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## Infirmary Hours Discussed

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A public meeting was called Tuesday night, September 20, to discuss concerns over the new infirmary hours. Students in the small dorms were invited to come. Dean Johnson and Miriam Farmer spoke at the meeting.

Dean Johnson began by explaining why the administration had decided over the summer to reduce the hours of the infirmary. She stated that they had surveyed other colleges such as Mary Baldwin, Agnes Scott, Bennett, Converse, and Winthrop, and found that they did not keep their infirmaries open over night. She also said that by monitoring the students that go

to the infirmary they had found that it was not being utilized as much at night. According to the infirmary records, the number of students using the infirmary at night in 1983-84 was 231; in 1984-85, 106; 1985-86, 98; 1986-87, 64, and in 1987-88, the number was 69. A statement of the student population decrease was not offered with these statistics.

The students attending the meeting voiced many concerns such as: where do we go at night when we are sick, who pays the bills if we have to be taken to the emergency room because there are no facilities on campus, can we have someone on call to help out if we have problems, how do we get medicine if the infirmary is

closed before we can come pick it up, why did the tuition go up and the infirmary hours cut down, what will the bed space in the infirmary be used for, and what will the money be used that is saved by limiting the hours.

Dean Johnson and Miriam Farmer are interested in further educating students on how to take care of themselves. They are getting together a health care booklet to aid students with medical problems. Questions such as what to do if you have a cold, and what to do about nausea are answered in the booklet. The booklet should be out by the beginning of next year. Each year freshmen will receive a copy of this health

care manual during orientation. Also a list of TEL-MED tapes has been posted at hall phones in the dorms. Students have also been given a copy for their own reference.

Dean Johnson and Miriam Farmer stated that they were appreciative of the suggestions and concerns made by the students present.

The new infirmary hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday. If emergencies arise when the infirmary is closed, students are advised to go to the emergency room at Forsyth Memorial or Baptist Hospital. Students will be responsible for all fees incurred.

## Salem Meets The Duke

by Sarah Mahoney

My parents have always said that I have the potential to do almost anything. Little did they know that this would include leading the kazoo section in the Wake Forest marching band.

Another thing I've learned is that everything you do should have a purpose. So, what is the purpose behind the title of "Chief Kazoo Player"? It gave me the opportunity to greet Governor Michael Dukakis at the Smith Reynolds Airport last Sunday afternoon. Fortunately, an overcast sky prevented my debut!

More seriously, this incident occurred only to insure a successful debate rally for Mr. Dukakis Sunday night. I, along with several other Salem students, were able to take part in the first Presidential rally of the 1988 campaign.

The experience was tremendous. Last Monday, the Dukakis Advance Staff arrived at the Hyatt downtown. Immediately, Salem's College Democrats were called upon to aid them in a number of activities. I would love to say that it was a week of glamour, but it wasn't. We were called to pick up chief staff members at the airport, call several thousand Forsyth County residents, and decorate the Benton Convention Center.

The hours were long and the catered dinners were usually cold, but the rewards definitely outweighed the sleepless nights. Lisa Phelps took the Dukakis' daughters to the Orchestra Pit for a nightcap after the debate. As Rennie Rosenthal and Cass Shapard escorted the Press to and from the airport, they were able to talk with Mr.



Seniors roll in to start off a great Fall Fest!

Dukakis when he boarded the plane to leave. Finally, we all were invited to have breakfast with Mr. Dukakis and his staff. In his talk he made the point of saying that his early morning walk with his wife, Kitty, through Salem

Square made him realize that all America is his home while on the campaign trail.

The week was long and strenuous, but every minute was well worth it. We all gained memories and experiences that we will carry for a long time.