

Why Me?

Brett M. Rhyne here, assistant professor of communications at Salem State College, union man and now, editor of this newsletter. Why me? Well, I've worked as a newspaper reporter and currently teach journalism and advise the student newspaper, *The Salem State Log*.

My feelings about organized labor are best described by Clarence Darrow, who said trade unions “have done more for decency, for honesty, for education, for the betterment of the race, for the developing of character in man, than any other association of men.”

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