

# The Freshman...Five?

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On August 21, 1993 many of us embarked upon this campus full of expectations about college life. Our heads were filled with images of parties, new friends, late nights, and of course the foreboding shadow of the classes yet to come. We were not sure what we would find behind these brick walls, but here are some of our more enlightened discoveries about life at Salem.

**FOOD** Have you ever heard of the Freshman Fifteen? Well, for some at Salem, this is a myth. All college food lacks the essence of home, but should our college food lack the essence of food? While alternatives are available (the Grille and the thriving fast food market) the inadequate funds of most freshmen do not account for such expenses. This is also not a fair option since we have already paid for Refectory food. This leads us to a few suggestions on how to make the Refectory a more pleasant place to dine. First, many have found the Salem menu to be somewhat vegetarian unfriendly. The lack of hot vegetarian meals that are not high in fat has driven many to the cereal line. Although Lucky Charms are delicious, they are certainly not life sustaining! The other major concern is the boredom factor. The specialty bars, while a good idea, should perhaps offer a

little more variation from week to week.

**FRIENDS** Although many of us are not accustomed to communal living, dorm life has turned out to be a growing experience. Since all of us are starting from a clean slate, we are given a sense of freedom to be ourselves despite past experiences. The insecurities brought on by starting this new experience has enabled many to form strong bonds in a short period of time. Dorm life also humbles us as we become more aware of others that we must now live with peacefully.

**FRATERNITY PARTIES** To start off this section, an important thing to remember is that a safe time equals a good time. Having fun plays a large role in our expectations of college, but our new found freedom should be tempered with a bit of caution. Some words of advice passed on by many of our elder peers that we find appropriate now are: 1) Have a plan before you go, 2) Always have a designated driver even if you are not planning to drink (which we know you won't since your under 21), 3) If you're unfamiliar with the situation, go with a group and don't leave anyone stranded, 4) Always trust your instincts.

**FATAL FACTS** There is one important fact that all freshman need to be reminded of: Above all other

factors, we are here for an education. Although it is fun to stay up late and bond with your hall buddies, it is not a good preparation for meeting the demands of harder college classes. College is a time to test your wings but jumping off a cliff does not constitute flight. Have fun, but allow for the more serious aspects of college, too.

**FEMALE PERSPECTIVE** One thing that makes this freshman class unique to all others entering college this fall is the fact that we chose Salem to be our home. The community feeling of Salem is present in the friendly smiles of strangers and acquaintances alike. Because we are a community of maturing women, we can explore the aspects of being a female in society that you can't find at a co-educational school. Important women's issues are not censored in conversation for there is no fear of a negative male perspective on these sensitive issues. We are allowed to flourish intellectually and spiritually in an open environment we now call home.

Our final insight was seen on a shirt around campus. Keep this in mind for the next time some frat boy asks you why you chose Salem: "Salem is not a GIRL'S school without MEN, it is a WOMEN'S college without BOYS!"

## Quotable Quotes

by Mary Barclay Churchill

- Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't. -Erica Jong
- If you get a good woman, you get the finest thing on earth. -Elaine Frances Burton
- Time wounds all heels. -Jane Ace
- The art of being a woman can never consist of being a bad imitation of a man. -Olga Knopf
- The true worth of a race can be measured by the character of its womanhood. -Mary McLeod Bethune
- It is not depravity that afflicts the human race so much as a general lack of intelligence. -Agnes Repplier
- Anyone who limits his vision to his memories of yesterday is already dead. -Lily Langtry
- To gain that which is worth having, it may be necessary to lose everything. -Bernadette Devlin
- If I have to, I can do anything I am strong, I am invincible, I am a woman. -Helen Reddy
- Mistakes are a fact of life, it is the response to error that counts. -Nikki Giovanni

## Salem Students Think Globally and Campus-wide

by Kristan Majors

As we get back into the motions of classes and college activities consider getting involved in the environmental-friendly clubs on Salem's campus:

ECO Club encourages recycling glass and aluminum on campus. Also, they are involved in clean-up projects, hiking trips, volunteer services, and lots more. Contact Elizabeth

Haverkamp or Kristan Majors for more information.

The Women for the Rainforest Alliance invites Salemites to educational activities and campaigning for the tropical rainforests. Contact Becky Jones or Lisa Findley to join.

Both clubs are great ways to get involved and to help our Mother Earth! Remember: Everyday is Earth Day!

