

STUDENTS ELECT RICHARDSON PRESIDENT

Student Government elected officers for 1968-69 today in assembly. The results are as follows:

Nancy Richardson, President of Student Government; Sue Wooten,

Vice-President of Student Government; Paige French, Secretary of Student Government; Joan Hobbs, Secretary of Judicial Board; Lindsey McLaughlin, President of IRS.

The remainder of the officers will be elected in a call meeting of Student Government at 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 4.

Newly elected editors and Day

Student President were announced in assembly. These officers were elected by the publications' staffs and day students, respectively. The following students were elected:

Carol Carson, Editor of *The Salemite*; Kristin Jorgenson, Editor of *Sights and Insights*; Marianne Gingham, Editor of *The Archway*; Pat Carter, President of Day Students.

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Dr. Hardre To Speak To Salemites On France

Dr. Jacques Hardre of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will address students and faculty in assembly, Wednesday, March 6. His speech is entitled "DeGaulle, the Statesman and Writer."

Dr. Hardre's visit to Salem is sponsored by the Piedmont University Center's Visiting Scholars Program. Following the assembly the speaker will be present at an informal coffee in the Day Student Center. He will then attend lunch in the dining hall with students and faculty. At 3:30 p. m. he will present a talk in Shirley Auditorium.

Professor Hardre recently received the French government's highest honor, the Knight's Cross of the Legion of Honor. It was awarded jointly by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for his teaching accomplishments in the United States and by the Ministry of War for services in World War II. Dr. Hardre fought with both Armies. He was trained at Ribbesford-St. Cyr, the military academy in England founded by DeGaulle. Other awards received for military service include the Croix de Guerre, Medaille de la France Libre, and Medaille de Combattants Volontaires.

Born in Dinan, France, Dr. Hardre was educated both in France and the United States. He received the French baccalaureate degree, an A.B. from Guilford College, and MA and PhD from UNC at Chapel Hill. Before World War II, he taught at Guilford College, the Sewanee French House and UNC. Since 1945, he has been a French professor at Chapel Hill, and is now Chairman of the Humanities Division. He has also served two terms as President of the American Association of Teachers of French. He is presently a member of its executive council. Dr. Hardre is the founder of the Alliance Francaise at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Hardre's research specialties include surrealism, existentialism, and contemporary French theatre. His teaching areas are contemporary French literature and civilization. Among his publications are "Letters of Louvoirs," published in 1949. He has recently co-edited two text books with UNC Assistant Professor George B. Daniel. They are Jean Paul Sartre's "Huis Clos" and Albert Camus' "Le Malentendu."

Wilkinson, Novelist, To Speak; Address, Discussions To Fill Day

By Carol Watson

Salem students and faculty will be honored to have North Carolina novelist Sylvia Wilkinson as a guest during the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, March 5. Miss Wilkinson will be in the Reading Room of the campus library from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. to carry on informal discussions on any topic students or faculty members may suggest. At 8 p.m. she will present readings from her works and a lecture about her writings to the Friends of the Salem College Library.

A native of Durham, Miss Wilkinson has been writing since age fourteen. Her first novel, *Mass on the North Side*, was published in 1966 and quickly climbed the best seller lists. It won her the *Mademoiselle* Merit Award for Literature in December of that year, and *Mademoiselle* acclaimed her as "one of the most talented Southern belletrists since Carson McCullers." The *New York Times* comments that in this work she uses "the old and tried themes of childhood innocence in a corrupted world, the individual's search for identity." *A Killing Frost*, her second novel, was published in September, 1967. Her writing has been influenced by Randall Jarrell.

The twenty-seven-year-old au-

thoress is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and has done additional study as the recipient of a creative writing fellowship at Hollins College. Formerly a faculty member of Stanford University and later of Asheville-Biltmore College, she now teaches creative writing at the College of William and Mary. Last summer she was here serving as one of the Governors School instructors.

Creative writing and teaching are not Miss Wilkinson's sole talents. Besides being a sports car fan, she enjoys painting and has illustrated several children's books. She has won several awards in tennis matches.

Miss Wilkinson has very definite views on public education reforms. In a recent article printed in the *Winston-Salem Journal* titled "What North Carolina Needs Most," she says that college to a freshman is a "strange, new world." "He (the college freshman) intended to take a step forward when he chose to continue his education," she reflects, "but he finds himself exhausted from taking one step forward and sliding back two." This dilemma she implies is mainly due to the laxity of public schools in demanding that students learn to think during the high school years. "Every year he advances," she continues, "a student should feel the demands increase but he should never feel cheated out of his preparation. . . . To begin to solve the problem of the high school-college transition we need more teachers, better teachers, better salaries, better libraries, more refresher courses

at the state's colleges for high school teachers. These are obvious needs, and the state should do all it can to fill them."

