

Gossett to Walk Roads Not Taken

By: Barbara Teates

Dr. Louise Gossett is retiring from the faculty of Salem College after this semester, but she has enough activities planned for the future to keep her busy for quite a long time. Dr. Gossett would like to become involved in community social service organizations, and she is interested in outdoor activities; hiking, birdwatching, gardening, and the upkeep of a farm in West Virginia are some of the activities she has planned. She would also like to study South American literature, art-literature relationships, Mozart, and landscape painting.

Dr. Gossett wants to live in England "for at least six months," cross Russia on the Trans-Siberian Railway, visit Greece and Scandinavia, and see the ruins of Machu Picchu in the Peruvian Alps. Her energy and vitality are amazing — few people would be able to do as much as she has planned after her retirement.

Dr. Gossett came to Salem in 1966 after teaching in a variety of southeastern schools. Through her work she has met many noted writers, and has befriended both Flannery O'Connor and North Carolina poet A. R. Ammons. She has taught courses in Victorian and Romantic literature, American poetry and prose, and Southern literature, and she has served as an advisor for both Arete and the Salem Honor Society.

The biggest change Dr. Gossett has noticed since her arrival at Salem is in students' attitudes toward education. Students "didn't necessarily see themselves in professions (in the past)," she said. "Today's students are people who will choose the contributions they will make to society."

Another change she has seen is the recent inclusion of non-traditional disciplines in the Salem curriculum.

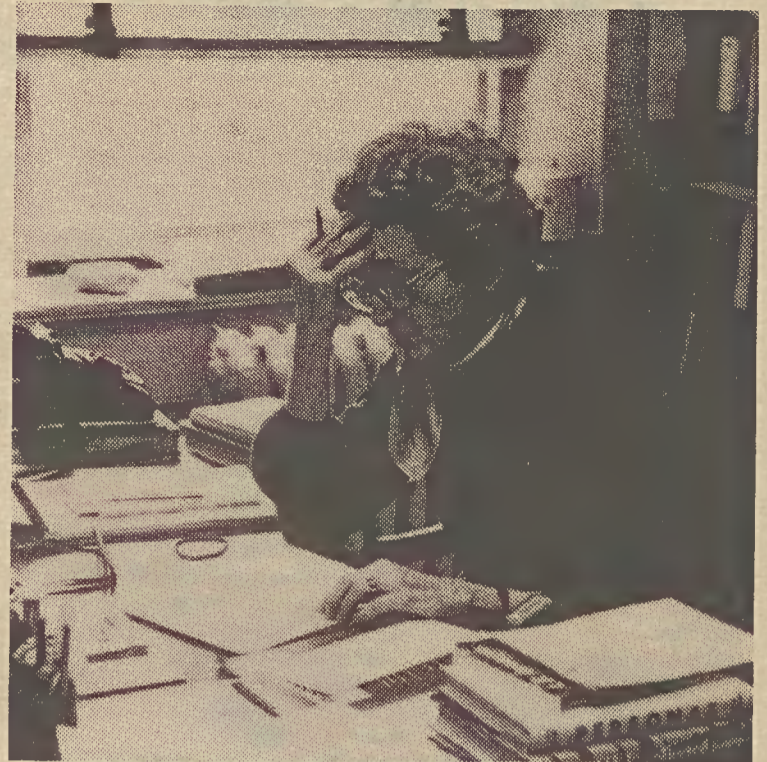
"But it is a sad assumption that traditional liberal arts disciplines will not meet the same economic need that the non-traditional (courses and majors) will," Dr. Gossett added.

What are the most gratifying experiences Dr. Gossett has had as an educator?

"Every time a student discovers her mind. . . discovers the power and pleasure of language and her ability to think and respond."

Her students' willingness to stay in touch with her after they graduate is also very rewarding — she loves to hear about their personal and career development.

Of course, this willingness probably occurs quite naturally because Louise Gossett is a dedicated, caring educator whose quick smile and energy have touched many of the people who have come into contact with her at Salem.



New President's Council Needs Input

By: Leigh Flippin
SGA President

On November 19, 1984, I received a letter from the Office of the President. As the President of SGA, I did not find this rare; however, I was indeed surprised at its content. In the letter, Dr. Litzenburg addressed his decision to appoint a "President's Council" whose primary objective would be a free and candid exchange of views. The Council was to be composed of the members of Executive Board, the Class Presidents, the officers of the Day Students, several women representing the students in the Adult Degree Program, and the co-

editors of the student newspaper.

When asked why he felt the need for such a congregation, Dr. Litzenburg replied, "As president of a women's college, I have both a genuine interest as well as an obligation to understand what the women of Salem care and think about. After two years it became clear to me that in order to be confident that I was hearing concerns of Salem students I was going to have to create a mechanism of this sort. For no existing mechanism allowed me to hear the views of the Residence, Day, Continuing Education, and Adult Degree students. To put it another way and make yet another point, there was no existing committee or organization that

afforded me access to elected or appointed student leaders that cut across all these groups of students."

