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President Chandler Resigns; Dr. Cuninggim To Succeed

After five years as president of Salem Academy and College, John Chandler announced on January 15 his resignation effective June 30. He will assume the same position at Scripps College, a women's school comparable to Salem in Claremont, California, about 35 miles from Los Angeles.

Scripps is part of a cluster of six colleges—five undergraduate, one postgraduate—in Claremont. They are located on adjacent campuses but operate as separate institutions employing cross-registration. With a total enrollment of 5000 (600 of these attend Scripps), the cluster is comparable to a small Oxford University set-up.

Dr. Chandler states that he "hadn't really thought about leaving Salem," but the position at Scripps was too appealing not to

be checked further. California is home for Dr. Chandler—he was born in San Francisco and moved to Los Angeles in his teens. His family connections with the area made the Scripps offer quite attractive.

Chandler is now president of the Southern Association of Colleges for Women. From 1967-1971 he served as vice-president of the Danforth Foundation. Prior to that he was dean of special academic programs at Ohio University. He has taught at Dartmouth College and at UCLA. He received a Ph.D. in theology and literature from the University of Chicago, and was ordained an Episcopal minister in 1960.

In 1971 Chandler succeeded Dale Gramley as Salem's president. He views his years here with optimism. In 1970, as part of the normal accreditation process, Salem conducted a self-study under the auspices of the Southern Association of Colleges. After five years Dr. Chandler says, "We've now accomplished all the important things recommended in that study." There have been curriculum changes such as interdisciplinary majors.

Chandler is pleased with the increasing focus on women and related issues at Salem. His years here have seen the establishment and growth of the Development Office, and expansion of scholarship aid. Outreach into Winston-Salem and beyond increased with the foundation of the Special Education Center and Lifespan, both of which are separately endowed so as not to place a drain on Salem's current income. The Third Century Fund (1971-1973) was the single most successful fund drive Salem has had, raising \$3.6 million. Of this, one million was channeled into the endowment and approximately another million toward the moving and renovation of the library.

At the close of his time at Salem, Dr. Chandler can say, "I'm a great believer in women's education. Although there are certainly problems ahead, I'm leaving a college that is strong and strong enough to survive."

Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim will serve as interim president of Salem Academy and College. The appointment is effective June 1, which means Chandler and Cuninggim will work side by side for a month.

A Tennessee native raised in North Carolina, Dr. Cuninggim holds degrees from Vanderbilt, Duke, and Yale Universities, and was a Rhodes Scholar. He is now president of the National Methodist Foundation and head of Cuninggim Associates in St. Louis, Mo., a consulting service to foundations, colleges, and universities. He has served as an advisor on program management to the president of the Ford Foundation (1973-1975), executive director and president of the Danforth Foundation (1960-1973), dean of the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University (1951-1960), and professor of religion at Pomona College (California), at Denison (Ohio) University, and at Emory and Henry College (Virginia). He was director of religious activities at Duke University from 1936-1938 and served as chaplain in the U.S.N.R. from 1944-1946. Dr. Cuninggim already has one connection with Salem; he is distantly related to Dr. Rondthaler, Dale Gramley's predecessor.

Dr. Chandler feels confident, after five years of hard work, that he is leaving Salem in good hands with Dr. Cuninggim. "Without a doubt, he is the best person in the country to take this position." With Dr. Cuninggim's advisory help, the process of choosing a new president should be considerably shortened.

The advisory committee for the selection of a new president includes Dr. Hill, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Pate, Dr. White, Dean Sandresky, Mr. Hudnall, who is principal of Salem Academy, Lucy Rose, and Beth Jones.

During the process of choosing a new president, the selection of a new academic dean will be slowed. The number of applicants (now over 300) for the position will be reduced, and the next president, once chosen, will then have a role in the final decision.

Senior Day

by Kem Mims

To introduce Salem to high school seniors, the Admissions Office and the Fremdendienst have planned a glimpse of campus life. The applicants will arrive Sunday afternoon, March 7, 1976. The events planned will offer a multifaceted view of our life. Included on the agenda will be a student panel on "The Salem Education: What It Means," a talk with Deans Somerville and Johnson, a skit performed by the 1975 Orientation Committee, a faculty panel on "Current Issues: How Do We Know The Truth," and an opportunity to attend classes.

