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## Social Probation

Valentine's Dance 1978 was held at the Benton Convention Center. There were numerous incidences of improper behavior. Salem College's reputation in Winston-Salem declined dramatically. The administration at Salem, however, decided that it was "one of those things" that wouldn't happen again. After Salem made many promises of good behavior, the convention center agreed to let Salem have their Valentine's Dance there again.

To insure that the improper behavior of the year before would not be repeated, Becky Talton, the Big Four chairman at that time went in front of the study body at SGA before the Valentine's Dance. She listed the incidences of improper behavior and told everyone not to do them again.

When the dance came that Saturday night, Salem girls and their dates committed the same acts as the year before plus a few more.

There was several hundred dollars damage done to the convention center. The word was passed around Winston-Salem and it seemed as if no one would ever let Salem College use their facilities again.

The administration at Salem decided that this type of behavior would never occur again and if it did would be properly handled. So social probation was created. Effective immediately, (Feb. 1979) if at any social event there is improper behavior by Salem students or their dates, there will never be any more social events at Salem. Social probation will continue on for a long time and is still effective now. However, the past two years, Salem students have proved that they know how to conduct themselves properly. A social probation is nothing for anyone to worry about as long as this good behavior continues.

## A Walk Into The Past

An old wagon road that winds through the Shenandoah Valley will once again guide a group of women along part of the 500 mile trek from York, Pa. to North Carolina. This summer, Dr. Dudley Shearburn, associate professor of education at Salem College will retrace the path of the first Moravian women who came to the Piedmont in 1766. "Four Single Sisters and four Older Girls" managed to make the journey in just over a month, accompanied by a married couple and another married Sister. The girls came as wives, nurses, and teachers, very important to the Moravians, who believed that education helped bring one closer to God.

Several men from the Moravian colony of York, Pa., or Single Brothers as they were called, had settled on the north edge of a hundred thousand-acre tract of land they called Wachovia. The Brethren bought the land in 1752 from John Carteret, Earl of Granville, and called it Wachovia because it reminded them of the Wachau valley in their ancestral homeland of Austria. Wachovia is the Anglicized form of Wachau.

This little village, destination of the women travellers, was planned as a temporary one. The Single Brothers called it "House of Passage," or Bethabara. In 1772, all but a few residents left Bethabara to begin the town of Salem, in central Wachovia, as the move was ordained by God.

This settlement was the beginning of what is now the restored Old Salem, the All-America city of Winston-Salem, and most important to Dr. Shearburn, Salem College.

Dr. Shearburn explained that the com-

memorative walk to honor these Moravian women "gets people to realize that the Single Sisters were independent, intelligent, educated young women. That's what we're trying to teach our Salem students now - to be independent, intelligent and educated!"

Dr. Shearburn will set out from Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa. early on the morning of May 17. Traveling west along county and state highways, she will hike through Gettysburg, Pa., Frederick, Md., Winchester, Va., Berryville, Va., and on to Front Royal, Va. The Shenandoah National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway will lead her further south to Staunton, Va., where Dr. Shearburn will head southeast to Roanoke, then due south to Madison, N.C., just south of the North Carolina state line. Bethabara, first home of the Moravians in North Carolina, is less than 20 miles further south.

Dr. Shearburn researched the travels of the Single Sisters through the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem, Pa., and found diaries detailing the trip south to Bethabara. She found the names of the little girls who travelled so far when they were so young. She found dates and places, descriptions of events and discussions of Moravian Lovefeasts and other religious celebrations. The Moravian Brethren faithfully kept meticulous diaries of their lives, and so have played a major part in preserving their own heritage for historians to follow.

One Salem alumna has voiced an interest in going along on the month-long hike, but Dr. Shearburn says she will make the trip alone if no one else wants to go with her.

She plans to walk about 18 miles a day, for thirty walking days. Such extensive hiking, even with rest periods after lunch and dinner, can be extremely painful and even dangerous to the unprepared hiker. "I have great feet," she giggled. Dr. Shearburn added quickly that she has discussed her hike with a podiatrist and the long distance track coach at Wake Forest University. Both okayed her plans: she has been a serious walker and runner for almost 12 years.

