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## Salem Changes Security System

By Beth Butler

Recent incidences of criminal harassment of women on the Salem College campus have brought about a fresh review of the College's security procedures.

Mr. Robert Durrah, Chief of Security at Salem College, said in an interview this month that Salem College students can expect "drastic changes (in security procedures) by the end of the year." Campus changes include installation of "several thousand dollars" worth of new lighting, a suggested closed circuit t.v. surveillance system for the FAC, and earlier closings of campus buildings.

Mr. Durrah also said that the Security Office's top priority is "enhancing the quality, number, and visibility of security personnel with the cooperation of the students." Durrah said this means that Security Officers hired now and in the future will be required to have a high school diploma, two to three years experience in security work, and the "diplomacy and tact" to handle unwelcome visitors to the Salem campus. Durrah added that many Salem College Security Officers have college educations and that applicants without proper qualifications would not be considered. An additional permanent Security Officer was hired February 14 of this year.

Currently, at least two security officers are on duty each day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Three security officers patrol from 5 p.m. to

12 a.m., and from 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. In addition to escorting students and patrolling the campus, Salem security officers may be required to keep a log of their activities and locations during each shift.

Mr. Larry Upshaw, Director of Institutional Services at Salem College, said at a February 14 SGA meeting that some buildings on campus would be closed "much earlier than in the past" to ensure student safety. All entrances except the main entrances to the Student Life and Fitness Center, the Rondthaler-Orton Center, the FAC, Main Hall (front door) and the Science Building will be closed at 5:30 p.m. The main entrances of the Student Life and Fitness Center and the Rondthaler-Orton Center will be closed at 10:00 p.m.; the main entrances to the FAC and Main Hall (back porch door) will be closed at 10:30 p.m.; and the main entrance to the Science Building will be closed at 11:00 p.m. Gramley Library will close at midnight. Students will be asked to leave at the closings of these buildings. Students without a Salem College I.D. will not be allowed into the Science Building after hours. During exams, "security will be more flexible," Upshaw said. Upshaw also said that the Security Office was considering having "fire alarms placed on doors" as an added security measure.

Dr. Thomas V. Litzenburg, president of Salem

Academy and College, said in an interview this month that "our security system stands up pretty well." Litzenburg believes that "there is a difference between perceived insecurity and tangible evidence of insecurity. The perception of insecurity is as important as the tangible evidence. We will

deal with perceived or real insecurity." Litzenburg said so many changes are being made that "I suspect we're going to decide I overreacted. Within three to six months, I will be petitioned by students to open doors again. There will be so many lights in the (pit) parking lot that students

will not be able to sleep. The girls in Babcock will be screaming because they won't be able to sleep from all those lights." Litzenburg also said that "changes have been made as a result of our own studies, not incidents on campus," and that parking was the "most serious security problem," on the Salem College campus.

## Salem Finishes First

By Cathy Cass

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

Salem College has graduated many successful women. The list of Salem graduates is impressive but the competitive stand Salem has with other private institutions is also inspiring.

The list of Salem graduates who have gone on to compete against women as well as men is substantial. Mary Nita Davis, a 1972 Math/Art graduate, is the General Manager of Life Magazine. One of the first women admitted into Washington and Lee's Law School is Caroline Wannamaker, a 1979 graduate. Caroline is presently one of three women working in a 27-member Charlotte law firm. Catherine Cooper Williamson, a sociology and history major, went to Chapel Hill and became the first woman president of the

Bar Association. Music major Arie Tubb received a Fulbright Scholarship and went to Germany to study. Salem even had a graduate who went on to become an Episcopal minister. She is Rev. Deborah Warner, a religion major who graduated in 1974.

The list shows that Salem women have excelled in various careers. They have competed against men and women who are graduates of co-educational schools as well as women's college graduates.

Not only are the graduates going straight from Salem into the working world, but many go on to further their education in graduate, law, and medical school. In fact, 50% of the science majors at Salem apply to graduate or medical school. Of those students who apply to medical school 75% are accepted, thus giving Salem one of the highest acceptance rates in the state.

Salem is not only ranked high in medical school ac-

ceptance but also in other areas. Salem's average SAT scores 1000 which significantly is above the state and national average. When comparing Salem's average SAT scores with other private colleges in N.C., Salem is ranked either second, third or fourth. Salem ranks sixth or seventh among both public and private colleges in N.C.

Women's colleges are also competitors with Salem. According to Dean Sullivan who is conducting a study of nine women's colleges, Salem is one out of six colleges that offers the 4-1-4 program. Salem and one other women's college share an adult degree program. The other college that offers the adult degree offers it to both men and women. As far as comprehensive fees is concerned Salem is the second lowest of the nine women's colleges.

Salem's admission requirements are quite competitive with the other women's colleges says Sullivan. Salem requires

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