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Dr. Litzenburg to Step Down From Presidency

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After eight years of service to Salem Academy and College, Dr. Thomas Litzenburg will relinquish his duties as President.

Litzenburg officially announced his resignation on September 27,

1990. However, students were notified of his decision during emergency residence hall meetings on September 26.

On September 27 at a meeting sponsored by SGA Executive Board, to answer questions and further explain his decision to resign.

Litzenburg said that his decision to step down was both the most difficult and the easiest of decisions for him.

"The decision to step down was for

me very, very difficult because of my unqualifying love for what I have come to call the most special place in the world. And it was the easiest. Simply, it was time," he said.

"I think your future is full of extraordinary promise and hope. And I think the Trustees and the students and others will move with gusto to find a successor."

Litzenburg refrained from further comment concerning his successor, but

said he will remain in office until a successor can be found.

In a letter from Mary Bryant Newell, chairwoman of the Board of Trustees, to the Salem Community Mrs. Newell announced the [Board of Trustees] Executive Board's intention to act quickly on the appointment of a presidential search committee.

Litzenburg and Newell requested that the Salem Community rally in support of Salem.

Claudia Wallis Addresses Salem Community

Will the Real "Feminists" Please Stand

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When Claudia Wallis asked for a show of hands of those persons who considered themselves to be feminists, very few hands were raised.

The same question, however brought a different response when asked at the end of her lecture. The number of 'feminists' had grown to a more substantial number.

Wallis's lecture on women, which followed the feminist movement from the 1930's into the 1990's, gave feminism a fresh image. She portrayed feminists not as radical bra-burners, but as intelligent, well-rounded women genuinely concerned about their position in history and society.

Wallis, a senior editor at Time Magazine, was invited to Salem to speak on the "State of Women in America" as part of the Knight Grant.

The Knight Grant is set up by the Salem College Women's Achievement Initiative to bring women of national stature to campus.

Wallis described the topic of women as the "San Andreas fault of journalism." Recalling her first experience writing about women, Wallis said she remembered thinking, "I've been [a woman] for a long time. This should be easy."

However, when she began her research Wallis said she could not figure out how women had made it this far.

Wallis said the "world around us has

not changed or conformed to new standards." For example, women continue to receive 70 cents to the man's dollar in the U.S.

While women's positions in society have fluctuated over the years, they have never been given the opportunity to compete alongside men for the same rewards. Wallis said a survey of women in college in the 1950's defined personal success as having a prominent husband and successful children. There were no ideals of personal achievement for women.

However, previously in the 1930's, the economic outcome of the Great Depression forced many women to enter the work force. "Women marrying later and leaving the home was not a part of the (women's) movement, it was part of life," she said. Women had jobs in order to feed their families, not to increase their sense of self-worth or to achieve equality with men.

In discussing the history of feminism, Wallis also mentioned the Suffragettes and their fight to have the right to vote, as well as the women who fought for the ERA.

Wallis has been at Time since 1978 and has written national news, the people section, and medicine. Her longest post was as Time's medicine writer. She has been a senior editor for three years. And, is the third woman in Time's 67 year history to be named a senior editor.

Farris and Dudley Rank as two of the Best Local College Professors

by Angela Shotts
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While recently discussing possible topics for articles in this paper and it was suggested that I write an article on the awards Dr. Farris and Dr. Dudley received recently.

In my usually "clueless" form I replied, "What awards?" After I dug up a copy of *Style* for September 5 - 11, I



Dr. Farris

discovered what everyone was talking about. Jeremy Byman had written an article entitled "Hot College Professors" profiling eight local college professors.

Two of these select few were our very own Dr. Farris and Dr. Dudley. Even though I have never taken a class that they teach, I was not surprised to find that they were selected. Whenever students are talking about classes and teachers they enjoy, these two names invariably arise. After reading



Dr. Dudley

the article I realized why this is true. Both Dr. Farris and Dr. Dudley use teaching methods that go beyond the normal lecture-only technique.

Case studies and free writing exercises are used to add a spark to class and to assure that their students are, in fact, thinking on their own. In addition, both professors stressed that they want students to know they are always available.

Salem College has an unusual abundance of exceptional professors. The students here already recognize this fact. It is wonderful to know that now the outside community is also aware of this. Congratulations Dr. Farris and Dr. Dudley!