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## IS HONOR SYSTEM WORKING?

In a recent poll conducted by the **Salemite**, both boarders and day students were asked whether or not they feel that the Honor System is working. The conclusions drawn from this poll were somewhat discouraging; the general consensus of opinion indicates that the Honor System is not working.

Day students were a bit more optimistic than the boarders and seemed to think that the system is a success. Boarders, perhaps, see more regulations disregarded than do day students since boarders are subject to a greater number of regulations and are on the campus all the time.

Both boarders and day students commented on minor causes of cheating in which one girl copies another's work. Most of those girls questioned feel that the present system is the best possible and that no perfect system can be devised which will work in all cases all the time. The majority believe that they are more inclined to respect regulations if they feel that they are trusted to do so—that being the very basis of any Honor System.

Such results leave one unanswered question: Whose fault is it? Are the conditions of the Honor System too rigid or has the student body merely become lax? Few of us can believe that the failure of the Honor System is based on deliberate dishonesty. Most of us prefer to waive such a suggestion and blame it all on carelessness, which is undoubtedly responsible for a large percentage of the infractions. But we include too much in "carelessness." That word can, and frequently does, indicate rationalization which too often leads to the justification of an unjustifiable act.

The purpose of this poll is merely to provoke some thought on this subject and to invite a few concrete suggestions for the improvement of the Honor System. The Student Government Association is interested in knowing whether the fault lies with in itself or whether it is to be attributed to dishonesty, carelessness, or indifference. We are ready to accept any suggestion or make any change.

Let's hear what you think about it, students!

## DRUG STORE QUESTION

A source of constant irritation to students on campus is the drug store rule located on page thirty-three of the Student Handbook. This rule has two parts: students (Seniors excepted) going to the drugstore from 6:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M. must register in the dean's office, and no student may visit a neighborhood drugstore on Sunday.

Written in a handbook, the rule sounds simple enough and not too exacting. Stee Gee Council reports show, however, that this rule is broken with almost more frequency than any other at Salem. Why?

First, let us consider the first part. The argument is that students should sign out "for reasons of convenience and safety"—that is, so that our whereabouts will be known and we can be located easily. Yet we can bury ourselves in a library seminar, a Main Hall classroom, the gymnasium, or any other remote spot on the campus with no signing out and no questions asked. Why then is it necessary to make a documentary account of a ten-minute trip to the drug store?

A girl studying in Main Hall at night is "lost to the world"—no one can find her. But if she gets thirsty and wants to go over to Ben's for a coke, by rule and regulation she is honor bound to walk down to the office and sign out for the drugstore so that "we will know where she is"! It seems ridiculous. We realize that the drugstore is across the street, but is it that far away?

The second part of the rule was made because "loitering in the drugstore on Sunday does not look nice." In the first place, it is not the habit of Salem girls to loiter in the drug store at any time. For general loafing the various "smokehouses" have priorities over Gooch's or Welfare's. We go to the drug store mainly for food—and we get as hungry on Sunday as any other day of the week.

It doesn't add up to 100% common sense. Fifty years ago, the rule probably would have been considered lenient, but this is 1943. What about it, girls?

## HINTS FOR STUDYING

Mid-semester tests are facing us—many of us for the first time. In view of this, may we offer a few suggestions, tried and proved, for studying?

First, choose a suitable place in which to study. For those who are hampered by a little noise or the awareness of others near them, a seminar room is probably the most solitary place on the campus. There are several pleasant spots on the back campus which are good for day-time study out-of-doors. Be sure to have plenty of light and watch your posture. It is best to sit upright with the weight of your body evenly distributed. You will find that tired muscles and eyes make your muscles sleepy and much less alert.

Make a brief and to-the point outline of the material you are to cover in logical order—and then follow it. By doing this related items will be grouped together in your mind. If your professor has already given you such an outline, you are that much better off.

Test yourself as you go along by writing—whether it be Spanish verbs, history resumes, character sketches, word definitions, or formulas. This method insures that your thoughts are direct and clear instead of general and hazy.

It takes several minutes to get into a subject and to begin concentrating; therefore much time is lost if you do not plan your work so that you spend at least one hour on a subject in a stretch. However, be careful not to get over-tired, since that might impair your work on the next day, or even longer.

Whatever you do, get enough sleep, fresh air, eat the right amount and kinds of food—and keep calm and collected!

## Le Coin Francais

### UNE LETTRE FRANÇAIS

Ma chère Mère,  
Ce matin j'ai reçu votre lettre et le paquet. Merci beaucoup pour les bonbons et le gâteau au chocolat. Toutes mes camarades aiment le gâteau! Il s'est entièrement mangé. Je voudrais que vous puissiez voir ce collège: vous vous l'aimeriez autant que je l'aime. Les édifices et les terrains sont beaux. Le lierre couvre les murs âgés, et les oiseaux y font leurs nids. J'aime les chênes géants et les saules pleureurs. L'atmosphère est historique et tous les jours je trouve quelque chose d'intéressant. Tout est si tranquille et paisible (à l'exception de l'étage troisième d'un certain dortoir). Les jeunes filles sont aimables et sincères. Nous avons beaucoup de travail, mais nous nous amusons tout de même. Hier, après avoir dîné, nous sommes allées en ville, au théâtre.

