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COLLEGE FACULTY PROGRAM

FOR THE GRADUATE EDUCATION
OF MATURE WOMEN
FOR COLLEGE FACULTY POSITIONS

... on the first year

Women long away from active participation in academic life are being encouraged to resume interrupted graduate studies. The AAUW Educational Foundation is seeking able, mature women college graduates who wish to prepare for a college faculty career. Limited to the southeastern United States, the program is open to such women 35 years of age and older who reside in the area, who are ready to undertake full-time work and whose goals are consistent with the purpose of the program.

The first group of awardees started work in the fall of 1962. The second will begin this month. Applications for the 1964-65 academic year are due January 15, 1964.

RETURNING TO GRADUATE STUDY

In September of 1962 the first group of women to receive CFP awards returned to graduate study. They were encouraged to keep in close touch with the Program Office to discuss their progress and to make suggestions. They did not report that they found the going easy; nevertheless, they stayed with it and they did well. Most found that their academic fields had changed notably, a few others had to cope with physical illnesses. Many reported problems in juggling the responsibilities of mother, wife and scholar. A few of their comments are presented for the benefit of those who might be interested. A sampling of the breadth of their many experiences and the variety of their reactions is included. Comments are grouped according to the subjects of discussion. For the sake of the privacy of the awardees, specific authorship of any given comment is not indicated.

BEGINNING AGAIN

▶ "...one does feel a bit unique. I was the oldest student in most of my classes.

▶ "My return to graduate study has been encouraged on every side. The department of my major...has offered every help, and the allied fields... have been most cooperative."

▶ "...the reception was...skeptical, perhaps."

▶ "I neither asked for nor received treatment any different from that meted out to the other students. Why should I? Some of them were older than I was...they were of all races, creeds and academic backgrounds, all receiving uniformly courteous and more or less business-like processing."