

Editors' Notes

by April Edmondson

by Amy Cass

Wednesday night, as Amy and I were laying out the paper, we experienced a *very* stressful moment. Of course, with each issue these incidents inevitably occur. What happened? Our boards were proofed and many errors were found. The copy editors were wonderful though. They sternly, yet patiently, told us that we had neglected to have them read several articles.

The following minutes were strained! Amy had an intense panic attack and I attempted to maintain sanity by laughing at my spastic friend and Co-Editor. I'm sure you can "see" this event clearly if you know Amy and me even in the slightest way.

During the next three hours we were fortunate enough to have several wonderful friends come to "check" on us and make sure we would make it through the night. As always, we worked together and accomplished yet another issue!

I want to thank Karen, Susanne, Kathryn, Patricia, Diane, Liver, Jenny, Sasha, Swing, and Franklin. You are the greatest! Indeed, this issue would not be what it is had each of you not been around!

I, Susie Salem, want to congratulate Jenny Savage for writing her editorial that appeared in the last issue of *The Salemite*.

Having been involved in several organizations on campus, and chairman of three, organizations I have seen the lack of responsibility first hand. Many people are so willing to get involved and to volunteer. However, they often fail to follow through with what they've committed themselves to. That is not fair to the group nor the chairman who winds up having to do most of the work do herself. And, on this campus as well as most everywhere else- the group gets the applause, but the chairman catches the heat.

With elections coming up, please

All week I've struggled with a topic I would tackle for this issues' editorial. With my last Winter Formal quickly approaching I realized that I must write about yet another special Salem tradition that I will add to my memories.

With this exciting event planned, I was determined that I would attend, and it was for certain that my friends would accompany me. Therefore, "The Dating Service" team, consisting of Ginny Crable, Kim Lynch, Melissa Kirk, Jenny Savage, and myself, was formed to hunt down attractive, eligible men for my few dateless friends, who shall remain anonymous. At approximately 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, we set out O-Pit bound to find these fortunate men. By midnight, we had succeeded and were ecstatic that everyone would be together for yet another memorable event.

The point I'm trying to express is that my times here at Salem are dwindling away. At this point, I treasure our moments together! If you are not planning to attend the formal, think twice...because you might regret not adding the memories to your Salem years.

consider your schedule, grades, and social life when deciding on whether to petition and run for an SGA office. These offices take a lot of time, much more than anyone probably realizes.

And, when you volunteer for something PLEASE complete the task you have volunteered for! Its important for the group and important for you. Members of the group, especially the chairman, will remember what you did (or actually did not do!).

So remember ladies, once you commit to something, follow through with it. And, if something comes up, by all means tell someone that you need help. People are more than willing to help if you just ask for it.

A commitment is a promise!

Dear Editors,

On February 13th, Lynn White officially introduced the student body to the "Complete the Tapestry" Project. Most students are aware that this effort will focus on the production of a quilt panel in memory of Clark Thompson to be included in the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Yet a recent incident has forced me to view this project in a different light. A fellow student asked me if it was "a quilt honoring gay people?" I was astounded at the ignorance behind this question. In fact, I almost bit her head off. AIDS is not a gay disease. It, unlike people, does not discriminate based on age, sex, nationality, economic status, or sexual preference.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt is made by those who wish to honor loved ones who have died of AIDS. And there are thousands. Unfortunately, one of our own has been added to the AIDS statistics. Dr. Clark Thompson was "our own" and we were his.

"Complete the Tapestry" is a perfect way for the *students* of this community to show their love for Clark.

Lynn White expressed it better than I ever would be able to, "I want to encourage everyone to become involved in this project, even freshman and sophomores. You might not have known Dr. Thompson, but surely you can

appreciate his contributions to Salem College. It doesn't matter if you can sew or if you're a good artist. That's not what this project is about. This project is about us as a student body working together towards a common goal in honor of someone who contributed a great deal to the students at Salem College. Dr. Clark Thompson gave twenty-five years of his life to Salem College. I'm asking everyone here to give twenty-five minutes of their time and twenty-five cents of their money to this project."

One would think that the students of this college would be eager to participate. Yet not one individual has signed up to work on the quilt from either Babcock or Gramley. I have a feeling it is the same in the other dorms. No one can spare twenty-five minutes? That's the time it takes to watch the Crosby Show or get frozen yogurt!

There has been a lot of talk about responsibility lately on this campus. Is ANYONE really listening? We have a responsibility to the ones we love and to ourselves. Starting on Monday, February 26th, work on the panel will begin. The target date for its completion is April 13th -- Good Friday. Rather appropriate, isn't it?

Sincerely,
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