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## Journalist Bonnie Angelo to speak at Graduation

Bonnie Angelo, a native of Winston-Salem, began her career in journalism on the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel, following graduation from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, which was then the Woman's College. She took her freshman year at Salem College.

In January, 1978, she became chief of the London Bureau of Time Magazine, the first woman ever chosen by Time to head a foreign bureau. She joined the magazine as a Washington correspondent in 1966, assigned principally to the White House and national politics.

In 20 years as a Washington correspondent, she reported on major stories from all 50 states and more than 50 foreign countries on six continents. She has covered summit conferences, political conventions, presidential campaigns, manned space shots, the inaugurations of six

presidents, the assassination of one, and the resignation of another. From London she reports on British politics and European issues.

In addition to her work as a journalist, Ms. Angelo was a weekly participant on the Washington television program "Panorama" for 10 years, was a regular panelist on Voice of America discussion programs and other public affairs forums. She is now a regular participant on BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) public affairs programs.

As a past president of the Women's National Press Club (now the Washington Press Club) Ms. Angelo was a leader in removing professional barriers and discrimination against women journalists. In 1976 the Ladies Home Journal nominated her as one of the nation's outstanding women in Communications. In 1977 she

was chairman of the national Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Awards. Since moving to London she has lectured in a number of European countries.

Before joining Time, Ms. Angelo was a national correspondent for the Newhouse National Newspapers and author of a syndicated column. Previously she was a Washington correspondent for Newsday, the Long Island newspaper.

Ms. Angelo is married to Harold R. Levy, who is special assistant to Senator Adlai Stevenson 3d. Mr. Levy was also on the staff of the Journal and Sentinel for several years, as Sunday editor. They have one son, Christopher, who is a college student.

The Baccalaureate speaker will be the Reverend Richard McBride from Gardner-Webb College.

When I arrived at Salem last August I had, in the back of my mind, the idea of transferring in two years. Now, at the end of my freshman year, I have completely banished the idea of transfer -- I can't imagine going to school anywhere else. But why the change? What has made Salem so special to me? I've found that question difficult to answer. At first I thought of many reasons: the beautiful campus, the historic significance of the school, the small classes, the good food. Or, I considered the late-night pizza parties, the dance weekends, the shagging lessons given in Clewell halls, and the afternoons spent lying by the pool. These things, however, could be typical of any college. What makes Salem stand out from other institutions? What gives it the uniqueness we all prize so highly?

For an answer to my questions I began to think back over this year. Events like Fall Fest, Christmas here at Salem, January term, FITS, Sophomore-Senior, and Founder's Day stand out in my mind. Ah, getting closer, I thought. All of these celebrations are unique to Salem - certainly they have helped to make the year special. But somehow the answer lies deeper even than celebrations. There's something about Salem that makes every day - not just holidays - precious and valuable. I struggled and groaned, trying to put my feelings into words. I walked in the graveyard to clear my mind, and asked my classmates what had made Salem special to them. Finally, I decided that Salem's greatness lies in two things.

Primarily, the closeness on this campus is important.

Only at a women's college could you find relationships as warm, open, and meaningful as the ones we've made here. At Salem, upper classmen aren't snobs, they are big sisters. Faculty members aren't slave drivers, they are friendly guides taking us on a tour of a liberal arts education, and challenging us to do our own exploring along the way. I can't begin to set a value on the friendships I've made here - every one is priceless. As a friend of mine said, "Salem has the cream of the crop. With all those special individuals it can't be anything except a special place." It is special, because here everyone seems to care about everyone else -- even with our strong sense of individuality we are a sisterhood, bound together by common hopes and dreams, and by a love for our school. This closeness impressed me as a freshman. I wanted to be a part of it, and by wanting to, I became involved in many facets of Salem life that brought me close to other people. As a person, I've grown and benefited from the relationships I've made here. But do the friendships explain all of Salem's appeal? I have discovered one attribute more.

Think of the coolness of the square on a warm spring day; the chatter of the squirrels as you walk to class; a talk with Phil the postman, or a walk through the graveyard. Listen to the noise of the refectory at noon; the "Hey y'all!" of a special classmate; or the chiming of the bells in the square. Do you sense it? Do you feel it? There's a certain intangible presence about Salem - a breath of fresh air. You can't pin it down, you can't hold it, but somehow it

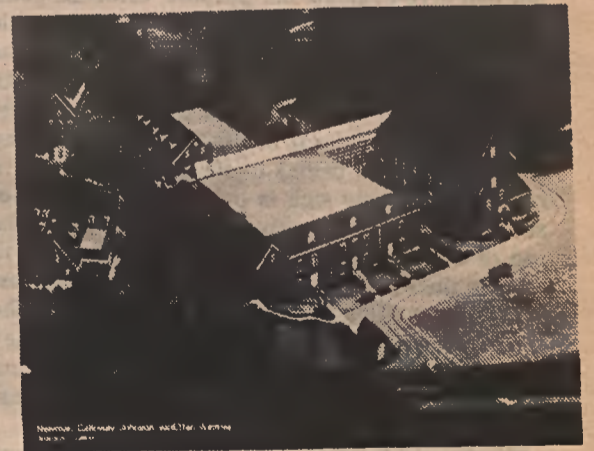
stays with you and haunts you delightfully. It's a feeling of security, yet freedom; a sense of belonging, a source of opportunities, and a storehouse of potential.

It's the closeness of home, yet the diversity of the outside world. Salem is a place where we can experiment, sort out our values, and make our own decisions knowing that we are cared about, supported and loved unconditionally. That's the greatness of our school - its atmosphere. When perspective students ask us why we like Salem, some freshmen have replied, "You have to be here - to live here - to understand." You do have to experience Salem to love it, and those of us lucky enough to be here sometimes take our privilege for granted. We are privileged to be growing up here. Whether or not we take advantage of

that privilege is our choice. This year I've watched many people, admired many people, and shared things with many people. I'm grateful for the opportunities I've had, for the lessons I've learned, and for the friends I've made. Sure, things haven't been perfect, nor should they be, but Salem has come to mean something to me this year that I never thought it would. It stands for my highest ideals, my hopes and dreams, and my weaknesses, as well as the ideals, aspirations, and flaws of those that have graduated before me and those that will graduate after me.

Salem is special - it's a place to fulfill your full potential as well as the requirements for your diploma. It's an institution where people count - and that makes all the difference.

by Robin Elmore



## Help from Hanes Fund

The James G. Hanes fund, a local foundation, has granted \$350,000 to the capitol campaign and specifically for the Center of Student Life and Fitness. Mr. Jim Barrett, Head of Development, exclaims, "This is far and away the largest grant we have received from this foundation. We are extremely pleased with this sort of support from the community."