Betty McCollum To Represent Salem At S.S. NEA Convention

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The student teachers at Salem have elected Betty McCollum to represent them at the annual State Student National Education Association Convention. The convention will be held in Greensboro the weekend of April 11-13. Delegates from colleges in the state will meet to elect state officers and the student teacher representative of North Carolina.

Betty will graduate in the Spring as a sociology major with a teacher's certificate for grades 49. She spent this year's fall semester as a fourth grade student teacher in Winston-Salem's Konnoak Elementary. Betty especially likes the fourth grade because the children are old enough to begin to get into the subject matter yet young enough to still be excited about school.

Betty has been working with children during the summer for

the past few years and this helped her decide in which area and age group she wanted to teach.

While at Konnoak, Betty took over the actual teaching of her class but always had the help and advice of the coordinating teacher. Betty feels that experience is definitely the best teacher. "Ideas learned in books don't always teach you how to treat a personality. You have to relate to the children and try to understand them."

Besides working with the children, Betty completed her learning process by being involved in parent conferences, department and faculty meetings, and sending out grades.

Betty believes that teaching requires more than just a 9-3 job and first semester was her hardest semester yet. She had some frustrating days but in the end the good results she saw in her students were worth it all.



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