

# Editors' Notes

## Everything I've Learned Leaders Uninformed

by Katie Thomas

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned at Salem College. These are the things I learned:

Don't lie, cheat, or steal. Don't walk on the grass.

Pay your bills and don't use your Visa card too much. If you need money BAD, call your mom.

Sleep late if you can but don't abuse the snooze button.

Sometimes you have to wait for a shower and you don't have to take one everyday. Yell hot water before you burn someone.

Ask before you borrow something. Wash it before you return it. Do laundry and clean your room every once in awhile.

If you need someone to carry your books - ask. If you need someone to open the door - ask.

Don't be scared by the noises in the attic. Ignore the paint falling off the wall.

Pay attention in class. Cut class every once in a while.

Take time to watch movies and listen to music. Take time to sit around and talk. Take time to sit in the Refectory and drink coffee.

Learn to eat PB&Js if you don't have good food. Say the blessing before dinner. Listen when people bang on their plates.

Sometimes go out even if you shouldn't. Don't stand at a bar too long. Don't wait for any boy to call. Put the phone in the refrigerator and try to forget about it.

Don't be afraid to be loud and sing songs - but respect quiet hours. Don't wake up your roommate at night, unless you have a bad dream.

Keep the front door locked. Have a security guard walk you home at night.

Never let too much get you down for too long. Realize that tests, and papers, and projects will all pass. Make lists of things you have to do - but don't get mad if you don't get to all of them.

Take care of yourself and your friends. If you have to talk - grab your friends. If you have to scream - grab a pillow. If you have to walk - grab your headphones.

Everyone has bad days. Know when not to tease people.

Study hard, play hard, love yourself and your friends. Keep the buddy system at all times. It's never every person for herself. Remember that everyone has a blind spot and help each other to see it.

These are the things I learned. Even the smallest lessons are important.

Thank you and good-bye.

by April Edmondson, Amy Cass

Have you ever felt like you were uninformed or that you had been left out? Earlier this week many of the leaders on campus felt that way! On Tuesday morning at 7:30 am President's Council met. It was suppose to be the first meeting with the newly elected leaders. However, we were not informed. Obviously, there was a major break down in the lines of communication!

Once we found out about this meeting it was too late. As leaders we feel that this issue, in general, needs to be addressed. As a rule of thumb, it should not be assumed that anyone knows--or for that matter remembers--about infrequent meetings! As college students we are bombarded with enormous responsibilities in juggling our schedules and a somewhat "normal" social life.

We are strong advocates of being informed by written notice of all

meetings at least two days in advance. Our schedules are just as busy as any other job or commitment. Many times we must make adjustments in our routines in order to accomodate the many responsibilities we have. Compromising is a part of life, however when we are put in a tight predicament of not being notified of a planned meeting then it is very inconsiderate towards us.

As leaders we are responsible to many people. It is not fair for others to expect that we be "Super Women" in the knowledge around campus. Missing a meeting and not being informed of a meeting, especially when you are a new member, are two completely different things! In order for us to be effective on and off of campus we must be appropriately informed of upcoming meetings.

## Different Ways To Say Goodbye

by Julie Stone

Spring is a time of adjustment and change especially if you happen to be graduating. I think that graduating from college hits you much harder than graduating from high school. We've spent more time with each other than we probably spent with one high school pal. Some of them dating back to elementary school, but I know that I share a stronger bond with my friends here at Salem than I have with a group before.

This is a really hard time, too, for those of us who are not inclined toward syrupy, teary-eyed good-byes, but who find themselves thrown into the traditions of saying goodbye.

Some of us don't feel comfortable with or the need to make the last days of our college experience a sentimental reminiscence of days gone by.

So as you find yourself in the middle of the rush if final exams and cementing plans for the summer, not to mention "the rest of you life," take some time to be with the people you've been through thick and thin with and enjoy these last few days at Salem.

And if not everyone is crying at graduation, give us the benefit of the doubt. We're just as affected by ending as our counterparts. With every ending, there are beginnings. Good Luck!

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