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President Morrill to Leave Salem

Actors Are People Too Salem Student Observes Film Take

by Sunny Nolde

Interesting observations were made while attending a class field trip: actors are like the rest of us. They just like to receive a little more attention. They are not all drug addicts. They are not all having extra-marital affairs. They are not all happy. And they are not as beautiful as they appear on camera. As actor Christopher Wolken remarked, "actors are people too."

On Oct. 26 and 27, Wake Forest professor Dr. Julian Burroughs took a group of students to Pinehurst, N.C., to observe and partake in the filming of an MGM science fiction movie tentatively titled *Brainstorm*. Burroughs took about 14 students from his Speech, Communications and Theatre Arts courses. He heard about this filming opportunity through the head of the Governor's Office for Movies-Films, William Arnold, who said *Brainstorm* should bring \$1 million to the state.

The current film-making trend is to travel nationally using local background talent and local settings. The *Brainstorm* team has been shooting in different N.C. locations with varying atmospheres including Nags Head, Duke and Pinehurst since the end of September. October 27 was their last night in the state. Filming will continue in the MGM studios in Hollywood.

Starring in *Brainstorm* are Natalie Wood (childhood actress and star of *West Side Story*), Louise Fletcher

(Academy Award winner for her performance in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*), Christopher Wolken (Academy Award winner for his performance in *The Deerhunter*), Cliff Robertson (star of *Charlie* derived from the novel *Flowers for Algernon*), and Joe Dorsey (t.v.-movie actor with roles in *Roots* and *The Great Santini*).

Director Douglas Trumbull most recently directed *2001*. The crew, consisting of assistant directors, cameramen, lightmen, costume and set designers, hair and make-up artists, vary in age, background and experience.

The set decorator began as an actor at age 11 appearing in *Leave It to Beaver*. He said, "There is a great deal of nepotism in show business. Most people are in the business because of family connections."

Candid and Eager

The actors, actresses, directors and crewmembers were candid and eager to talk to the students. Natalie Wood, probably the most familiar of all the stars, weighs no more than 98 pounds, chomps gum, is both bubbly and aloof. She commented that "most shootings are not as boring as these (in Pinehurst)."

Louise Fletcher dresses in jeans or warm-ups off camera, smokes continually and appears very relaxed on the set and with the crew. Fletcher, raised in Alabama, said, "sometimes my southern accent creeps out and people tease me."

Christopher Wolken enjoys making humorous, sometimes obnoxious comments on and off the set. Once a dancer, he is tall, slender and smiles a lot.

Cliff Robertson is rugged and dapper looking with twinkling eyes and a warm sense of expression. He is a pilot and collects standard full-size airplanes as a hobby. Father of two daughters, ages 23 and 13, he said he does not encourage or discourage his daughters from entering show business; however, "Knowing all the pros and cons of the business, as a father, I am much more sensitive to the cons."

Long Hours

The actors and actresses were on call from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. The crewmembers' hours began earlier in the morning and continued later into the evening.

Lights flashed, the cameras rolled, and there was quiet-on-the-set time and time again. Twenty-four hours of work were needed to capture three to five minutes of film, and film production cost \$10,000 per hour. Salaries vary according to position and experience. For example, the head cameraman makes \$8,000 per week in Hollywood and \$2,400 plus expenses per week on location.

Working conditions are long and hard. For many scenes everyone is on call
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New Post Begins June 1



Richard L. Morrill

Salem College News
Bureau Release

by Nancy Stephens

Richard L. Morrill, president of Salem Academy and College, has accepted the presidency of Centre College, Danville, Ky., and will leave Salem at the end of the academic year to assume the new post on June 1.

Morrill made the announcement to faculty, staff, and students Wednesday, Nov. 3. Trustees and special friends of the school were notified by letter.

"This will truly be a great loss to Salem, but one which we will handle with the same positive action that has kept Salem healthy and growing for more than 200 years," said Thomas S. Douglas III, chairman of the Salem board of trustees.

"We will always be grateful for the three years Dr. Morrill will have served Salem," he said. "We are a

much stronger institution for having had such a man as president. The contributions he has made will remain a permanent part of Salem."

Morrill became Salem's sixteenth president in August, 1979, coming from Pennsylvania State University where he was executive assistant to the provost and affiliate associate professor of religious studies. Prior to that, he was associate provost and assistant to the president at Chatham College in Pittsburgh.

In making the announcement, he said, "My decision is, of course, very painful since I have a genuine love for this institution and its people. The past years here have been extremely satisfying ones."

During his tenure, Salem has launched a \$12 million capital fund drive, almost reached the half-way mark in that goal, started construction on a new Student Life and Fitness Center, and improved its admissions picture dramatically.

A search committee, headed by Salem trustee John G. Medlin Jr., president of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., will begin the job of finding Morrill's successor immediately.

"We will be looking for a person to continue the efforts begun by Dr. Morrill -- someone to keep the fires he kindled burning brightly," said Douglas, who is an ex officio member of the search committee.

Other trustees who will serve on the committee are: James A. Hancock, Roy C. Haberkern Jr., Mrs. Jane (P. Huber Jr.) Hanes, Mrs. Ellen (William A.) Parsley, and Calder W. Womble.

An advisory committee composed of members of the faculty and administration, with one student representative, will be named later.

Morrill, 42, will be the eighteenth president of Centre College, a four-year liberal arts college chartered in 1819, which has an average enrollment of 750. He succeeds Thomas A. Spragens, president for 24 years, who will devote full time to the college's Fund for the Future campaign after Nov. 15, when Edgar C. Reckard, provost and dean, will assume the interim presidency.

Choral Ensemble To Perform With N.C. Symphony

The Salem College Choral Ensemble will perform with the Winston-Salem Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 8:15 p.m. in Reynolds Auditorium. The Ensemble will be featured in the third movement of the Debussy "Nocturnes," "Sirenes," and will be conducted by Peter Perret, the symphony's conductor-music director.

This year, the choral ensemble consists of ap-

proximately 30 students, from all classes and majors, who enjoy singing serious music. James Bates conducts the group. "It is an honor for our ensemble to be asked to perform with the symphony, and Salem should be proud of this accomplishment," Bates said.

Tickets can be purchased through the symphony office, 725-1035.

Parents' Weekend Itinerary

Friday, November 6

4:00 - 5:30 Registration - Main Hall
5:30 - 6:30 Dinner - Dining Hall
7:30 - 9:30 Lantern Tours - Salem Square
9:30 Sundae Party - Dining Hall

Saturday, November 7

9:30 Registration - Coffee and Sugarcake - Fine Arts Center
10:00 - 10:30 Salem Overview - Hanes Auditorium
10:30 - 11:00 General Parents Meeting - Hanes Auditorium
11:15 - 1:00 Special Departmental Programs - FAC
12:00 - 1:30 Lunch - Dining Hall
5:00 - 7:00 Pig Pickin' - Dining Hall Lawn
7:30 Student Entertainment - Hanes Auditorium

Sunday, November 8

10:00 - 10:30 Interdenominational Worship Service - Shirley
11:30 - 1:00 Brunch - Dining Hall