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You Don't Want To Miss This!!!!

by Dawn M. Darby

Salem Academy and College will inaugurate Dr. Julianne Still Thrift, the first female president in its 220-year history, on Friday, April 24. In conjunction with the inauguration, Salem will host a symposium on Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 23 titled "Women Achieving: Our Legacy, Our Vision." Alumnae who will speak include Mary N. Davis, the president of Time/Life Books in Alexandria, Va.; Elizabeth Pfhof Campbell, the founder of Washington Educational Television Association,

Marshall Chapman



tion, or WETA-TV; Rolanda Watts, an anchorperson and reporter on WABC in New York and host of the weekly show "Attitudes" on the lifetime cable network; Celia Weston, a television and movie actress who was a regular on the television series "Alice"; and Bonnie Angelo, correspondent and bureau chief for Time magazine.

The symposium is designed to appeal to help women of all ages deal with the working world and other issues confronting women. This is one of Salem's ways to show the students and the Class of 1992

Mary N. Davis



especially that they care about our future and appreciate all of the hard work that goes into every year of maintaining the "Salem Pride." This symposium is not to be treated as a job fair, rather a networking system in which resumes should be available upon request. The purpose is to get some straight talk/answers about what to expect in "life after Salem". There will be as many different alumnae as their will be students. They have volunteered to come just for YOU and guarantee something for all. They will be here giving talks on "What should I do with

Rolanda Watts



The Rest of my Life?", "Get Real! Real Expectations for Living in the Real World", "Changing Horses In Mid-Stream: How and Why to Make a Career Change." "The Playing Field's Not Level Yet, But It's Tilting Our Way!", "From Cookies To Corporate Giving—Contributing to the Community" and much more!

The inauguration of Salem College's first women president will take place on April 24, as Salem celebrates her 220th year.

Celia Weston



Salem Says Goodbye to our Own Steel Magnolia

by Lisa Findley

"I was surprised he didn't take me to Hollins or Sweet Briar, but he just brought me straight to Winston-Salem for an interview!"

Most people move on after college with graduate school, marriage, their career, or travel, but Doris Eller decided to stick around Salem College's campus to become an involved member of the Salem community. Surrounded by old photographs and memoirs of Salem alumni in the warm living room atmosphere of her office, Mrs. Eller talked of her relationship with Salem began and what became of that relationship.

Mrs. Eller's sisterhood with Salem started when her father brought her here for a visit from their Virginia home. "[He] just thought it was a suitable place for me to go. I just loved it and didn't want to look anywhere else!" Shortly after graduating, Mrs. Eller married a Winston-Salem native, allowing her to settle here. Though newly married, Mrs. Eller refused to let go of the relationship

she had with Salem. She offered her assistance to the college purely through volunteer work.

Facets of her work included becoming a member of the Board of Trustees and then serving as President of the Alumni Association for six years.

In 1972, Mrs. Eller's relationship with Salem gained new strength when the college offered her the full-time, paid position as the Director of College Alumni. "Of course I happily said yes," she said, " 'cause it's the best place in the world to be. I love it!"

Mrs. Eller then talked of the duties she has as the Director of Alumni at Salem College: "I deal with organizing club meetings and organizing volunteers all over the country to help us with admissions," she said, "and with different phases of what we need to have done."

This past year, some of the volunteers' duties were raising money and planning kick-off parties for the new Student Commons.

Other volunteers help with recruiting. Mrs. Eller gives them brochures and

packets to hand out to prospective students in all different areas of the country. They are there to also answer any questions the students may have about Salem.

When talking about this year's rise in enrollment, Mrs. Eller could not suppress her excitement. Concerning next year's enrollment, Mrs. Eller said that the Alumni Association "feel[s] sure that if this volunteer corps of people do their job, we can see at least another 20 students which would be great!...We'll be working on retention too which will keep more people here."

Mrs. Eller also took an optimistic glance toward the future. "Ten years from now, we're going to see a big increase just because demographics are so there will be larger high school population to draw on."

Doris Eller's dedication to Salem College continues to strengthen. Not only does she want the students to have great experiences now, she wants the experiences to be passed down from generation to generation.

"Oh, it makes me feel so good! You have no idea what it means to us to have a second and third generation come!" she said.

"It thrills us to be able to hang on to that kind of tradition, and we like to make a big to-do about it 'cause it's so special when it's handed down into the families," she said enthusiastically. "The feeling that people want to come here-it means so much to us."

"It gives you [the college] such substance when you have the continuity of generations."

Editor's Note: Mrs. Doris Eller, who is featured in this article, is retiring on May 31. We appreciate all that she has done for Salem, and she will be missed

