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No Afternoon Tea at Women's Colleges

By Cathy Cass

It was not until the end of the 1700's that women were able to attend public schools. Today females comprise more than half the college population. With few exceptions they can go anywhere they want to receive an education, but the greatest success stories are the graduates women's colleges.

In the past decade many studies have shown that women's college graduates are more likely than ever before to go to graduate school, pursue careers not historically open to them such as a doctor or a lawyer. Not only are women succeeding professionally, but they are also receiving public

recognition. Women's college graduates have excelled ahead of their counterparts at coeducational colleges both academically and professionally.

Although women's colleges are graduating successful students, over half of these colleges have either closed or gone co-ed. Only 111 remain today. Women's colleges enroll 125,000 students a year, which is less than 2% of the nations female undergraduate population.

According to Anne C. Roark, writing in the L.A. Times, many observers view women's colleges as "places where young ladies of upwardly mobile aspirations learn the genteel ways of drinking tea in the afternoon, atten-

ding operas in the evening and generally preparing themselves to become Junior League volunteers."

The finishing school image that women's colleges has had for years can be changed by making the public aware that women have become executives of major corporations and political leaders.

According to Abigail McCarthy writing in the Commonwealth magazine that "almost half of the women in the House of Representatives, one of the two women Cabinet members, and many state and local officeholders" graduated from small Catholic women's colleges.

Not only are students of women's colleges suc-

ceeding in politics, but they are concentrating in areas like math, biology, and chemistry. The Women's College Coalition found that the percentage of women majoring in these subjects at women's colleges are "two to three times the national average for women."

The list of women who have graduated from women's colleges reads like a Who's Who list. According to the L.A. Times, "Actress Katherine Hepburn graduated from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. Margaret Mead graduated from Bernard College in New York. Mme. Chiang Kai-shek graduated from Wellesley College in Massachusetts. Dixy Lee Ray, the late

Washington governor, graduated from Mills College in California. Federal Judge Sarah T. Hughes graduated from Goucher College in Maryland. Former Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne graduated from Barat College in Illinois. Julia Child, Nancy Reagan and Gloria Steinem are all alumnae of Smith College in Massachusetts."

Women's colleges no longer teach needlework or how to properly pour tea. Today's women are being trained to balance a professional career, a family, and still entertain in an elegant style. Gone are the days of ladies with no interest in careers. Move over men; make room for the Women.

Computer Terminals to Open Jan. 1

By Anne Roberson

Have you taken any computer courses? Now may be an excellent time to enroll in a Computer Science course here at Salem.

According to Dr. Lewis Lum, "Three years ago Western Electric Co. helped me set up Computer Science 120 here at Salem. Essentially we got free computer time and free use of their computer."

Recently, Western Electric has had a crack down on security. Thus, they obtained a smaller computer (WB-5) for public use only.

The new WB-5 computer will be located at Western Electric Co.

When asked how this will affect Salem College, Lum said, "Wachovia has agreed to give is 16 computers terminals that will be hooked up to the WB-5." The 16 terminals will be ready for use by January 1, 1984. Lum said, "Again we will receive the use of the computer free and computer time free."

The faculty members at Salem have already okayed four new computer courses. Lum said, "In the very near future, at least two new courses will be offered."

Salem Women On The Run

By Barbara Teates

On March 31, 1984, Salem College will host a 10 kilometer road race. This will be the first major competitive event for women in the southeastern United States.

The goals stressed by the race committee, headed by co-chairman Alison Barron (class of 1954) and senior Kristen Rountree are: having a premier women's athletic event in Winston-Salem, publicity for Salem College, and raising competitive spirit here at Salem.

The road race will begin at the rear entrance of the college, move through Old

Salem and the downtown area, and finally loop back to the starting point for a total distance of 10k, or 6.2 miles.

Area women's track clubs, college and university teams, and any women interested in distance running are invited to compete. Salem students are strongly encouraged to enter, especially members of the

newly formed Running Club. A wide span of competitors will be divided into the following age categories: 16 and under; 17-24; 25-30; 31-35; 36-40; 41-49; and 50 and over. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third

place finishers overall as well as the first three winners in each age group. Each participant will receive a T-shirt.

Bocock-Stroud, a local sporting goods company, will finance the race, and Twin City Track Club is providing a race director as well as technical advice.

Entry fees for the race are \$6.00 in advance and \$7.00 on the day of the race. Checks should be made payable to Salem Road Race.

Student participation is needed for the planning and carrying out of this event, so--On your mark, get set, GO SALEM!!