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Salem's Fulbright Scholar

Dr. David Kurtz, chairman of the math department here has been awarded the Fulbright Hayes Award for the 1980-81 and 81-82 academic years.

Kurtz and his family will leave in August to tour Europe before settling into their "new" house on the grounds of Chancellor College at the University of Malawi in the southern region of Africa.

Kurtz will teach mathematics at the college, although specific courses have yet to be determined. "I applied for this position because it seems to be the one that I thought I was most qualified for."

He explained that most of the positions open in the more developed nations, such as European countries and Australia, are seeking advanced researchers to complete or begin projects in those countries.

Applications for the scholarship are reviewed by the Counselor for International Exchange of Scholars.

Information regarding the most promising applicants are then sent to the appropriate organizations foreign countries, and they return their choice to the states. The Exchange is administered by the U.S. State Department.

Kurtz said the university will furnish housing for his family, and the state department will supplement his salary, because most of the natives of Malawi have an annual income of a few hundred dollars.

Although the Kurtz family is looking forward to living in Malawi, Kurtz noted that some of the laws



Photo by Pam Snyder

seem a little more than foreign to Americans. Women in Malawi are forbidden to wear slacks or dresses that fall above the knee, and men must wear their hair above the collar.

The president of Malawi, who holds his position for life, has also forbidden bell-bottomed pants.

Malawi gained independence from England in 1965, so the official language is English.

Kurtz explained that the ruling government

has been by the black majority rule, and added that Malawi is one of the few black nations that has maintained relations with South Africa.

Kurtz is expecting gentle weather in Malawi, as the elevation is around 300 feet, and the terrain is rather mountainous. Although Malawi lies about 14 degrees below the equator, the heat should not be a real problem, he said.

Kurtz will be teaching

under the British system of education, which requires full year courses. Final exams constitute sixty per cent of the course grade.

He added that the British academic year is about the same as in the United States, and he hopes that his family will have a chance to tour Africa during the months between his teaching.

Kurtz will return to Salem upon completion of the two years in Malawi to begin his ten-year as a professor here.

Carolyn McCollum

Salem Challenge

Salem Academy and College began the largest fund raising drive in its 208 year history last Thursday, with a \$12.2 million goal to be reached in a five year period. The fund raising effort, directed by Ms. Ruth Funsett, is called The Salem Challenge. Financial aid will help Salem face the impending challenges and uncertain conditions that the 1980s will present and enable Salem to deal with problems while continuing to improve and strengthen as an academic institution. "Our job in The Salem Challenge," said Dr. Richard Morrill at the campaign kickoff luncheon, "is to promise Salem to future generations."

According to The Salem Challenge, the problems that lie in Salem's immediate future are:

- the significant decline in numbers of potential high school and college students projected to be more than 20 percent in North Carolina by the mid 1980s;

- the increasing popularity of co-education with many new spaces for women opening at formerly all male or predominately male colleges, universities and preparatory schools;

- the high cost of compliance with burgeoning governmental regulations and requirements;

- increasing competition for able students by tax-supported institutions that charge a fraction of Salem's tuition;

- the heavy demand for vocational, as op-

posed to liberal and general education programs; and

- the unrelenting budgetary pressures caused by rapid inflation.

Hans W. Wanders, chairman of the board at Wachovia Bank and Trust Company is general chairman for the fund-raising project.

Dr. Dale H. Gramley, Salem's 13th president will serve as honorary chairman. A 19 member campaign cabinet was formed to assist the chairman. It includes Dr. Morrill and Salem's 15th president, Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim. Also included in the cabinet are former trustees, businessmen, and Salem administrators.

The Salem Challenge has studied the institutions immediate and longer-term needs.

A list of priorities has been developed which adheres to the most pressing problems Salem will have to confront in order to cope with the oncoming 80s.

These priorities include: new construction to fill Salem's unmet facility needs (a new center for Student Life and Fitness has been proposed and will be a

valuable resource to Salem in the years ahead), the restoration and renovation of some existing buildings on campus, including the start on what will be a major restoration of the historical Single Sisters House. In addition to these priorities.

Internal Studies have projected a need for doubling the present

endowment of 6,000,000 within the next 10 years.

These capital requirements are not in place of - but complementary to - the continuing need for operating support.

Salem relies on regular giving from family and friends, as do most private schools, and this need will continue.

In order to meet the needs identified by Salem Academy and College, a total of 12,200,000 in new capital funds will be required.

The Salem Challenge campaign, to be conducted through 1980, has developed the Phase I needs listed below.

Phase I seeks \$7,400,000 in gifts and pledges from corporations, foundations, alumnae and friends of Salem.

Phase II of the campaign will continue through 1985. An additional 4,800,000 will be sought through

government and other grants, continued support by alumnae and friends, and from other sources.

In making the campaign's announcement last Thursday, Dr. Morrill described every item in The Salem Challenge as "a tool for excellence, an investment in the future."

"The Salem Challenge comes at an absolute turning point in the long history of a priceless institution, an institution that is composed of a great historical company of believers and supporters," he said.

Missy Littleton