

"Salem Witches" Live to Never Regret It

by Elizabeth Fennell

Back in the Middle Ages, women with power and achievement were called witches; however, today these same women who have attained high status and influence are said to be bitches, figuratively speaking, of course. But Dean Eulalia Cobb's speech on "How to be a Witch Today," spoken during the Founders Day Convocation last Thursday, pertains to much more than witches with magic and mysticism up their sleeves.

It is that "women of achievement...have to deal with the possibility that (they will be) seen in a negative light. Women should feel good about being a witch... and about being women" as seen through Dean Cobb's eyes - the head witch of Salem herself.

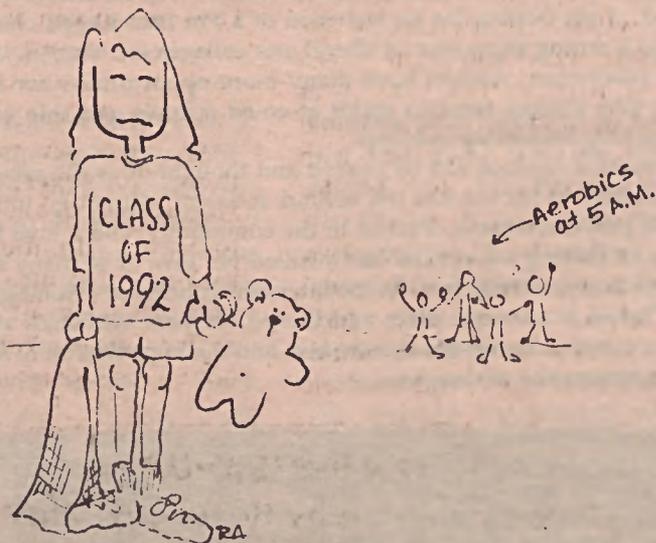
What makes a witch today? Well, the witches of yesteryear have had many bad connotations placed on them and their reputations through the jealousies of others that don't have these "magical" powers. But having "an attitude of caring watchfulness... (much) humility and love... far more advanced than any of their contemporaries could imagine. By watching silently they learned... By extending that same respectful attentiveness...they discovered." Through others jealous though, "the worst horrors (were) perpetrated against womankind." They became "so maligned" in reputation that, even today, witches (or women, in general) are still looked down upon but not to the same extent.

"A successful witch is a surviving witch" continues Salem's Dean. A witch "uses her love and knowledge...to ease...the body and the mind, and to restore harmony and balance in the world...[she] takes full credit and rejoices in her power, and refuses to ascribe it to luck...[she] feels that she is doing exactly what she wants to do." Whether women are heart surgeons, executive financial brokers, politicians, interior designers, or home makers we are positive about the world. We take different approaches when others believed there was no approach. Women, as successful and surviving witches, "must affirm our special qualities: our instinct for cooperation, our perceptiveness of the emotional states of others, our style of leadership by consensus, our

drive to build connections and community, and our love of Nature" and the world, in general. By following these guidelines, every single Salem woman from the freshman class to the senior class through the Salem alumni, can do and achieve anything.

Some advice to "all of us Salem women...feel affirmed in our powers, in our instincts and in our gender, and to embark with enthusiasm and love on our career [and our lives] as very modern and splendidly successful witches." If you feel that you can be a witch and feel comfortable with others often giving its rhyming negative connotations, then by all means, BE A WITCH AND LIVE TO NEVER REGRET IT! Because here at Salem, you are allowed to do just that!!

Sophomore Surprise



by Amy Brubaker

Tuesday, April 25 at approximately 5:00 am, the class of 1992 was rudely awakened by the sophomore class pounding on their doors. Many hoped it was a bad dream but it wasn't, it was Sophomore Surprise.

The freshmen from each dorm were escorted by their sophomore dorm members to their basements where they engaged in activities including aerobics, facials and various imitations including animals. The Sophomores were armed with water guns as they instructed the Freshmen.

At 6 am the class of 1992 reported to the soccer field. They were then divided into groups for a scavenger hunt. The groups returned to the May Dell with items in hand at 6:30. The traditional breakfast in the refectory was unable to be held since the week was so filled with activities. While in the May Dell

the Sophomore class provided Krispy Kreme Donuts and orange juice provided by the Refectory

The sun came up with the Sophomore's voices as they sang a song for the Freshman class. The spirit stick was then handed down to this year's Freshman class president, Gaither Smoot.

Sophomore Surprise took a lot of planning considering the fact it had to be rescheduled. The original date was eliminated because of the threat of snow. Noel Brandenburg was in charge of the task this year along with Cass Shapard, who organized the scavenger hunt. According to Noel, "all in all everything went well." Although it was short, she feels that it was enjoyed by everyone. Noel feels that the Sophomore class' response showed that the early hour was not a hindrance and she hopes that the Freshmen enjoyed themselves as well.

Emergency Phones Installed

by Amy Brubaker

As a result of student inquiries and articles expressing their concern for the need of student access phones in the academic buildings. Steve Wright, the head of Public Safety, has met their needs by purchasing more phones. The phones are specifically for students use in the event of an emergency, the reporting of suspicious persons, the reporting of possible crimes and the request for escorts.

The new student access emergency phones connected to public safety are located on the second and third floors of Main Hall, the second and third floors of the Science Building, and the north and south halls of the Fine Arts Center, and the halls of the Fine Arts Center basement, and second and third floor Gramley Library by next Monday, May 8. Students can use the phones after 5:00 pm. The phones will not be in operation between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm since other phones will be available in the event of an emergency.

The student access phones can be recognized by what Steve Wright refers to as their "Salem Blue" color. In order to use the phones students must dial the Public Safety number: 2718. The phones are only for the use of contacting Public Safety. As Steve Wright said, "They are here for your safety, we encourage your use of them not your abuse of them."

PUBLIC SAFETY NOTE

There has been some confusion about the use of the Admissions Parking Lot. Steve Wright would like to apologize for misleading statements from his new staff which told students they could park there. The sign was recently ripped down by a male and has not yet been replaced. However, if you look in your student handbook on page 28 under Security and Safety under Cars Item C you will find that "vehicles parked in Fire lanes, Admissions Lot, medical staff parking, RHD's lot, Inspector's Lot, Handicapped Space, and all reserved spaces that are marked by signs will result in violation tickets and fines and are subject to being towed."

Security Office Needs Face Lift

by April Edmondson

Have you recently, or in the last two or three years, found yourself in the Public Safety office? In the event you have been so fortunate I am sure you have noticed the condition in which that office is in.

Not only are the cabinets flaking, but water stands in one corner (approximately two inches) when it rains. The ceiling is not only discolored but extremely warped due to water damage and the existing porch above the office.

The window shades are indescribable! They are discolored (yellow) and rickety.

The office is approximately 17' x 19' and is occupied by approximately six to eight persons during a shift change! The last time the office was painted was about three years ago. Of course, that does not mean it has remained in a presentable state!

After seeing this office I must wonder what the public thinks when they enter into it. Perhaps this office needs to be renovated?