An introduction such as this could prove to be an invaluable aid to each applicant in making her decision about college. We invite and welcome Salem students to attend these events and to talk with the applicants. They could be our future sister Salemites.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 1976

- 2:00- 3:30 — Registration, Main Hall
- 4:00- 5:00 — Student Panel, Library Assembly Room
- 7:00- 8:15 — Dean Somerville and Dean Johnson talk about Salem, Music Library FAC
- 8:30 "Salem is Joy!" (skit), Drama Workshop

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1976

- 9:00- 9:50 — attend classes
- 10:00-11:00 — Faculty Panel, Library Assembly Room
- 11:00-12:00 — What's Ahead, To be Announced

ANNOUNCEMENT

Get your friends and money together because its only a few more weeks until its Y-Auction time again. Dr. Lazarus will entertain us with his auctioneering talents at 6:30 after supper in the refectory on **March 17th**. Bid on your favorite house mother's chocolate chip cookies. Its loads of fun and all proceeds from the auction go to a charity organization. So get your nickels and dimes together and bid at the Y-Auction!



Dr. John Chandler, President of Salem College, announced his resignation on January 15.

(Photo courtesy Salem College News Bureau)

Annual Foreign Language Day Attracts High School Students

By Patt Hall

One Saturday last March, 800 high school students and teachers converged on the Salem campus speaking all sorts of foreign tongues. A repeat performance, the second annual Foreign Language Day is set for Saturday, March 13.

Our Modern Foreign Language department has planned a full day of language competition for regional high school students at different levels of study. The purpose of Foreign Language Day is to further strengthen, promote, and foster interest and scholastic competence in the area of languages in this region.

Various high schools in North Carolina and Virginia are invited to enter individual students or groups of students to compete for awards in various categories in any or all of the following languages: French, German, Latin, and Spanish. Categories include: Poetry—Level I, II, III; Group Song; and Drama Group. Trophies are given to winners in each category. Also a plaque will be given in each language to the "teacher-coach" whose students have accumulated the greatest number of points. The entire program will be judged by representative teachers chosen from among the staff of the competing schools.

Competition will take place in the Fine Arts Center, Gym, and History wing. Salem students are invited to attend and perhaps support their high school alma mater. Dr. Villarino is asking for Salem students to volunteer to act as hostesses and helpers for this day. If you would like to lend a hand,

please see Dr. Villarino in no. 213 Main Hall.

High schools participating in Foreign Language Day are: Allen Jr. High School, Greensboro—Latin; Anderson High, Winston-Salem—Spanish; Asheboro High—French; Bishop McGuinness, Winston-Salem—French; Bowman High, Wadesboro—Spanish; Carlisle School, Martinsville, Va.—Latin, Spanish; Carver High, Winston-Salem—French, German, Latin, Spanish; Charlotte Latin, Charlotte—French, Latin, Spanish; Dudley High, Greensboro—German; Durham Academy, Durham—French; Hanes High, Winston-Salem—Latin; Hill High, Winston-Salem—French, Spanish; Mendenhall Jr. High, Greensboro—Latin; Monroe High, Monroe—French; North Forsyth, Winston-Salem—French, Spanish; North State Academy, Hickory—French.

Also, North Surry High, Mount Airy—Spanish; Northwood High, Pittsboro—French; Paisley High, Winston-Salem—Spanish; Park-French; Randleman High, Randleman—French; Ravenscroft, Raleigh—French, German, Latin, Spanish; Reynolds, Winston-Salem—French, Latin, Spanish; Salem Academy, Winston-Salem—French, German, Spanish; Salisbury High, Salisbury—French; Smith High, Greensboro—German, Latin, Spanish; South Stanly, Norwood—French; Surry Central, Dobson—French, Spanish; T. W. Andrews, High Point—French, Spanish; Vance Academy, Henderson—French; Wake Chapel Day School, Fuquay-Varina—French; West Forsyth, Clemmons—German; West Stanly, Oakboro—French.



Beth Jones and Katherine Skinner having tea party on upper pleasure grounds.
(Photo by Laura Day)