

Beware Wayward Judges

By Sandra Spear

In the last four months, two rape cases in different parts of the U.S. have received national attention, not because of the severity of the crimes, but because of the audacity with which the respective judges disposed of the cases. One of the aforementioned judges was removed from the bench on Tuesday, Sept. 6; the other remains in a position of authority.

On May 25, Judge Archie Simonson of Dane County, Wis., sentenced a 15-year old boy to one year at home under Court supervision for raping a 16-year old girl in the stairwell of a local high school. Although the sentence itself was unusually light for a juvenile rape conviction, it is improbable that a massive public outcry would have resulted had Simonson left his decision at that. Instead, he felt compelled to enter on the record of the proceedings an extended commentary on the permissiveness of Madison, Wis. society. He concluded that, "This community is well-known to be sexually permissive. Should we punish a 15 or 16-year old boy who reacts to it normally?"

From Simonson's remarks, one might conclude that the victim had been wearing very revealing clothes, but what is revealing or suggestive about blue jeans, and turtleneck sweater and a blouse? More important, however, is the suggestion by Simonson that rape could be a natural reaction to anything.

The reaction to Simonson's remarks was intense. Thirty-five thousand voters in Dane County petitioned for and were granted a recall election, the first election of that nature to occur in the U.S. in three decades. From a field of six, including Simonson, the voters elected 33-year-old Moria Mackert Krueger, an attorney endorsed by both the Dane County Women's Political Caucus and the local organization of the National Organization of Women.

In July of this year, another court in the land struck out against women. The California Court of Appeals unanimously overturned the conviction of a 32-year-old Los Angeles salesman for the rape of a 23-year-old waitress who had been hitchhiking. Judge Lynn Compton entered this forgettable statement on the record: "A woman who enters a stranger's car advertises that she has less concern for the consequences than the average female." Since rape is more a crime of violence than of sex, one wonders whether Compton will follow his own precedent and overturn convictions for assault on victims who were hitchhiking. It is doubtful that he would. It is far more likely that he holds the same view of women as does Simonson: "Whether women like it or not they are sex objects."

As women, we should all be wary of judges like Simonson and Compton. They are dangerous to our health, safety and well-being.



FACULTY MEMBERS — gathered at Boone to discuss current issues facing the college.

Faculty Retreat In Boone

By Sandra Spear

The faculty and administration of Salem College met at the Center for Continuing Education in Boone, N.C. from September 1-3 for a faculty Conference. The Center for Continuing Education is affiliated with Appalachian State University.

Organized by Dr. Sidney Kelly, the conference focused on the future of private colleges in general, and of Salem College in

particular. After introductory remarks by Sam Banks on the general financial health of private colleges, the seminar continued with a discussion of Salem's future and financial health by Dean Helmick, Dr.'s Thompson, Edwards, Byers, and Faye, Ms. Pence-Sokoloff, Dr. Cuninggim, and H. Gene Moss.

Those present referred the specific issues concerning Salem's future to administrative-faculty task forces for further

consideration. The topics to be considered are: Advising, Curriculum Review, Teaching Effectiveness and Faculty Development, Evaluation, Educational Resources, Governance, and Long Range planning. Faculty members were asked to volunteer for those task forces on which they would like to serve.

The conference ended with the presentation of five-year plans by department chairpersons.

Archway Auditions

By Susan Miller

One of Salem's most popular vocal groups is looking for a few good voices. The Archways will be holding its fall auditions on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Choral Ensemble Room.

The Archways has long been a tradition at Salem and in Winston-Salem as well. Annual community performances include singing for the Kiwanis Club, the Rose Society, the Lions Club, and the North Carolina Teachers' Association. Campus events include performances throughout the year, such as the Christmas Tree Lighting and a Spring Concert.

Presently, the Archways has seven openings, some in each section, plus a need of a piano accompanist and a guitarist. Judging will be based on range of voice, ability to blend well with the group, ability to read parts, and amount of enthusiasm. Those who audition are also encouraged to bring with them any instrument that they can play. Diana Jolliff, president, urges members of each class to try out.

New Additions To Salem Faculty

The following persons have joined the faculty of Salem College:
Ms. Pat Avram — Instructor in Home Economics, part time
Ms. Debbie Cooper — Psychological Examiner, Center for Special Education

Dr. Marleen Flory — Assistant Professor of Classics
Ms. Paula Goodwin — Kindermusik
Dr. Catherine Harris — Assistant Professor of Sociology-Economics
Ms. Patricia Harris — Educational Therapist, Center for Special Education

Dr. Hugh High — Assistant Professor of Economics, part time
Mr. David Hoch — Visiting Assistant Professor of Management, part time

Ms. Sarah Longino — Lab Instructor in Biology
Dr. George McKnight — Visiting Associate Professor of Chemistry
Dr. Dudley Shearburn — Director of the Center for Special Education, Associate Professor of Education
Ms. Marianne Triplette — Instructor in Sociology, part time

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Four Hopes

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accomplishment. When we look around, we see our own reflection; and it is usually mediocrity, if not worse. But now and again there is a break to this pattern — and my hope is that, sometime during the year, there will be one or more breaks in the ordinariness of life for you!

"This glimpse of excellence might be one of a thousand things: an unusually thoughtful thank-you note, far beyond routine expression; a brilliant, inspiring lecture in which the professor took wings and you did too; a skillful movement on the hockey field; a soft answer that turned away your wrath; an analysis of a problem, heard or read, that brought new insight to your life. "Witness," I said — that you should witness some example of excellence. But there should be more — that you should rejoice in some act, some moment, of excellence. This is the hope. Look for it, be glad when you find it, and participate in it when you can!

Fourth and finally, it is my hope that each of you, whatever your age, will have many more than one opportunity for testing, flexing, and exercising your

growing maturity. Growing up is what it's all about — and one doesn't mean to be patronizing by saying that.

"But it's your chance for maturity that I'm especially interested in. And you'll have them all around you, if you'll see them and take them. Different for different people, the opportunity may come when you have to speak at Convocation; or when you might get acquainted with some shy and lonely person ("But I am shy and lonely"! — that's no excuse!); when you must make a tough moral decision that you know is right even if it is against the grain of the gang around you; when you take a beating, with your head high and with good temper; when you have the chance to extend your sympathies, and actions, to take in those less fortunate near and far; when you know the exhilarating feeling of doing your best of a tough exam — when you refuse to run, or to fold, or to whine. There are so many chances, all year, to exercise your growing maturity. What a great year it is going to be!

"I'm envious of you!"

Salemite deadline, staff meetings every Monday, 4:30 p.m. Salemite office (below Student Center).