## Clewell-the new, updated version

by Angela Tatum

The engineering department and many others have been working since September of 1992 to give Clewell a complete "face-lift."

Now twelve months and approximately \$1.3 million later, the renovation is nearing completion.

The building was constructed in 1922 in honor of Alice Clewell and according to Steve Wright, telecommunications director, the dorm was "originally built for less than five hundred thousand dollars."

It is apparent upon walking into Clewell that the paint is fresh and lighter; however, many other renovations were made that may not be obvious at first glance.

The basement will now house all the activities offices. The three campus

publications will share the largest office and are in the process of moving in. The SGA office is adjacent and several other rooms still remain vacant.

The Writing Center is reclaiming their original office in the front lobby of Clewell. Included the renovation, this front lobby has had the furniture completely recovered.

When interviewing the residents of Clewell, the majority stated that the best feature of the renovations are the common rooms. Katherine Edwards, a junior on second floor, feels "The common rooms are really nice and that they add a personal touch." These adjoining rooms, which act as a living room, are shared by the four students.

Some other renovations include new carpet, complete re-designing of the bathrooms and entire re-wiring of

the building. This means Clewell now has the latest telecommunications system, and with this top of the line system will come telephones, cable, and computer hook-ups in each room.

Although the renovation project has almost been completed, the residents of Clewell feel that there are still final touches which need to be finished. "I think next year Clewell will be put together more," says Clewell dorm president Ashley Poston.

The opening dedication for Clewell will be on Friday, October 8 at 1:00pm. The festivities will include a ribbon cutting ceremony, tours of the dorm, and a reception in the lobby. The entire Salem community is invited to attend. Additional tours will be given on Saturday, October 2, for Parent's Weekend.

## Hurricane Emily hits N.C.Coast

by Beth Andrews

On Tuesday, August 31, 1993, Hurricane Emily hit the North Carolina coast near the Outer Banks leaving many homes and businesses severely damaged.

Damage reports from Buxton, the town hardest hit by Emily on Hatteras Island, include severe water damage. The water from Pamlico Sound entered most homes in the town even though Buxton is located at the highest point on the island. One resident, Jeff

Goldman, experienced a 5 ft. flood in his home within 20 minutes.

On Wednesday morning, Governor Jim Hunt viewed the damage of Hurricane Emily on Hatteras even before the media or residents had returned. Hunt immediately encouraged volunteers to come help rebuild sites that were destroyed by the storm.

Efforts to clean up the damage began slowly on Wednesday morning because of blocked roads and

restricted access to the Outer Banks. By mid-day, roads had been cleared and clean-up efforts were executed more quickly.

Labor Day weekend in the Outer Banks area also suffered due to vacationers choosing alternative beaches to visit that weren't touched by the hurricane. Due to wind currents in the upper atmosphere, North Carolina's cherished Light House was spared by Emily by about 20 miles.



## September Horriblescopes

from R. Galaxy...

**Aries:** (Ram) Yes, we are starting another great year at Salem College, so let's get excited and **RAM** into our first semester.

**Taurus:** (Bull) Our school has a first name and a last one too, it's S-A-L-E-M C-O-L-L-E-G-E and that's no **BULLOGNA**.

**Gemini:** (Twins) If you think you are seeing double or maybe even **TWINS** don't worry because it's just the ghost of Salem.

**Cancer:** (Crab) When you go out to dinner you should remember that **CRAB**cake is great in September.

**Leo:** (Lion) Seniors! It's our last year so don't be **LION**around. Get out and Party!

**Virgo:** (Virgin) Fall is here, so get out your winter clothes because the latest fashion this season is **VIRGIN**wool.

**Libra:** (Scales) Girls! Tell all the guys that they don't have to **SCALE** the walls to get on campus, just walk-in for one of our mixers!

**Scorpio:** (Scorpien) Watch out! Because the Salem **SCORPIANS** will soon be out!

**Sagittarius:** (Archer) We need plenty of sagittarians for Fall Fest because **ARCHERY** is always one of our biggest events.

**Capricorn:** (Goat) Don't let the troll get your Billy **GOAT'S**Gruff.

**Aquarius:** (Water Carrier) A unique job of a sports manager is being the **WATER CARRIER**.

**Pisces:** (Fish) Cross your fingers and get ready to mark your calendars in hope that **PHISH** will be back in Winston-Salem.