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Apply, apply, apply! The L. Corrin Strong Scholarships for study at the International Summer School at the University of Oslo are available again this year. If you are a rising junior or senior returning to Salem again next year and you have a C average, then you are eligible to apply. Application blanks are in Miss Simpson's office.

It was a little over a year ago that Sarah and I timidly asked for similar blanks. It had taken an hour and a half lecture from my roommate to convince me to get a blank, and she had to talk for another hour to get me to fill it in. Roommates of Salem—do your job!

Then on March 19th the announcement of the Oslo Scholarships was made, and Sarah and I began getting passports, shots, boat tickets, and information sheets about the summer school. It was exciting, but as Nan's letter said, we really did not know what we were getting into.

It is only now looking back, that we can judge what the summer school has meant. The summer school was fun—but we can have fun here. The lasting things go deeper than this.

At the summer school, we met students and teachers from 17 countries. As Torvald, our Norwegian friend said we had a feeling of "openness that permits exchange," which is the basis of all international understanding. And international understanding we have had. Not agreement, fortunately, for agreement is tedious. But we have seen and recognized that we differ in many ways, but not essentially."

We didn't always agree. We had Americans and Norwegians, white people and Negroes, old people and college freshmen, democrats and communists. We were questioned and challenged and for the first time we could really understand a non-American view. We had some-

thing with which to compare our way of life; we could now judge it instead of just accepting it as normal.

For the first time we realized that not everyone thinks that America is THE greatest country, which they must look up to. We learned to be more humble about America and at the same time to

appreciate it for more informed reasons.

All of this may sound rather serious for a summer of fun abroad. It wasn't—we learned it at parties and in gab sessions late at night. We hope that you will have the opportunity to learn with fun too! Apply! Apply! Apply!

Mary Lu Nuchols

Students Attend International Camp; Build Tunisian School

By Nina Ann Stokes

NSA Coordinator

The concept of international student solidarity which in the past few years has evolved dramatically from mere words to forthright reality on such issues as Algeria, Cuba, Iraq, Hungary and South Africa reached its highest form this past summer in a little village in North Africa.

Students came from some 50 countries—Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe and North America—to help build a schoolhouse for the children of the village of Sakiet-sidi-Youssef, Tunisia. Students joining together to construct a place for children to study is itself a striking development in the world community. However, the student workmen at Sakiet also became a symbol of the international student community's struggle against colonialism and oppression, and even more important, a practical and constructive symbol. That is what has gained the attention and appreciation of people the world over.

What made the reconstruction of the Sakiet schoolhouse necessary? During border disputes between Algeria and Tunisia, Feb. 28, 1959, the school was bombed and 11 school children were killed. The Tunisian National Union of Students, affected most directly by the tragedy, proposed to undertake the responsibility for the construction of a new schoolhouse. It appealed to students of other countries only to send contributions to help them. However statements from national unions made it clear that students from other countries would be willing to contribute not only financially but would be anxious to lend the most direct assistance that they could—to actually provide labor for the reconstruction. More than 1,400 inquiries about the camp were received. Over half this number applied, fully aware that they were volunteering for six weeks of hard labor. About one hundred were accepted, (three from the United States), all of whom were student leaders.

At the camp site students not only labored on the schoolhouse, but in off-work hours took responsibility for their day-to-day welfare. Under the direction of a camp cook, students helped with the cooking, they were responsible for keeping living quarters clean, for provisioning the Work Camp. For three days, one of the participants, Jim Smith of the United States, actually did the cooking for the whole camp.

As the school rose, as the rooms inside began to take shape, and as the participants began to reflect on what they had accomplished through the long, hot summer, a sense of pride in having been a part of the new schoolhouse was evident. But what also emerged was the exchange of opinions, the friendships which were possible through the merging of so many nationalities in the intensive task of building the school. This is the way it should have been and was certainly one of the most important benefits that all hoped would be derived from the camp.

Editor's Note: This information was taken from the booklet "The Sakiet Work Camp—a story of international student solidarity"

Old Salem Inc. Restores Miksch's Tobacco Shop

By Susan Hughes

In 1771, the settlers in the new Salem community completed the building of the third house in their village. Soon after this Matthew Miksch—known to his neighbors as "Brother Miksch"—and his family moved into their new home. Matthew was not a young man and, unlike most of his neighbors, he did not have an established trade. In March of 1772, the community had to consider "the question of Br. Miksch's support—and at his request permission was given him to open a small shop." This quotation was found in **The Record of the Moravians in North Carolina** when I was looking for material for this article on the restoration of the Old Salem Tobacco Shop across the square. In the same records I found much more on the opening of the shop and the reasons behind it. On April 18, 1772, the record-keeper wrote that Mr. Miksch would be able to secure the "necessaries" of life by making candles, snuff, and fine cut tobacco. He was given a corner of the "commons" in which to grow his own tobacco, and in April, 1773, exactly a year later, the records read: "It was noted that Br. Miksch should be encouraged to open the little shop for tobacco, etc. already often discussed, so that he might be able to support himself." It was quite interesting to browse among the old books and articles in the Moravian section of the library, and to find that the newly painted, mustard-colored house had quite a history. When it was decided that it would be used as a shop as well as for the home of the Miksch family, the neighbors helped him to build an extra room

at the back, and arrange the loft as sleeping quarters. The North Front Room became the shop for the tobacco products that Brother Miksch made himself, in the log shed in the back yard. The restored log shed is built on the same foundation as the original one. After the Miksch family gave the shop in 1805, it was taken over by a succession of owners until Mr. Welfare bought it around 1914 or 1915. He opened a drugstore which became a favorite gathering place for Salemites for forty-four years. In the winter of 1958, Old Salem, Inc. bought the old building which had been added to considerably, in order to restore it as a part of their plan to reconstruct the whole village. The restoration takes the original building back to 1785 before any of the additions had been made—other than the addition of the extra room in 1773. Plans for the portions of the house used for living quarters include furnishings and utensils of the period in keeping with the means of the tenant who, as we can see by the record entries, was not a wealthy man. At the time restoration was begun, Ralph P. Hanes, president of Old Salem, Inc. said that "Its preservation and restoration to its early state is of paramount importance, particularly to Winston-Salem which has become the largest tobacco center in the world."

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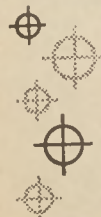
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