Maintenant, il faut que j'aille à la bibliothèque. Au revoir jusqu'à la prochaine je suis,  
Votre fille aimante,  
Rosemarie.

### PINKSTON HEADS W. S. S. F. DRIVE

This is just a reminder of the World Student Service Fund drive that started yesterday, Thursday. All of us signed our pledges in Chapel as a promise of what we would give.

Rachel Pinkston met with her Y. W. C. A. group Tuesday night and completed all the plans for the drive. She appointed two girls to sit at the doors of the dining room after lunch and dinner to collect the money that everyone pledged. Two girls will be there every day for the entire week.

Monday night, sandwiches were sold to make money for the fund, and Rachel was very pleased with the results—but we have a great deal more to make. Three hundred dollars is the goal and it is up to us to see that it is reached. Let's keep the ball rolling!

### HOME EC CLUB INITIATES MEMBERS

Officially beginning the activities of the 1943-44 Home Economics Club, forty Home Economics majors and associate members separately took the club pledge by candlelight and received the Betty-Lamp symbol, a national insignia.

The entertainment was in two parts, a spontaneous music program by the eighteen new freshmen and a skit by the upperclassmen. In the first, Janet Lathan sang "Would It Be Wrong," accompanied by the group. At the other extreme, four girls did a complete pantomime of "Pistol Packing Mama," while freshmen sang the words. The other skit opened by two very solemn curtains, Grace Lane and Julia Maxwell, announcing in a monotone, "This is the bedroom of the Practice House." The second scene humorously dramatized the numerous trials and tribulations of preparing breakfast in the Practice House.

Mrs. Meinung, head of the department, greeted the new club and outlined the values of the field of Home Economics. Miss Crow discussed the significance of the Betty-Lamp, and Charlotte Richards, president of the club, told the members of their club project, the Campus Fair.

Hot Russian tea and pop-corn were served while the girls gathered around the fire and sang songs.

"Charge of the Light Brigade."  
My wife charges, too.

"Come and trip it as you go."  
This is no time to be taking a trip.

## Apuntes Espanoles

### A TODO HAY QUIEN GANE

Juan, que es pescador de caña,  
Se pesa el día pescando,  
Y Pedro lo está mirando  
Con una sonrisa extraña.

Pasan dos horas ó tres,  
En las que Juan nada pesca,  
Y con sorna picaresca,  
Le dice Pedro después:

-Tu ocupación singular  
Mucho te ha de divertir:  
Pero me quieres decir  
Qué hay más tonto que pescar?

Y al oír aquella fresca,  
Volviéndose Juan de pronto,  
Le contesto:—?Qué hay más tonto?  
Estar mirando al que pesca!

Pescar—To Fish.

### MOTHER STRONG HAS MEMORY GARDEN

Did you think spring had come, or those famed "Shoemaker Elves" had been at work when you passed Strong residence on your walk Sunday afternoon? 'Twas a surprise to lots of us, but after putting secret agents Nos. 37 and 112233 on the job the mystery was solved, and now the office of facts and fun is releasing the results of its extensive investigation just so all you curious campus roamers will know that the suddenly appearing "papa size" boxwood and the azaleas and rhododendron and all those little bitty and great big plants and shrubs and things are a "memory garden" gift to "Mother Strong" (and incidentally to the whole college) by her son, Colonel L. Corrin Strong of Washington, D. C. The garden is being planted by some big men (I'm sorry if you were expecting me to say elves) who say the weather is just right for digging-up and putting-in and doing all those things that go with making a lovely garden to offset lovely Strong Dormitory.

### FRENCH CLUB HOLDS FIRST MEETING

With President Sarah Hege presiding, the French Club held its first meeting Monday night, October 15, in the Bitting Basement. It was an informal meeting with the newly installed members as guests.

After the business was dissolved, songs were sung from the French Club Song Books. Initiation of the new members was the next on the program and proved to be quite entertaining for all participating. French games were played and refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served. With the singing of more French songs, the first meeting came to a close.

A program committee consisting of Edith Hunt Vance, Coite Redfean, and Martha Boatwright was appointed to plan the program for the next meeting. Rosemary Cleveland was elected by the club as reporter for the year.

### WHAT, WHEN, WHERE

What: I. R. S. Informal  
When: 8:00 Saturday  
Where: Bitting Basement

What: "Y" Vespers  
When: 6:45 Sunday  
Where: Old Chapel

What: Dr. McMillan  
When: 10:20 Tuesday  
Where: Assembly

What: N. C. Films  
When: 7:00 Tuesday  
Where: Old Chapel

What: Dramatic skit  
When: 8:00 Thursday  
Where: Old Chapel