So, on a Wednesday morning, December 5, 1984, around 7:30 a.m., off I went to my first meeting of the President's Council. Obviously, I didn't know what to expect . . . but who did? Most of our eighteen members, some with sheet-marks on their cheeks, remained slightly conservative in their comments that first morning. However, once we realized our purpose, our enthusiasm became evident. We face the important task of taking up issues that are not raised, addressed, or satisfactorily resolved elsewhere in the College. Obviously, the advantages from

the student's view are limitless. If we do find a need to resolve an issue, who could be better suited to address it than students themselves?

Angie Bostrom, who serves on this council as Chairman of Honor Council, points out that it is comforting and encouraging to know that the President of the college cares what the students think. Dr. Litzenburg values our input and opinions — enough so that he has created this Council to insure his awareness.

"I firmly believe that colleges or universities regardless of size, have an obligation — that many are not fulfilling — to be attentive to and responsive to the needs and concerns of their students. Some of

them realize, as I think I have, that you may well have to create a structure to deal with this lack of communication," Dr. Litzenburg added.

The Council now meets the first Thursday of every month at (the more reasonable hour of) 4:00 p.m. Its members are expected to come armed with opinions, comments, criticisms, and suggestions for the President. I remind you that all of the above women are **representatives** — elected representatives from all groups of students. We need to hear any issues or problems you may feel need to be addressed by this Council. With your input, the council of the President will prove to be very beneficial.

A Special Thank You From Julia Vargas

My father taught me that life was hard and that I had to be strong and ready to face it in any occasion. I always looked to him for his advice and found his ideas wise and helpful. After I grew up, my father became a friend and I learned to admire him more as I found out more about his life. He was not my hero anymore, but a human being that has a lot to teach and very little time to do it. I woke up one morning realizing that my father was getting old and that he wanted to teach people what life had taught him. One day he arrived home and told my mother to buy a ticket for me to go home for Christmas. He said: "It would be the last time I will see her." I went home and spent most of my time with him. He told me about his childhood and life. We spent days discussing the meaning of life. During this short time my father and I became best friends. There was always something telling me this was the last chance. Soon after I came back I lost my friend.

I had the need to go home and say good-bye to my lifetime friend. Fellow Salem students, your generosity made this trip possible. There are no words or actions that can express my gratefulness. I would like to give a special thank you to my friends: Jeanne, Sarbari, Izumi, Heidi, Emily Johnson and Lenita, also to Mrs. Budd and Dean Johnson for your efforts to make it possible and for being there when I needed a shoulder to cry on. Thank you Salem, I will never forget it.

Alpha Lambda Delta Members Inducted

The Salem College Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, National Scholastic Honor Society for Freshmen college and university students, held their initiation in February 1985. Students were initiated into the Society which recognizes superior academic performance by freshmen. Students must have obtained a 3.5 or better average to be named for membership.

There are 200 Alpha Lambda Delta chapters throughout the United States. The Society was established in 1924 at the University of Illinois and now has a members of over 240,000.

In addition to providing national leadership conferences for chapter members and advisers, the Society awards fourteen \$3,000 Fellowships to members for graduate or professional study.

Those students who were initiated in February are: Laura Arndt, Crystal Caudle, Elizabeth Combs, Jennifer Foster, Jane Huntley, Jane Moury, Sarbari Sen, Elizabeth Spencer, Margaret Stubbs, Linda Sun, Sarah Thorne, Lisa Van Bergen, Susan Waters, Ann Weaver, Mary Martha Whitener, Stephanie Zobelein and Lenita Fredriksson.

Arete Continues Hard Work in Spring

By: Mary Lou Swann

The fall semester was a busy one for the members of Arete, Salem's senior honor society. Arete is the Salem College chapter of Mortar Board, Inc. (a national college senior honor society), and its current members have been active in a number of services projects this year. Early this fall, Arete members began work on two projects involving the Battered Women's Shelter of Winston-Salem. One such project involved collecting clothing, household items, and toys for the house. With the most generous help from students, faculty, and staff, Salem and Arete collected five-plus station wagon loads full of needed supplies for the shelter in the first semester. Arete conveys its thanks to the many who have helped with this project! The second of the shelter projects has involved

working with the shelter children. First semester, the shelter children were invited to Salem for a hotdog supper and Walt Disney movie. February 22nd marked the day of the second of these hotdog/movie nights for these children.

Free lessons in Word Processing, another of Arete's year-long projects, are available to interested students, faculty, and staff. Last semester, twenty five students took advantage of this service. Interested persons may sign up for lessons by contacting Suzanne Edwards at 721-2802.

Also this year, Arete sponsored the Red Cross Blood Drive in which seventy-four pints of blood were collected from the campus community. Another campus blood drive is scheduled for the spring. In addition, the group sponsored a tutorial service for the

Salvation Army Boy's Club as well as the February 19th Career Night featuring a dozen area professionals. Christmas was a special time for Arete in that the group decorated the campus Christmas tree for the Christmas tree lighting.

In addition to the service projects, Arete members have participated in a number of book discussions. Carol Gilligan's *In a Different Voice* has been the group's most recent challenge. The group anticipates another busy semester with the continuation of their year-long projects.

Current Arete members are: Christel Adams, Angie Bostrom, Ruth Ann Chambers, Suzanne Edwards, Sandra Freuler, Giney Haisten, Jane Perry, Anne Prather, and Mary Lou Swann. Arete advisors are Dr. Jeffrey Ersoff, Virginia Johnson, and Margaret Sandresky.