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## The tapestry is complete

## A Fond Farewell

by Karen Lewis

"To the dreamers  
of the world"

by Karen L. Elsey

Two months of work has resulted in a beautiful, and tangible, memory of Dr. Clark Thompson.

At the February SGA meeting the student body was introduced to the "Complete the Tapestry" Project. Since that announcement the lives of many in the Salem community have been changed. Together, members of the administration, faculty, and student body have worked diligently towards a common goal. Those who worked on the quilt panel found it not a task to be finished, but a time of remembrance and reflection.

By Good Friday the quilt panel was complete. The creators met to take photographs for their scrapbooks and to share their excitement.

The group plans to display the tapestry in the library for the remainder of the year. It will then join thousands of other quilt panels in the National Aids Memorial Quilt.

When the quilt panel is sent to Washington, DC, a donation from the Salem community will accompany it. Donations are still being accepted by Lynn White or Dean Virginia Johnson for the fund. Everyone is encouraged to be a part of the "Complete the Tapestry" Project.

Though all the panels are special, the Clark Thompson quilt panel bares two special features. The most apparent is the cat, representing his love for the smaller of the feline species, on the steps wearing a collar of pink, which was one of Dr. Thompson's favorite colors. Hidden is the back panel bearing the signatures of those who dedicated their time and energy to the making of the quilt panel. In memory of Dr. Thompson one student added to her signature a reminder of all that he was, "To the dreamers of the world!"



The completed tapestry and creators. "Complete the Tapestry" workers pictured are Laura Brooks, Shannon Stone, Nancy Jeanrenaud, Lisa Phelps, Angie Ingram, Melissa Robinson, Karen Elsey, Lynn White, Beth Brown, Stephanie Hines, Amy Bain, Dean Virginia Johnson, Elizabeth Ranson, Karen Timmons, and Cathy Whitlock. Not pictured are Cathy McKay, Caroline Swope, Mary Beth Wilson, Dr. Jeffrey Ersoff, Ms. Emily Wilson, and Dean Cindy Farris. Photo courtesy of Lynn White.

## Spaugh Remembered

by April Edmondson

The founder and former president of Old Salem, Inc., R. Arthur Spaugh, died in March from complications of a stroke at Arbor Acres/Triad United Methodist Home. He was 90 years old.

Spaugh's wife, Mary Gordon Spaugh, said his idea originated in the late 1930's. At that time, he presented the idea for Old Salem to Charles and Mary Reynolds Babcock and solicited their support. However, plans for Old Salem were not seriously considered until after World War II. In 1950, Old Salem was incorporated.

Spaugh was a member of the Board of Trustees for 23 years; its second president, 1953-56; its vice-president, 1960-65; and its secretary, 1970-73. In 1987 he received a Frederick William Marshall Society Distinguished

Service Award for his outstanding contributions in the years leading up to the formation of Old Salem, Inc.

His son Gordon L. Spaugh said, "He like to influence things and get things done, but he didn't like to be the one who got the credit."

Spaugh was also a very dedicated member of Salem Academy & College and the Home Moravian Church. He served on the Board of Trustees for Salem Academy & College for 29 years; while serving a total of 18 years on the Board of Trustees of Home Moravian Church.

Other community involvement included serving as President of YMCA and the Winston-Salem Rotary Club, and Chairman of the Forsyth County Hospital Authority.

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The end of this semester marks the end of an era for a major which has grown a great deal in the time it has been a part of Salem's curriculum: the Department of Nutrition and Environmental Design will end as Mrs. Margaret Snow retires after thirty-five years at Salem.

Mrs. Snow came to Salem in 1955 to join the Department of Home Economics, used primarily for classroom design in the Teacher Education program and for Dietetics. She had earned both her undergraduate and graduate degrees for UNC-G, then still a women's college, and later did post-graduate work at NYU and at Cornell as the field of nutrition expanded. By way of explaining the many changes which have taken place over the years, Mrs. Snow points out that she used the same text from 1955 to 1975, but has changed texts many times during the last twenty years as knowledge in the discipline has increased.

The department at Salem changed about five years ago, partly as a result of the decline in the number of Education students during the 1970's. Salem was one of the first colleges in North Carolina to add other courses to the department and set up a Nutrition major. Mrs. Snow's students have gone on to medical and nursing schools and into various areas of health service.

Salem has decided to drop the Nutrition major as Mrs. Snow, a career-long member of the department and one of only two professors throughout most of the department's history, retires. She calls this change a "grave loss," but she is excited about the future. Mrs. Snow plans to remain active in church activities and in the Hospice program. She is going to stay in Winston-Salem, although traveling is something she looks forward to.

Mrs. Snow says she will miss both the students and the ever-changing, exciting field to which she has devoted her career. We wish her much joy in the future.