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**Special Commencement Issue**

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# The Salemite

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## Seniors Select Weddington As Speaker

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*Sarah Weddington*

The class of 1982 has selected Sarah Weddington as its commencement speaker. In 1977 Weddington became the general counsel to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the department's highest ranking attorney. Since that time she has been a special assistant to President Jimmy Carter. She was later promoted to the senior White House staff. Today Weddington is a contributing editor of Glamour magazine. She also teaches a course on leadership at Wheaton College.

Kathy Mattson, vice-president of the senior class stated, "the senior class is looking forward to Sarah Weddington as our commencement speaker, because with her background and qualifications we feel certain she will enhance the commencement ceremony."

The five girls on the commencement committee sent out a ballot to each member of the class with specifications, such as whether the class would prefer an academian, an executive, a politician, or a member of the media. The majority of the class voted for a politician, narrowing the selection list considerably. After another vote on specific speakers, Senator Bob Doles' wife was first choice. Since she declined, the search continued.

Other possibilities were Andy Griffith and Beverly Sills. The committee then referred to a list of speakers published by The American Program Bureau. Four women and one man were extracted from this list for final voting. The seniors voted once again and Sarah Weddington was chosen.

With a small budget and many people to please, Kathy

Mattson had a difficult and time consuming job. As a class the seniors are pleased and excited about their final choice. Jennifer Ingram, senior said "She will be an interesting speaker because she has done so many things and gone so far. She will be a good role model for us all."

Commencement exercises will be held in Salem Square at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 23. (Rain location will be Hanes Auditorium). All students are invited to attend commencement exercises.

Baccalaureate services will be held at Home Moravian Church at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 22. The Reverend J. Hobbs will officiate. Reverend Hobbs is a former chaplain at Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, Va. He is presently the pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, also in Lynchburg.

## Students and Faculty to Receive Honors

Honors Assembly will be held Tuesday, May 11, on the last day of classes.

A few changes have been made in the Honors Assembly this year. Attendance is required, and as in the opening convocation, seniors will wear caps and gowns, and faculty will dress in academic regalia.

The purpose of Honors Assembly, said Academic Dean Patricia Sullivan, is "to acknowledge academic leadership ... and community contributions." Several music and art awards will be presented, among them the Presser Scholarship for an outstanding music education major, the Winnie Warlick-Simpson Awards for excellence in music theory and composition, the K. Boyd Remley Voice Award, the Outstanding Music Educator Award, and the Class of 1976 Art Award. Rondthaler awards for art, literature, and music will also be presented.

Recognition will be given to new members of the honor organizations including: the Honor Society; Alpha Lambda Delta, freshman honor society; Alpha Psi Omega, dramatic fraternity; Arete, senior honor society; Phi Alpha Theta, history society; Pi Gamma Mu; and Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

President's Prizes will be awarded to students in a number of academic areas, including \$100 to the freshman and junior with the highest grade point average.

Service and leadership awards include the Marion and Alice McGlenn Award, the Pfohl Awards, and the Spirit Awards. The \$50 McGlenn award is given to the senior displaying outstanding qualities of leadership on campus.

The Pfohl awards are given to a student and faculty member exemplifying strong

citizenship, Christian character, loyalty, and service to the college.

The Spirit Award is a new award which will go to a student from each class who has been voted by her classmates as having made behind-the-scenes contributions to the school. The Pierrot award will go to an outstanding member of Pierrettes.

Members of the tennis team and volleyball team will also be recognized.

### Exam Schedule

Thursday, May 13 -

Tuesday, May 18:

9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 19:

9 a.m.

Exams may be picked up 30 minutes prior to the stated exam period and must be returned 15 minutes after the period.



## Students to Dig for Ruins

Nine Salem students will be getting their hands dirty around Old Salem this summer during a month long archaeological dig. The students, as members of a Sociology independent study, will begin excavating the ruins of a 19th century home, the ruins of which lie under an existing house that will be demolished.

The research will be supervised by Dr. Michael Hammond from Chapel Hill who is employed by Old Salem, Inc. The group hopes to discover the foundations of the house, and through some surveying techniques, they would like to determine where doors and windows are located. The students

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