

Editorial

With the announcement of Dr. Richard L. Morrill as Salem Academy and College's sixteenth president the final reality of Dr. and Mrs. Cuninggim's departure from our Salem community has hit home. Mixed with the feelings of hopefulness and happiness we all share over Dr. Morrill's appointment, we can not help but also share a sense of profound loss over two very special people.

Since the first moments in the summer of 1976 when Dr. and Mrs. C. moved into the president's house on Main Street their wit, warmth and candidness made them as enduring and as loved a part of Salem as the Square. Our pride and support of them has over the years been as evident as their same feelings for us.

For the academy and college with their history spanning over two centuries the three years the Cuninggim's have spent at Salem may seem evanescent, but history is not only marked by the passage of time. More importantly it is recorded by events and individuals. In this light, there is no doubt as to the significance of the past three years and their value for Salem's future.

The changes that have been effected since 1976 include: the establishment of the Kudos Awards, the inauguration of the Emma Lehman Society, the founding of the Salem Union, the construction of the Shober House and future plans for a new gym. The activities of the Lifespan Center, the Center for Special Education, the continuing education program, the program of Faculty Advisors and the Library system have all been strengthened. Tremendous steps forward have been taken for higher national recognition for both the Academy and College through memberships and participation in key national and regional organizations, curriculum expansions and efforts to secure honor societies. The list could go on almost indefinitely; touching every phase of life at Salem. Dr. Cuninggim has been a constant force behind the changes at Salem; in spirit if not in person. Mrs. Cuninggim has shared in these successes and brought forth her own. Her gracious and lively presence these past three years have made her unequivocally our "First Lady."

We are saddened to see Dr. and Mrs. C. leave our campus. A portion of ourselves goes with them, but what they have given us in example, action and spirit will remain a part of Salem as long as Salem exists in reality and memory.

Laura Castellanos del Valle

Senior Speak Out is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, in Hanes Auditorium. Liz Boyd, President of the Senior Class, would like to invite all faculty and administration to join them for this occasion when Salem Seniors present their views to the College community.



*Dr. Merrimon
Cuninggim
President Salem
Academy
and
College
1976 - 1979*

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Cuninggim
First Lady
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Change in Assistant Deanship

Dianne Dailey is taking a one-year leave of absence from her post as Assistant Dean. Ms. Dailey is going to attempt to join the LPGA tour in August. If her stint on the tour does not work out, she will be finishing her doctoral degree in higher education at Duke University. Dr. Frank Lazarus is returning the campus not only to part-time teaching, but will serve as Associate Dean of the College.