

## Oslo Scholars Speak Out



**Robin Maxey**

For several years now the Oslo Scholarship has been one of the most misunderstood offerings at Salem. It seems that students vaguely remember hearing about the scholarship, but few really know what it involves, how it is awarded, or why any student might want it. The time has come for the misunderstood Oslo Scholarship to be understood.

The Oslo Scholarship is awarded each year in order that two Salem students might attend the International Summer School in Oslo, Norway. The summer school lasts for six weeks and courses are offered at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. There are approximately 300 students taking part each summer; this past summer 170 of those students were from countries other than the United States. Students live on the modern campus of the University of Oslo almost a city within itself with a campus bank, travel agency and camera shop among other services. Taught in English, classes meet daily and like other classes everywhere require papers or exams, or both.

The scholarship, although it has not been funded directly by Salem in the past, is awarded at the discretion of a committee, consisting of faculty, administration, and former student recipients. Juniors and sophomores who plan to return to Salem the following fall are eligible to receive the award and are considered on the basis of an essay, an application form, recommendations from two faculty or staff members, a recommendation from one student, academic performance, involvement in campus activities and personality in order that Salem will be well-represented.

Participants were busy from the day of their arrival to their departure at the end of school, but not busy with classes only. Summer school was an experience that classes were only a part of. The summer was full of educational experiences. A day of Orientation introduced students to Norwegian Society, politics, arts, and



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On June 25th, 1978, the 52nd session of the International Summer School (ISS) in Oslo, Norway officially got under way. Three hundred students representing forty-eight countries were welcomed by the American and Portuguese ambassadors to Norway during traditional opening ceremonies. Robin Maxey and I were privileged enough to be among this diverse international gathering.

ISS offers a wide selection of courses to choose from focusing upon Norwegian culture and society. Wanting to take classes outside of our respective majors here at Salem, Robin chose Norwegian History and Norwegian Society, while I chose Applied Arts & Crafts and Norwegian Literature. Both the literature and history classes provided general surveys of these disciplines. Literature touched upon the highlights of Norwegian prose with emphasis on the golden age of Ibsen. Norwegian history gave a brief overview beginning with the Viking era and progressing to the modern Norwegian Socialist state. Robin complemented her historical studies with an indepth look at modern Society in Norway. Some of her excursions included visiting an urban housing development, a traditional Norwegian farm, a home for un-wed mothers, as well as observing inner-city prostitutes. The Arts and Crafts class was also excursion oriented and allowed exposure to Norwegian Folk art, free art and Scandinavian design. Some field trips included visiting outdoor folk museums, contemporary art exhibits and galleries, in addition to meeting some of the top artists in Norway today.

Yet the classroom academics and field observations were secondary to a much more impressive element of the International Summer School - the people. The exposure to different cultures was eye opening. Living, day in and day out, among this multi-national gathering made Robin and I realize how ignorant most

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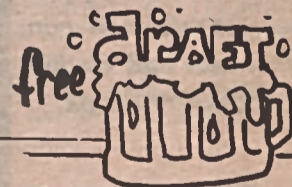
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