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Swede's Expectations Exceeded at Salem

Salem College and community is very fortunate to have seven new foreign students this year. Charlotta Brindemark arrived for a one year stay in America on August 20. She stayed with relatives until August 29th when she began orientation both to Salem and a different way of life.

Charlotta was chosen by the Swedish-American Foundation in Sweden to be one of fifty Swedish students to go to college in America. She filled out an application, which was sent to The Institution of International Education in New York, and which

served as a guideline for placing Charlotta in an appropriate school. She was given the choice of Salem College or Saint Catherines College in St. Paul, Minnesota. Charlotta chose Salem because of the many time honored traditions which it offers.

Have her expectations been met? "They have been exceeded," says Charlotta. The students and faculty at Salem have succeeded in making her feel welcome. The girls on third floor Bitting, where she rooms with Donna Savoca, have received her "openly" and helped her to fit in well. Dr. Pubantz of-

fered to let Charlotta use the Swedish language for answering questions on a recent political science test. Charlotta, chose, however, to put her nine years of English lessons to use.

Salem's Swede said it was hard to compare the degree of difficulty between an American College and a Swedish College, for she has just finished secondary school in Sweden. The educational system in Sweden is different from ours; one goes to elementary for nine years, then to secondary school for two, three, or four years - depending on ones learning in-

terests.

If a student chooses to do so he can attend universities which are part of the higher educational system. The universities are divided into different divisions, which relate to professions.

Charlotta said although her roots are in Sweden, she could not choose whether she liked Sweden or America better because "it is the people and not the settings that are important." For a 19 year old girl who is 4,000 miles from home, that is an admirable philosophy to have.

by Amanda Mays



Rainy day, but Fall Fest still a success

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Funsett Raises Funds

From her first assignment with an art museum in Phoenix, Ariz., to colleges across the country, botanical gardens in Denver and hospitals in various places, Ruth Funsett has directed campaign funds for them all.

Miss Funsett, director of the Salem Challenge, has developed a special feeling for Salem since arriving in November of 1979.

"I have never worked with a school with such super students -- super human beings."

Miss Funsett is an employee of Ketchum Associates of Pittsburgh, Pa., a consulting firm which conducts financial campaigns. In August she became the first woman ever elected to the company's board of directors. Says Miss Funsett of the appointment, "It was a very exciting moment in my life."

She has been with Ketchum Associates for 18 years and has conducted campaign funds for art museums, Wells College, King College and Ashley Hall in Charleston, S.C.

Her campaigns have been very diversified and as she explained, "This work never gets dull. There are never two days alike."

Miss Funsett also explained the most rewarding part of her job is "not only getting the money you're campaigning for, but to go back and see the building that the money has been raised for. An expression in our business is 'To see your own blood on the building.'"

She is a native of Madison, Wis., where her mother resides. She has two sisters, one who lives in Phoenix, and one in Hollywood, Calif. Miss Funsett is a graduate of Madison Business College, Madison, Wis.

Her first campaign was for an art museum in Phoenix where she worked with actor Vincent Price. "The experience was very motivating for me and I never wanted to do anything else after that first job," said Miss Funsett.

Her work with Salem and the Salem Challenge will end in December and she already finds it difficult to think about leaving, "I can't say goodbye."

Miss Funsett's challenge will make our dream of a new student activity center and gymnasium a reality.

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Dr. Pubantz goes to Washington

Dr. Jerry Pubantz of Salem College focused on Soviet American relations, Soviet strategic and military policy, and on the Polish crisis when he attended the State Department's Scholar-Diplomat Seminar on Europe October 6 to 10 in Washington, D.C. Pubantz, who teaches political science, was selected to participate in the seminar by the Department of State on the basis of both what he could gain from and what he could contribute to the week's program.

A highlight of the week's schedule was attendance at the House Foreign Affairs Committee's subcommittee on Europe which met October 8.

New Math Teacher

Debby Harrell is the newest addition to Salem's Math Department. She is taking the place of Dr. Kurtz during his sabbatical in Africa.

Ms. Harrell is a native of Clinton, North Carolina. She attended Wake Forest where she received a B.S. in Math and minored in History. After graduation from Wake Forest, Ms. Harrell spent three years at North Carolina State, minoring in education while earning a M.S. in Applied Math. She also worked as an assistant teacher at

N.C. State.

Teaching at a woman's college is very different from her position as an assistant teacher at N.C. State where most of her classes were comprised of men. Ms. Harrell likes the atmosphere of Salem and she feels fortunate to be teaching at a four year institution.

Ms. Harrell's interests outside of class include a number of diverse activities. She enjoys racquetball, history and playing the piano, guitar and trumpet.

by Ann Biswell

TSS - Don't Ignore It

Toxic shock syndrome is an ailment characterized by a fever, rash, rapid drop in blood pressure, often resulting in shock, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle aches, sore throat or eye infection. Over 300 cases have been reported since January 1, including about 40 deaths.

"Dr. T.N. Evans, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Wayne State University of School of Medicine, the Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Group which met on September 21 stated, 'Our conclusions from the data available to date are that knowledge of TSS and the factors which involve this disease with menstruating women who wear tampons are more clearly understood, women may choose to use another product.'

"However, TSS appears to be caused by

from AP and Procter-Gamble

by Allison Buice