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Salem Students Participate in a Model United Nations in NY

By Vickie Moir

Five nights and six days of excitement at the Statler-Hilton in New York! Meeting and partying with 1300 college students from across the U. S.! A Broadway play, Steak and Brew, and a dance!

Sounds like a good time of fun and partying, doesn't it? The week was, but what the seven students, Karen Tager, Suzi Counts, Louise Ragsdale, Karen Reagen, Marcy Priester, Beth Pollard, and I experienced as Salem's representatives to the National Model United Nations Conference was much more than just a good time.

The Conference began on Tuesday evening, April 16th with committee meetings and ended Sunday, April 21st with a speech by Dr. John Stoessinger, a U.N. official. The Model UN was structured along the lines of the actual United Nations, with a Security Council, General Assembly, and Economic and Social Council, including specialized committees for each.

The Salem delegation represented the Byelorussian S.S.R., one of the fifteen autonomous republics of the USSR, in the six committees and in General Assembly plenary sessions. The first several days were spent mostly in committee meetings from 9:30 A.M. until 11:00 P.M., breaking only for

lunch and dinner. The resolutions that were passed in committees were sent to the General Assembly for further debate.

In addition to the committee and General Assembly meetings, we had a briefing with an official from the Byelorussian mission. An afternoon at the UN was also arranged with a speech by Bradford Morse, undersecretary for Political Affairs in the General Assembly. This was followed by a cocktail party also at the UN which was attended by foreign dignitaries as well as model UN delegates.

Conversing with these diplomats was an exciting educational experience. The members of our delegation felt they gained insight by representing a non-Western country and being forced to view world situations from a different point of view. Some also felt disillusioned; if the Model UN is a true simulation of the UN, its workings seemed severely hampered by countries' selfish concerns and emphasis upon their own image.

The trip was both an enjoyable and enlightening experience. Those of us who will be here next year are looking forward to a return trip, hopefully joined by many who did not participate this year. Come help us plan next fall, and get in on a fantastic opportunity!

Senior Flea Mart
Bitting Reception Room
Tuesday May 14
2:00 till 8:00 P.M.



Dansalems Present Great Final Concert

By Sherrin Gardner

Apparently the Salem community has great appreciation for the cultural aspects of campus life. Its attitude was recently reflected in the student attendance of the Dansalems Concert. Casual comments and enthusiastic response were adrift among those who saw this array of talent. As an innovation from previous years, the concert not only presented modern dance, but also dramatic reading illustrated by dance. The program was exemplary of the dancers' versatility and was enjoyable to the viewer. It featured a variety of dances, including solo and duo performances. The group numbers and solo pieces enabled the audience to be aware of the individual talents. Student choreography was impressive as well as that of Nan Rufty, advisor of the Dansalems. Student consensus seemed to favor the first half of the program over the second. Criticism of the latter part stemmed from the length and the

lack of variety. Students also felt that the post-intermission portion could succinctly be described as "strange" because it was not readily understood. Most viewers would have enjoyed more dance in the second segment of the concert.

Many students were quite complimentary of Lee Caldwell for her fantastic solo performance. The talent exhibited seemed more easily comprehended when expressed in solo. Generally, the group was described as talented and very capable of excellent performance.

The Dansalems are to be commended for their performance not only because it illustrates the ability of the group, but because it shows their willingness to become involved with a discipline that enlarges one's repertoire of activities. Such a performance is impossible without intense preparation and forethought. There is already mounting enthusiasm for the concert of 1975.

Youth Conservation Corps to Expand Environmental Program

By Ken Hampton

In a recent joint announcement, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior discussed plans for an expanded Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program for the summer of 1974. The Corps will operate this coming summer on a \$10 million budget, employing approximately 5,500 youths of both sexes, ages 15 through 18. While this represents a significant increase over the 3,500 youths in the Corps last summer, it is estimated that the popular YCC Program will still be able to hire only about one in twenty of the expected 100,000 applicants.

During its three-year pilot run, the program — in which the youths are paid about \$300 plus food and, where required, lodging for eight weeks of summer work on conservation projects — conclusively demonstrated its great worth. Corps tasks include cleaning recreation areas, clearing trails, improving campsites, tree planting, and other environmental quality enhancement projects.

Much of the dollar costs of the program are returned to the taxpayers through such improvements.

Starting in mid-June, this summer, the 5,500 youths will be employed in 178 Conservation Corps camps on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's National Forests and on lands managed by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife, and the National Park Service. Also, for the first time the YCC Program is being expanded to include state as well as federally-operated camps. Thirty percent (\$3 million) of the total 1974 program budget will go to states as matching grants to conduct YCC projects.

The combination of state and federal YCC projects will provide camps in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Trust Territories.



Seniors Plant Tree to Symbolize Their Growth on Salem's Campus

Salem Seniors carry out many traditions as graduation nears. Such was the case Tuesday, April 30 when the Senior Tree Planting took place. The Class of 1974 gathered in front of Babcock Dormitory where Kathy Bacon, the Senior Class President, presented a white birch tree to Salem saying, "As we near graduation, it is natural that the Seniors be concerned with what Salem has done for us and how we have contributed to Salem. We know that Salem has helped us grow and we hope that we have helped

Salem grow in return. The tree is the universal symbol of growth and life. In planting this birch we are planting wishes for Salem's future strength and our thanks for the strength and growth which she has given us." Following the tradition, each Senior threw a penny at the base of the tree. After this was done, Dr. Chandler accepted the tree for Salem. He and Kathy Bacon shoveled the first dirt around the tree. They were followed by the Senior SGA officers of the class of '74. To conclude the ceremony, the Alma Mater was sung.



Three Prophets and Galaxies Spark IRS

Congratulations should be extended to the entire I.R.S. committee for their imaginative and successful weekend which occurred April 19-21. The 1974 weekend began with a Friday night cocktail party enjoyed by a large crowd. A combination of beach tunes and rock provided by the Alpacas created an atmosphere conducive to dancing. The band's finale, "Love Train" ended the evening with everyone in high spirits. The next day, students and guests gathered at the May Dell for a picnic lunch which included a special treat of several gallons of different flavored ice cream for ice cream cones. The afternoon was spent square dancing in the May Dell; beer and soft drinks were provided by I.R.S. Square dancing was strenuous but fun; everyone learned quickly and danced enthusiastically. Around 9:00 that evening, students gathered at the Convention Center to hear the Three Prophets and the Galaxies. An evening of continuous music and dancing followed. The two bands played a variety of favorite numbers. The I.R.S. function for Sunday afternoon was blue grass music at Graylyn. This final activity was one of the most enjoyed events of the weekend.

The unique appeal of each event kept the weekend moving smoothly. Student participation was not officially recorded but the turnout was great. Intervisitation was extensively used, creating a hospitable atmosphere for guests. Once again, I.R.S. weekend provided great times for all.