

Editors' Notes: Late Night Thoughts

by April Edmondson

Chasity...do you envision a chasity belt or do you think of purity of mind and body? Recently, for me, chasity has come in the form of mail, (no, not male). I am so fortunate to have wonderful friends who are so concerned for my well-being that they have taken it upon themselves to request information from *The National Chasity Association* for the advancement of my love life! Just contemplate that for a moment...The NCA are the individuals who have a list of nineteen desires for their mate to be. Can you imagine going on a date and not being "allowed" to touch them in any way? Well, I don't know about you, but I don't have many friends who could do this.

In the mailing, I received a detailed description of this organization and what it stands for. In short, this group believes in celibacy, decency, and a pure, non-physical male-female relationship. Plus as a bonus, enclosed were the nineteen desires!

The desires range from wanting to get married to having no friendships with the opposite sex after marriage. The "desire" that caught my attention immediately was one in which a person, who has been emotionally free of such "disorders" as depression, anger, and anxiety, should remain unmarried until they have been autonomous for two years. Now, if we, here at Salem believed in such a view then we might faced the horrible reality of NEVER getting married!

The "desire" that struck me as totally off the wall was that of "saving" hand holding and kissing until marriage. I can not imagine waiting until I was married to hold hands, much less kiss!! And finally, the last "desire" is that of marrying someone who also shares all these so called desires.

I can't think of anything to say that isn't fairly obvious! If you are interested in this organization feel free to contact me.

by Amy Cass

As I sit in front of this ever-so-popular computer, I contemplate the high levels of stress and insecurities I've experienced in the last week. Ever since I was elected co-editor of *The Salemite* I've envisioned improvements in the appearance of the newspaper as well as the content. Now that I have taken over this position full force I imagine myself suffering a mental breakdown. Let me continue by explaining that I desperately want to make these changes as soon as possible.

Our goal is to produce a newspaper that best meets Salem student's needs. Therefore, we are striving toward increased staff involvement, article diversity (campus as well as local and world-wide issues), student and faculty ideas and concerns, and the overall appearance of *The Salemite*. If any of you devoted newspaper readers are aware, we are a little late publishing this issue.

Let me be the first to apologize and stress that we will attempt to be on time in the future. In the meantime, I'll try to explain our delay, which is the result of several obstacles we ran into during the process of producing this issue.

As I mentioned earlier, we are trying to convert the layout process all to computer. Why I thought I could become a computer whiz and whip this up quickly is beyond me. No one would believe the problems we ran into. We'd type something and try to transfer it and lose it. Columns wouldn't line up. Picture boxes weren't the correct size. Then both computers went on the fritz and didn't want to display our articles. Since April and I have suffered through these various tragedies, we finally

decided we could lay this paper out much more quickly if we typed the articles and did it by hand. Now it's Monday night and guess what we're doing? You're right - laying out *The Salemite* by hand.

I sit here and work myself up and wonder why I stress out over such little things. Once I finally calm down, I recall the important informational skills I discovered before returning to school this fall. This past August I was one of the lucky few who had the opportunity to experience the adventurous trip to Camp Miniwanca.

I cannot begin to explain the knowledge and skills I brought home with me. As a Salem campus leader, I gained insight in how to better communication lines across campus, how to delegate responsibilities, and other similar leadership ideas useful in group or committee boards. However, more than anything, I've learned more about myself. I learned how to trust other people with important responsibilities. I learned that I don't have to do everything by myself. I learned to ask questions. I learned to give positive encouragement to others as well as myself. I learned that time is of the essence. I learned to use my strengths, physically and mentally, to the best of my ability. And last, but not least, to see the best in everyone. Unfortunately, I did not learn how to use Macintosh Pagemaker software.

Now when things reach a point beyond my control I can ask other people for help and trust them to get the job done. Hopefully in the future this system will minimize my stress level.

I may not be a miracle worker, but I promise to deliver you the best possible publication we're capable of producing.

Letters To The Editors

Dear Editors,

Dear Editors,

As a part of the Salemite staff, I have a vested interest in the condition of the Salemite office. For the past two years I have had a chance to work with Macintosh computers during my summer jobs.

I have learned a lot about the Mac and other computers, and one thing I have found very interesting is how important it is to keep computers in air conditioned rooms. My question is, quite obviously, why have we spent so much money on computers for the publications and for SGA if we are not willing to give them the respect a delicate piece of machinery deserves?

One other observation I would like to point out is that since the Salemite and SGA offices are not air conditioned and insufficient for computers because of the heat, why don't we try and find someone who could donate air conditioners for those two offices?

It has recently come to our attention that many Salem students are unaware of the situation with the residents of Strong dorm. Thirty "Strong" women have been temporarily relocated in Clewell, Gramley, and Babcock dorms while Strong dorm is being renovated. The tentative date for the re-opening of Strong is the end of October.

The renovations include roof repairs, rewiring, and restroom reconditioning. Although we are disappointed that we aren't together now, we look forward to moving into the "New" Strong dorm.

The women of Strong ask that the campus bear with us during this period of relocation. Our mail can be put in the "Strong" box in Lehman Hall (to be re-addressed) if you do not know the "Strong" woman's temporary address. We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Thank you,
Patricia Earnhardt

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on behalf of Strong Dorm

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