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English Staff, Writer Joins Brings Advice, Friends

A tall silver-haired lady greeted me at the door of the Home Management House. Ushering me into the parlor, I met Margaret, her daughter, currently a student at Salem Academy. Margaret ambled to another part of the house as Dr. Wagoner and I sat down for an interesting chat on a cold windy afternoon. We talked of her arrival on the Salem College scene as the new visiting English professor. It seemed rather unusual for a resident of Washington state with a faculty post at the University of Puget Sound to be sitting in the Home Ec house of Salem, three thousand miles across the country.

Actually though, Dr. Wagoner is no stranger to the East Coast, having been educated in Eastern schools herself. Her ties with Salem stem from a close relationship with Mrs. Chandler, a former student of Dr. Wagoner's

at Lake Forest College in Chicago. Her acquaintance with the Chandlers continued through her work with Dr. Chandler at the Danforth Foundation. It was at his invitation she decided to come to Salem for the spring semester.

Dr. Wagoner is excited about teaching at a small private college in the South because it helps fulfill her goal of teaching all over the country. She finds Salem delightful, enjoys seeing all those feminine faces, and loves the good manners of the students. She detects a difference in atmosphere from the coed university of Puget Sound, but says it's too subtle to define. She stated that the class discussions at Salem followed the same lines as discussions at any college. But she thinks perhaps girls speak up more readily in an all-female classroom. Dr. Wagoner related the observation that she

always knew her male students before her female students at the University because the male students were the first to volunteer answers in her coed classes.

She remarked that she also likes teaching the freshmen, a different experience for her. As a senior member of the English department at Puget Sound, she taught only upperclassmen, freshmen classes being instructed by junior professors. We discussed the trauma of freshman term papers and she informed me that she felt her freshmen students were exhibiting true Southern courage, especially with the present condition of the library.

At this moment our conversation was interrupted by the appearance of a cat, who also desired Dr. Wagoner's attention. I was informed it was a stray about the campus, and it dropped in for tea every afternoon at the same time. Nicknamed Cat Stevens by her daughter, the feline settled itself comfortably in her lap as we continued our conversation, this time steering towards the writing phase of Dr. Wagoner's busy life.

The author of one already published novel and a second novel which will appear in print this year, she is currently writing a third. The subject matter of her novels is historical trials. The book due to be published this

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Chris Young was named Miss Student Teacher on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Student Teachers Select Chris Young

-- by Gwen Holland

"Have you ever spent a WHOLE day hanging on to a fudgesickle stick?" This is how Chris Young, the newly chosen 1973 Miss Student Teacher, opened her speech in the special assembly on Feb. 13. She was stressing what an important part creativity plays in the overall educational experience.

Chris was selected as Miss Student Teacher from 3 finalists. Peggy Melvin and Libba McPherson were the other 2 partici-

pants.

Each of the 3 finalists gave a 3 minute speech on their philosophy of education and then drew a question to answer extemporaneously. After this the floor was open to any questions.

The judges for the event were Dr. Troost, Dr. Welch, Dean Hixson, Dean Johnson, Laura Turnage and Nancy Sandidge.

Chris will represent all of Salem's student teachers in the April 13th Education Convention in Greensboro, N.C.

Salem Women Discover New Areas For Growth

Women who enjoy working with lots of people and dislike sitting at a desk are becoming interested in real estate. It is a field which has been heavily populated with women, even before women's lib became popular.

Salem students have heeded the call of real estate and have begun taking the special courses offered at Wake Forest at night by the Babcock School of Business. Karen McCotter, Jeanie Dorsey, Michele Siebert and Margaret McCloy have participated in the night courses in real estate.

Jeanie said that she took the course because it afforded her a trade other than teaching and going to graduate school. "Whatever I end up doing," she said, "I can always sell real estate. Besides, women need to know things about buying homes, drawing up contracts and other things like that. "I didn't know anything like that until I took the course," she said.

The 30 hour course entitled "Real Estate Institute" is open to students, businessmen, homemakers and everyone else. Jeanie said that real estate is a very necessary business.

"It serves the people of the community as well as those coming in and going out," she said. "It means a realtor is not just a salesman but a representative of his city to welcome newcomers, make them comfortable in their new environs and make those already there comfortable."

Jeanie said that she wanted to take the course because she was interested in selling herself to the public through sales techniques that are good in business. She said that being a college senior prompted her to take the course because few positions are available to graduates without experience except when the graduate has some kind of business degree in addition -- such as a real estate license.

She said that this way she can at least determine her own future despite marriage. Courses like this are encouraging for women because they cover law, finance, construction, and brokerage. Jeanie said that she has begun to realize what a liberal arts education is through courses like this one.

The next real estate course begins in March.



Jannie Moore helps the Senior Class during their Mexican shirt sale on Valentine's Day.

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