

Peer Advising Successful

By: Laura Petty

August 1984 marked the beginning of college for the Class of 1988, as well as the introduction of the Peer Advising Program. The Peer Advising Program arose in response to difficulties cited by freshmen in the past, regarding adjusting to and meeting the pressures, both academic and social, of college life. The purpose of peer advising is three fold: to aid freshmen in the transition from high school to college academics, to foster the desire for academic achievement, and to promote the establishing of friendships between freshmen and upperclassmen.

The Peer Advising Program is a system comprised of faculty, upperclassmen, and freshmen. Faculty advisers are paired with peer advisers, chosen by Dean Sullivan and Dean Russell, coordinators of the program. Peer advisers are selected from juniors

and seniors with cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better, who are effective leaders, concerned about the freshmen's academic success. The faculty advisers and his/her peer adviser are matched with seven to ten freshmen, generally on the basis of desired school of study. The faculty members, peer advisers, and their freshmen advisers work together to form a group through which academic, as well as social questions may be answered. A peer adviser is a liaison for both faculty and freshmen.

After receiving the results of the peer advising and orientation evaluations, Dean Russell, Dean Sullivan, and the peer advisers are happy to report that the peer advising program has received only praise from the freshmen. The overwhelming response seems to be, "What was it like without peer advising? I can't imagine. I think peer advisers are great."

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conference; however, we can attempt to increase the AWARENESS of the current issues and problems. Hopefully, Salem will host such a conference in the fall of 1985.

Of course, no conference would be a success without support; hence, Angie, Vicki, and I will soon hit the road to obtain just that support. Hollins, Sweetbriar, Randolph-Macon Women's College and Agnes Scott are the

Southern Women's Colleges we plan to visit. In these visits we will meet with several of their student leaders, propose our ideas, and will hopefully be received with equivalent enthusiasm.

Speaking of support and enthusiasm, how do you feel about the idea of a conference dealing with Women Student Leaders in the South? Any feedback from you would definitely help and would greatly be appreciated.

Salem Fasts, Supports Oxfam

By: Izumi Sekikawa

On Thursday, November fifteenth (the Thursday before Thanksgiving), the Fast Committee organized a fast at the refectory to give Salem students a chance to make a personal contribution to those who are suffering from hunger. Students were able to sign up for giving up one, two, or three

meals, and the money that was saved by the refectory was donated to support Oxfam America, a non-profit international agency that funds self-help development projects in poor countries in Latin America, Asia, and Africa.

Dr. Thompson, chairman of the Fast Committee emphasized that it is not the amount of money we raised, but the fast was an attempt

to focus students' attention on the disastrous famine. Moreover, this fasting was a good opportunity for the individual to focus upon how much food we leave behind to feed the trash and not the hungry children dying from starvation.

Last year, more than 370 students participated in the fast for a World Harvest at Salem, this was Salem's fourth year to help Oxfam.

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