Miss Wilkinson goes on to suggest that a system of student-teacher course evaluations might help to remedy the situation. Her theory, however, is that instead of asking today's high schoolers for evaluations, it might be of even more value to have the high school students of five to ten years ago to evaluate in retrospect the courses they took. In this way deficiencies might be spotted more readily. "I would conclude," Miss Wilkinson declares, "that no eight-hour day is so wasted as that of the average high school student and that no state can afford such a waste."

Ackerson Joins English Faculty

By Sterling Winstead

New this year to Salem's English department is Duane Ackerson. He spent his first three years of college at George Washington University then transferred to the University of Oregon where he finished his senior year and got his masters in the Fine Arts.

Mr. Ackerson began writing poetry his senior year in college. Many of his poems have been printed in such literary magazines as the *Northwest Review* and the *Colorado Quarterly*. His talents do not stop here. In 1967 Mr. Ackerson's short story "Dust of August" was mentioned in the Best American Short Stories list. For his masters in the Fine Arts (English and creative writing), he wrote a collection of plays.

While he attended the University of Oregon, he was a teacher assistant for two years. He was also assistant editor of the *Northwest Review*. It was also at the University of Oregon where he met his wife Cathy.

At Salem Mr. Ackerson teaches two freshman literature courses, a modern poetry course, and an advanced composition group.

Below is printed one of Mr. Ackerson's poems. He got his inspiration when he and Cathy (before they were married) tried to liven up his apartment by pasting black polk-a-dots on his old refrigerator.

Listening to the Refrigerator

It sounds like an endless crap-game

Where someone rattles and rattles

The same old pair of dice

Till the corners bevel from rubbing

Against each other, but never

throws them down,

Afraid they can't be trusted.

It's too bad the refrigerator

Can't at least get snake eyes

And take a look out of itself

With two black eyes—

Life is better than holding ice cubes,
Even if you're losing.

Salem Selects Coble Best Dressed; GLAMOUR Holds Judging In March

By Sandy Gills

Nancy Coble, this year's candidate for *Glamour's* Best Dressed College Girl, can be seen elegantly dressed advertising a gas pump or in relatively less formal attire working on an art project. However, regardless of the extreme, she will be recognized as the "best-dressed girl on campus."

Nancy is an art and French major who hopes to go into interior designing after graduation. Her creative talents also extend into the realm of clothes. In order to support a well-designed wardrobe, Nancy has modeled for various companies in Greensboro and High Point, one of which included advertising a Gilbarko gas pump. During vacation she is a draftsman for a civil engineer in Greensboro.

In her essay to *Glamour*, Nancy has described the evaluation of her fashion taste from a chubby adolescent to her predictions for the future. Being overweight increased Nancy's development of a critical eye for clothes with slimming lines that would flatter her body type, which gradually evolved into a slim

"Influenced by the ingenuity of her mother, Nancy has learned to make many of her own clothes, especially those dressier outfits which are perfect for work and so hard to find. She prefers simplicity of line and easy-care fabrics and loves bright colors! An ideal outfit



Nancy Coble, Salem's contestant in *Glamour's* Best Dressed competition, models the outfit that won her the nomination.

is a three-piece suit which can be converted into a skirt and sweater accented by chunky, stable heels. Although Nancy has no specific preference for brands, she uses them as an indication of good quality. Nancy's campus favorites include sweaters and long-sleeved white

blouses with French cuffs.

The preliminary judging of the *Glamour* contest will be in March, and the winner should be announced in April. Besides being photographed for the August college issue of *Glamour*, the winner will receive a trip to New York.

8 To Attend SSL In Raleigh

Eight students will represent Salem in Raleigh, March 6-9, at the annual session of State Student Legislature. Jenny Griswold, Kathie Carpenter, Julie Johnson, and Palmer Smith will be delegates to either the Senate or the House of Representatives. Alternate delegates are Christy Davidson and Lyn Davis. Ginny Coffield and Susan Greene will attend as observers. John Sanders, advisor for the club, will accompany the group.

The purpose of State Student Legislature is to further students' interest in government and to encourage debate on current issues. Twenty colleges and universities in North Carolina will participate. Each school presents a bill for debate. In 1965 and 1966 Salem won the Best Bill Award for a small college.

This year Salem delegates are introducing a bill that will redefine criminal insanity for North Carolina courts. As the definition now stands, a defendant shall be excused on the grounds of insanity only if he is unable to tell the difference between right and wrong. This

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