab experience than is available at most larger schools. He describes the relationship Salem has with neighboring institutions and industries as helping students to get key internships with invaluable experience.

Although Dr. Miller spends a lot of time at Salem and Bowman Gray, he does have a life outside of his work. He enjoys spending time with his wife, son and daughter. Together they like to go camping, hiking, and traveling. Dr. Miller also enjoys photography; his office in the basement of the science building is decorated with his own prints. Later this semester students and faculty can catch Dr. Miller on stage performing with the Salem Community Choir. He seems to be a man of all trades.

Salem Welcomes New Professor

by Kristan Majors

Aspiring biologists at Salem welcome a new Zoology professor to the Biology Department, Michael Dexter. Presently, Dexter is balancing his time between teaching and studying. He is a graduate student at Wake Forest University working towards his Master's degree.

Dexter works Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at Salem teaching Zoology. Although he keeps a busy schedule, Dexter says that he is only an appointment away, so just stop by and leave him a message.

Dexter admits that teaching was not in his original plan for the future; however, through teaching at Wake

Forest and Salem he has found that he really enjoys the profession. In the future, he plans to work in field research and to become a professor at a small college like Salem.

When asked how he became interested in biology, he replied, "I have been involved with the outdoors ever since I was a child. Thus, I can't imagine doing anything else with my life! As far as teaching, I love to learn, and I have found that while teaching you can learn so much from the students."

Salem welcomes Michael Dexter and wishes him good luck this semester with his endeavors.

Behind the Scenes

by Adeola Osobu and Michelle Wilabius

Doris Hickman and Tyrone Russell are an essential part of life at Salem College. As two members of the housekeeping staff, they help keep Salem looking beautiful. They are two of the many working hard behind the scenes of the Salem performance.

Hickman, a resident of Reidsville, arrives at 6:30 am each morning to assume her duties of cleaning the entire Commons and Hanes House. That job includes both gyms, the Grille, and Bryant Hall.

Apart from assuming these responsibilities at Salem, Hickman has a family to tend to. She has a husband and four sons. The youngest, her "baby", still lives at home.

Hickman has worked from 6:30 am to 2:30 pm every day at Salem for twenty years. She has come to regard her co-workers as family and

the students an extension of herself.

Concerning her likes and dislikes about Salem, Hickman replied, "I think the students appreciate what I do and even though I do a lot of work, I like the areas that I cover."

Tyrone Russell has also been helping to maintain Salem's beautiful campus. Russell has been working at Salem for eleven years. His work day begins at 6 am and ends at 2:30 pm. During that time, he is responsible for cleaning the two gyms, the hallway in the phys ed department, the pool area, and the admissions office.

Russell considers everyone at Salem a part of his family. His true family, however, consists of four children and one granddaughter. He resides in East Winston.

Though Russell enjoys his job, he does say that students make it harder by leaving messes. Overall, Russell loves his job and says, "It's what you make of it."

Class and Club Happenings

by Amy Woodard

Here's what to look for in the month of March from various clubs and organizations around Salem:

Pierettes: The Pierettes present the musical "Snoopy!" on March 4, 5, 6 at 8:00 pm in the Drama Workshop. Everyone is welcome to attend the dress rehearsal of the play on March 3 at 8:00 pm, otherwise come to one of the three performances over Parent's Weekend and look for Larnie Yuson, Britt Biggs, Emily Todd, Jennifer Cowl, Helane Anderson, Lynette Brooks and Angela Tatum in this wonderful comedy directed by Mary Lucy Bivens and Joan Jacobowsky!

CAC: On March 3 CAC provides us with the ventriloquist Lynn and Friends. Watch for time and location and come out for some fun and laughs. Also in March, CAC gives us a Second Thursday Pub Night. Keep your eyes open for details.

Freshmen Class: Those exciting freshmen are putting on a carnival for their fundraiser. It will be the weekend of Family Day in March and everyone is welcome. Support the freshmen by eating lunch and playing games at the carnival while listening to the music of Octaves, an a cappella group from the University of Richmond.


Senior Class: The seniors make a last pitch for money as they kick off their t-shirt fundraiser. Break out your wallets in March and support

the senior class as they prepare to take-off into the "real world!" The seniors are also having a Senior Orientation to help themselves find jobs. Juniors are also welcome to take advantage of this job-hunt. It will be held on March 13 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm - look for location at a later time.

Lablings: A planetarium trip is planned for March. Dates and Times have not yet been established. Also in store for us in March is a behind-the-scenes look at a zoo. And, a speaker for animal rights is scheduled to come speak on the use of animals for research - also look for the time and date. Lablings is planning a fundraiser that will entail club members leasing their time to faculty to do yard work.

Tri-Beta: On March 5, 6, and 7 this club will be selling bumper stickers for their fundraiser so make room on your car and support this group. Tri-Beta is also trying to get students to go to area secondary schools to encourage students to go to college and especially pursue any interests in science. And, for seniors, there will be a talk in the Biology lecture room on applying to Medical and Graduate School. That is on March 7 at 7:00 pm.

Mortar Board: This group is sponsoring the annual Blood Drive on March 11. Location is unknown at this time but take your vitamins and eat well so you can donate your blood for a very good cause!

 The North Carolina and Virginia College Radio TOP 20 compiled by Ron Thigpen, Blacksburg

- 1 Tannis Root Presents: Freedom of Choice (Caroline)
- 2 Ween Pure Guava (Elektra)
- 3 Pavement Watery Domestic EP (Matador)
- 4 King Missile Happy Hour (Atlantic)
- 5 Thinking Fellers Union Local 280 Mother of All Saints (Matador)
- 6 Juliana Hatfield Hey Babel See You EP (Mammoth)
- 7 Damon & Naomi More Sad Hits (Shimmy Disc)
- 8 Ned's Atomic Dustbin Are You Normal? (Chaos)
- 9 Sebadah Smash Your Head on the Punk Rock (Sub Pop)
- 10 High Back Chairs Curiosity & Relief EP (Discord)
- 11 Bim Skala Bim Bones (Bib)
- 12 Ultramarine Every Man and Woman is a Star (Dali-Chameleon)
- 13 Nirvana Incesticide (DGC)
- 14 Lunachicks Binge & Purge (Safehouse)
- 15 Beat Happening You Turn Me On (Sub Pop)
- 16 Velocity Girl Crazy Town 7" (Safehouse)
- 17 Southern Culture on the Skids For Lovers Only (Safehouse)
- 18 Jawbreaker Bivouac (Communion/Tupelo)
- 19 Grenadine Goya (Teen Beat Simple Machines/Shimmy Disc)
- 20 Stereolab Switched On (Too Pure/Slumberland)

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