



Salem students show off the latest winter fashions while strutting their stuff at the Junior Class fashion show held on October 24 to raise money for their class. photo by Erin Brennan

## Slumber Party, Salem Style!!!

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On September 15, 1990 Salem made history with its first male overnight visitation weekend. The weekend's success was due to the hard work of students and staff in preparation of this "blessed event." The students' behavior was exemplary, as we knew it would be. The Board of Trustees were especially complimentary and could not have been happier with the degree of responsibility shown by the students. They were so pleased that they have now given us some flexibility to adjust certain specifications as we see fit.

Interdorm and the staff are currently developing a new contract which would permit a student to use another student's room if the need arises. We are also exploring the options with regard to the use of hall monitors. The recommendations of the students and staff will be implemented in our next overnight weekend on November 9-11.

Results from the survey taken after the first visitation weekend have been tabulated and were positive.

The following statistics were gathered from the 161 people surveyed.

- \*The total guest count for the weekend was 129.
- \*Fifty percent rated the weekend as excellent, and 34 percent as very good.
- \*Out of hall monitors surveyed, 63 percent rated the weekend as excellent.
- \*There were no roommate conflicts reported and the noise was minimal.

Many people had voiced concern about registration and the use of arm-bands, both issues are presently being addressed by Interdorm and the staff. We would greatly appreciate any suggestions that would help make the visitation weekends more enjoyable.

## Hetherington

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begin to drop about five years after divorce. Hetherington said that only 16 percent of non-custodial fathers see their children an average of once per week five years after divorce.

Non-custodial mothers, on the other hand, see their children frequently. "Thirty-one percent of non-custodial mothers see their children an average of once per week five years after divorce," Hetherington said.

Hetherington said that confrontations between parents, before and after divorce, were more likely to become heated debates in the presence of the son rather than the daughter. Daughters were more protected from pending arguments by parents hiding their emotions.

In studying how men and women cope with divorce Hetherington found that women were more likely to be emotionally unstable in the time leading up to the divorce and during the legal proceedings. Men on the other hand tend to experience more distress a year to 18 months after the divorce.

With the loss of their husband's name and their identity of wife many women lose their own self-identity after divorce. Men have reported missing the father role.

One of the largest problems facing single parent families is the financial state of those headed by the mother.

Twenty-five percent of non-custodial fathers give no financial support to their children after divorce. And, the fathers who do give financial support only give an average of \$2000 per child. Such poor financial support causes 47 percent of divorced mothers and their children to end up below the national poverty level within two years after divorce.

## Ghost

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Strange occurrence, Miss Brown said that she was scared; but at the same time she remained calm because she did not feel as if she was in any real danger. When asked of her opinion of "Patsy", Libby Brown said, "I think she's a nice girl who doesn't mean any harm, but she may be lonely." As of yet, "Patsy" has not caused anyone harm; but she apparently loves mischief!

Unfortunately, no concrete evidence exists as to whether or not there ever really was such a girl as "Patsy" at Salem College. Could the ghostly spirit, "Patsy", exist in Sisters Dorm? If so, why does she wish to pester the students in Sisters Dorm? Does she feel lonely, as one student in Sisters Dorm suggested? Or, is it all just nonsense? Whatever the truth, "Patsy" is an exciting mystery of the Salem College community!

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