

# Three Special Women Retire From Salem

## Della Carlton: Residence Hall Director



Photo by Lesley Stokes

by Diane Davis

"When Della Carlton graduates with some of her girls this May Salem College will be losing a favorite RHD, but more importantly a much loved member of our community who has been a friend, confidante, advisor, and shoulder to lean on. She has continually distinguished herself by her never ending capacity to give and her presence has been felt in every facet of life at Salem."

-Mary Poole

"I'm not retiring; I'm graduating. It took me eight years because I enjoyed Salem so much," but it is Salem that has truly enjoyed and benefitted from the time Della Carlton has spent here. She has given a great deal to Salem since her arrival in 1981. She served as the residence hall director for Clewell dorm her first two years and then moved to Babcock, where she has been ever since. And the students in Babcock dorm have grown to love her more each day she has been there.

Spending just a small amount of time with Della Carlton, it is easy to understand why she has become a favorite of all Salem students. She exudes a warmth and gentleness that is rare to find in a person today. As Katherine Livermon, a Junior in Babcock Dorm described her, "she exemplifies all the qualities of a true Southern lady and serves as the perfect role model for all Salem students."

Mrs. Carlton has a special way of making all students feel special and important. Leslie Crow, former President of Babcock Dorm, said, "Mrs. Carlton has been like a second mother to me. She has been a

cornerstone supporting the entire school. I'm glad I won't be around to see what happens when she's gone."

Indeed it will be difficult, if not impossible to replace Mrs. Carlton's place at Salem. She has not only demonstrated her love for her students through her service at Salem, but she has served the institution with outstanding dedication. She has made countless flower arrangements for events at Salem, including Big 3+3 dances; decorated the Refectory for special events; worked in Lehman Hall; and helped when needed in the kitchen of the Refectory. Mrs. Carlton says she has enjoyed arranging all the flowers because of the appreciation she has received from everyone.

Mrs. Carlton has truly been active at Salem and when she talks about what she will be doing next year one of the first things she remarks about is the fact that she will not need to keep a calendar next year; she will do "whatever suits my fancy." She does intend to spend a lot more time with her children, who have been jealous of her love for her girls at Salem.

Summing up her experience at Salem Mrs. Carlton says, "It has been a marvelous experience because of the good friends I have made among the faculty, staff, students, and their parents. She has enjoyed the having the opportunity to see young women enter college, take part in student life at Salem, and then leave with a real sense of purpose." She states that her greatest reward comes from hearing from students in almost every class she has had. It means a lot to know they remember her and want to keep in touch.

Salem and all her students will definitely remember Della Carlton and are thankful for special influence she has had on the institution and, most importantly her students. She will truly be missed.



photo by Asa Wolgast

## Mary Homrighous: English Department

by Paige A. Parker

Salem College will be losing an excellent English teacher, Dr. Mary Homrighous, at the end of this term. Entering her office in the English wing tells much about this educated and truly interesting woman. Her desk is neat, but full of books and other organized material. She sits erect, with a suit on waiting to be interviewed. Homrighous has been at Salem for twenty-five years and she has decided it is time for her to leave Salem. She is looking forward to her upcoming future. Homrighous plans to travel, read, and spend time doing community activities.

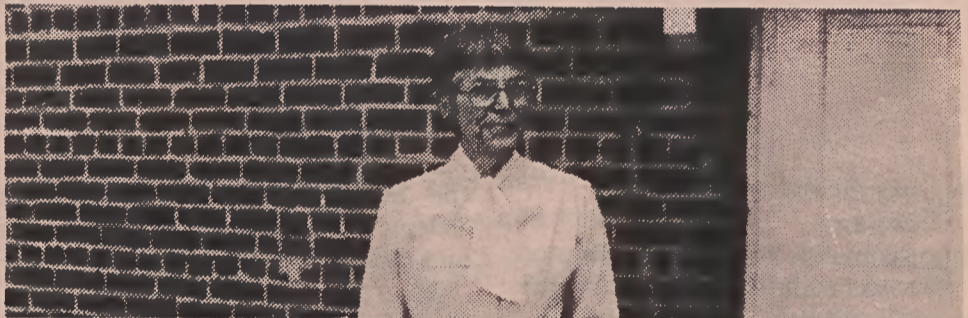
Homrighous received her B.A. and her Masters at the University of Illinois, and she received her Ph.D. from Northwestern University. She entered the teaching profession because she wanted the association with students. "I wanted to do academic theatre and teaching allowed me to do exactly what I wanted to do," Homrighous commented.

While at Salem, Homrighous has worked with the Pierettes which has brought much pleasure to her. Her courses working with Shakespeare's plays and historical backgrounds of drama have also been highlights in her career as an educator at Salem. But she makes the point during the interview that she will miss the students the most after her retirement.

Since Homrighous arrived at Salem, there have been many changes. There used to be a minor in drama, but the 4-1-4 system has been incorporated. She feels this system is beneficial for students. Homrighous added, "There is no way to halt traditions from changing, but I see these changes as healthy." Concerning positive aspects in a Salem education, Homrighous stated, "I would hope the small classes and student/teacher ratio can be maintained. The emphasis on oral and written work in the class room is also good. The opportunities for internships and the expanded opportunities for time abroad to study is wonderful."

Homrighous excitedly comments about Salem, "The inclusion of Mortar Board is very good. I am hoping for an inclusion of a Phi Beta Kappa chapter here soon." She is also a strong supporter of liberal arts colleges for women. She states, "At a woman's institution, women have many more opportunities for leadership. The first-rank jobs always went to males at co-ed schools and this will change with women gaining leadership qualities."

Dr. Mary Homrighous will be missed and thought of as she takes on yet another part of her life. What she has left behind at Salem will not go unnoticed. A lady with intelligence, charisma, interest in the community, and a love for literature will definitely be leaving us, yet she has instilled her love in so many students that she will always be a part of Salem. As the interview concluded, Homrighous finished by saying, "Salem is a unique place and I hope everyone will enjoy their experience." The Salem community wishes her the best and the hope that all of her future will be full of the dreams she wishes for.



## Anne Woodward: Chrm. Physical Education Department

by Gaither Smoot

This spring marks the end of a long and happy career that Coach Anne Woodward has shared with Salem. Coach Woodward has been a teacher at Salem for twenty-nine years. She has taught every athletic course offered except modern dance. She is director of the Fitness Center and Chairman of the Physical Education Department. Coach Woodward is retiring this year after many long years of dedicated service.

Coach Woodward remarked that the students are what make Salem special to her. She admires their warmth, spirit, and friendliness in taking part in her

classes. "The students are what make it charming for me," she stated.

Coach Woodward has no definite retirement plans at the moment. She does intend to relax though by playing more golf and fishing this fall. She says that she is going to read books from beginning to end without stopping. Next year, Coach Woodward plans to come back and visit. She commented, "I know that I will miss coming over here next year. I will always be thinking about Salem because it is a part of me."

It is easy and sad to say that Coach Anne Woodward will be missed greatly. We all thank her for the kindness and dedication that she has brought to Salem, and wish her luck for a happy retirement.