"Well, I was raised in Alabama, where it was quite inappropriate for girls to be physically active, so I didn't do anything," she said. Soon after Dr. Shearburn reached the age of forty, she began to worry that she wouldn't have the stamina to enjoy the coming years. She quit smoking, and she began to walk. And run. And bicycle. While on vacation in Greece in 1978, she decided to run the classic Marathon route alone, "just for fun." She covered ten miles in each of the first two days, "... and I ran into the stadium on the sixth mile" of the third day, she said. Two years ago, Dr. Shearburn finished the L'EGGS 10,000 Meter Race, averaging a ten minute mile.

Now, at the age of 52, Dudley Shearburn walks two or three miles a day, 5 days a week. Weekends offer time for her longer hikes of 8 to 15 miles.

Dr. Shearburn's appetite is satisfied with natural foods, high in protein, she explained. "I just recently gave up eating refined sugar. I think that's very important," she said.

The Single Sisters hunted their food in the wilderness and cooked it over fire in 1766. Dr. Shearburn will hunt her favorite foods in the grocery stores along the way south. She has

made plans to sleep in churches and hotels, from where she will telephone a secretary at Salem College every morning to announce her progress. "This is a really populated route, with little towns about every three miles or so in most regions," she said.

Since food and lodging will be provided, Dr. Shearburn is travelling very lightly. Her featherweight backpack will carry three pairs of Nike tennis shoes, which she will change every few miles to avoid blisters. Besides blue jeans and a few shirts, she will tote a very light sleeping mat and a "space blanket," in case she has to camp out. Also on the list of take-alongs are a down vest and booties, raingear, a flashlight, reflector tape (for walking at night), and a can of Mace.

Dudley Shearburn has no doubt that her trip will be a success. She takes heart in the achievements of the Moravians she follows. Matthew Schropp's dairy is preserved in the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem, Pa., and as husband of one of the women travellers, he gladly welcomed his wife and friends to North Carolina. On November 23, 1766, he recorded, "They were happy and in good condition. They were ... received with the sound of trombones (playing). God bless your entry ... One could see tears in the eyes of all the little girls. Then they were led into the Saal for a little Love Feast."

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## Preyer to Speak at Graduation

Richardson Preyer, former U.S. Congressman from the Sixth District, will deliver the address at the Salem College commencement program Sunday, May 24, on Salem Square.

Preyer, who spent 12 years on Capitol Hill before losing his seat to Eugene Johnston last November, is currently the William Neal Reynolds Visiting Professor of Public Affairs to the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

He will address his remarks to approximately 130 graduating seniors at the program which will begin at 2 p.m. and which will be moved to Hanes Auditorium if it rains.

Baccalaureate services with Dr. W. Randall Lolley as speaker will be on Saturday, May 23, in Home Moravian Church at 4 p.m. The former minister of First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem (1962-1974) is president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

In a recent interview, Preyer deplored the decline in numbers of young people aspiring to political careers.

"Years ago, when Kennedy was president, I can remember how young people of that period were anxious to get into government; they thought that that was where the action was and that it was worthy of effort," he said.

Young people today, he said, should be encouraged to run for political office by both parties.

Preyer, who was born in Greensboro, holds the A.A. degree from Princeton University and a law degree from Harvard Law School.

He began his law career in Greensboro, became city judge, was appointed to the North Carolina Superior Court, and, in 1961, was appointed as federal judge (Middle District Court) by President Kennedy. He was elected to Congress in 1968, where he served on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, the Committee on Government Operations, and the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. He has served on many boards and commissions in the community and is the recipient of the 1973 Greensboro Chamber of Commerce's "Uncle Joe Cannon" Award for outstanding public leadership, the 1975 Distinguished Service Award from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, and the 1978 Phillip Hart Memorial Award for Conscience by Washingtonian Magazine.

Lolley holds degrees from Samford University (Birmingham, Ala.) and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was president of the North Carolina Baptist Pastors Conference in 1967, has served on various church boards, and has received the "Certificate of Appreciation" from the Red Shield Boys Club of Winston-Salem and the Presidential Award from Campbell College.

Others who will participate in the Baccalaureate service will be Dr. John Mueller, organist; Dr. Clark Thompson, college chaplain; Dr. Wayne Burkette, pastor of Home Church; and Mrs. Joan Jacobowsky, soloist. Dr. Richard Morrill, Salem president, also will speak.

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