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was off to Orlando for the International Conference on Campus Sexual Assault. She was packing in a panic. I sat on a sofa as she went back and forth from the bedroom bringing out different colored A-framed dresses to put in her garment bag. She kept speaking as she went back into the dressing room to get more socks, underwear, and other pairs of sandals. She never slowed down or stopped talking, just raised her voice a little to make sure I could hear her from the bedroom.

"It's a tragedy," Laura said about Vassar going coed. "The first year men were on campus the president of student body was a man. They changed the school colors too." Rose and gray was not masculine enough for the men's soccer team."

Inspired by Malcolm X in the late 60's Laura legally changed her name. She read that Malcolm X was emphasizing black people's anonymous history as it had been stolen, and he was protesting the adoption of slave owner's last names. Laura felt these concerns were also true of women. Women did not have a history and were forced to take their husband's last name, therefore they were "legally owned by their husband."

The changing of her last name also inspired her to establish the Women's History research Center in 1968. Through this Center and also the national clearing house on Date and Marital Rape, established in 1978.

The first major change and step forward took place in 1971 when women were legally recognized as persons. This went on to inspire the passing of the

Equal Credit Act under president Ford, allowing women to have credit in their own name.

Laura X has since focused on making marital rape illegal and laws against date rape more stringent. Laws have been passed outlawing marital rape in all states except North Carolina and Oklahoma. She views a date as a "miniature marriage" where the man feels he has provided and the woman owes him. Date or acquaintance rape is the most common type of violence against a woman in the United States.

Laura warns about the myths of date rape. "it doesn't only happen to young college freshmen virgins in the first two weeks of school. The rapists aren't always college frat boy with uncontrollable hormones. Working middle-aged men can rape too. It's an issue that will follow you off this campus and into the working world."

If you are interested in these issues there are many ways to get involved. On campus Greta Cassady is organizing C.R.E.A.P. - The Committee for Rape Education, Awareness and Prevention. Also Family Services has a volunteer program called Rape Response. Volunteers meet victims at the Emergency room, counsel them on the phone, and encourage counseling at the Family Services Center. Greta Cassady is currently interning at Family Services. Other Salem women involved in this program are P.J. Smith and Elizabeth Barrett. Lisa Allred is the director of the Rape Response program at Family Services.

## Clyde Edgerton: entertainment southern style

by Deana Bass

While doing workstudy in the Admissions office, I heard many students ask about the "free Clyde Edgerton tickets." I had never heard of Clyde Edgerton, but free has always been one of my favorite words. So, I asked about the tickets too. This was a smart move. For an hour Clyde Edgerton, author of *Walking Across Egypt*, *Rainey*, and other books about life in the south, entertained a crowded Hanes Auditorium.

Edgerton a North Carolinian, is noted for his southern characters who are so real they could easily be your nextdoor neighbor. Sunday afternoon in the Hanes Auditorium, Edgerton read passages from his books, and became a

living and breathing representation of what his readers love most about his books.

He not only kept the audience entertained with passages of prose from his books, but he also sang songs written by his characters.

Sarah Woody ( a North Carolinian) reads Edgerton books because she can relate to the stories of family and friendship, and she loves the humorous way Edgerton presents southern life.

After the reading, I borrowed *Walking Across Egypt* from Sarah, and now I understand why all the fuss. I hate to sound like the dust jacket of a book, but - Clyde Edgerton is funny, and witty, and he captures southern life perfectly.

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## Eco Club is getting necessary Changes

by Kristen Miller

"Garbage is not something you throw away. There is no such place as away. Disposal is a myth. . ."

### Knowing Home

Salem Eco (Environmental Awareness Organization) is looking forward to an exciting year. Thank you to all who attended our first meeting. Those who did, learned that ECO is already quite active. Several of our members

attended the North Carolina Big Sweep and cleaned up almost 75 bags of trash from around Salem Lake.

In addition, Jane Fisher, ECO's copresident, and I are working on getting a recycling program together for the campus. We are working with Debbie Cates, the Maintenance Department, and the city of Winston-Salem to get this

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