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## Dean Cobb: Salem's Newest Arrival

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This year Dr. Eulalia Cobb has been appointed as the new Dean of the College. Dr. Cobb has a B.A. in Biology and French from Birmingham-Southern College, an M.A. in Romance Languages from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Ph.D. in Romance Languages from the University of Alabama.

Dr. Cobb's husband works for Westing House in Baltimore. He flies down every weekend. Dr. Cobb has two daughters, Allison, a sophomore at Salem Academy, and Sonya, a freshman at the college.

When asked how they manage with Mr. Cobb in Baltimore all week, Dr. Cobb replied, "It's very hard and it's a good thing I like my job so much. It makes everything else bearable."

Dr. Cobb has moved twice in three months. Her first house was in Lewisville, which is too far away from the college. Last weekend, she moved into a house much closer to the school.

On being asked how she and her daughter felt about both being at Salem, Dr. Cobb replied with a smile, "you'll have to ask Sonya." She explained that

Sonya graduated a year early from high school and spent a year in Spain. She took with her a list of six women's colleges, one of which was Salem. Sonya was very impressed by the correspondence from the faculty. At the time, Dr. Cobb did not know about a job opening at Salem. Smiling, Dr. Cobb said, "We both applied and we were both accepted."

"She (Sonya) believes as I do that it is important to have the experience of being in a college where you can compete intellectually and in other activities without paying the penalty," says Dr. Cobb, who, until the age of fourteen, was educated at an all-girl school. "I found out the hard way that there's a difference in behavior when there are boys."

When asked about any new ideas she might have in mind, Dr. Cobb said she couldn't reply yet. She had a lot of listening to do first. She did say that she believed in making sure that the faculty and students grow intellectually as much as possible. Dr. Cobb expressed an interest in finding out what the people want. She believes there

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## Challenging Experiences at Camp Miniwanca

by Beth Barksdale

Contrary to the majority of Salem students' vacations, M-I-N-I-W-A-N-C-A does not spell relief. However, a team of eleven was selected, or more realistically, volunteered to participate in an intense eight-day leadership conference in which the only effects of sun tan oil were mosquito bites, and the closest thing to a whirlpool was lukewarm water pouring from a mechanized rope in a biffy. Now, those who traveled to the many waters of Michigan for this prime time in the sand, asked the same question...What is a biffy? And even more importantly, what does a biffy have to do with an expedition involving a week vacation, all expenses paid, to the new country? Fortunately, those

elected to explore, knew not of what these grounds entailed. For otherwise, the lack of desire to expedite, would have disintegrated along with the rest of the crowd. Yet, blindness is not always a handicap, and it is a result of twenty-two eyes that the Michigan crew learned to see, and developed their vision.

The purpose of the National Collegiate Leadership Conference of the American Youth Foundation is to develop leadership based on balanced living, the pursuit of excellence, and service. Of course, the accommodations to experience such philosophies were not conveniently located in the Embassy Suites. Rather, the definition of challenging one's self extended far beyond mental, physical, social, and spiritual aspects. For the key to survival,

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