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Brookstown Mill

Where the Past Meets the Present

By Kathy Glover

Exposed modern heating and cooling ducts, red metal columns and heavy, exposed beams are somehow incongruous with, but do not detract from the charming original wooden floors and old brick of the renovated Brookstown Mill. Architects Glave Newman and Chris Knight, current project managers, preserved the exterior of the old mill and opened up the interior to pave the way for the various shops it now houses.

Founded in 1837 by Frances L. Fries as a cotton mill, the Brookstown Mill has been designated a National Historic Landmark by the federal government. Since its

founding, the mill has served many purposes.

During the Civil War, the townspeople used the building to make yarn for Confederate uniforms, but Union soldiers confiscated their inventory at the end of the war. By 1881, the business had recuperated, and Fries added a second wing. This new wing was the first building in the South to use electrical lighting.

The top floor of the older wing once housed women from Surry and Forsyth who had come to work in the mill. They left behind a "graffiti wall" that reminds viewers of the days of industrialization in the Piedmont.

The mill served a wartime function once again during World War II when it became

a munitions factory and produced the Bazooka -- an anti-tank weapon.

Several years ago, Billy Packer and Mr. and Mrs. Addison Brown bought the mill. The idea of renovating the old mill to preserve its history and make it useful received their approval, and the project began.

After three years of planning, and two and a half years of renovating, the cost of the project approached \$5,000,000. The Salem Cotton Company, the large restaurant between the two wings of the mill, made up approximately \$850,000 of the overall cost. Additional funds for the project came from

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A Moravian Experience

Class Travels to Bethlehem

Dr. Thompson's Moravian Experience class is traveling to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, this weekend.

Participating students are studying the founding of the Moravian sect which began in Czechoslovakia in 1457. Students follow this study through the Moravians' settlement in America. Old Salem is the focus for the in depth study while the trip will compare Old Salem with an earlier Moravian settlement.

Students are driving the school van and private cars on the 10-hour trip to the

Moravian settlement similar to Old Salem. Bethlehem was founded in 1741, a few years before the founding of Old Salem. It was a bit more advanced than the Salem community as it was more of an industrial settlement.

The class will tour the industrial complex, the church and several other buildings.

Two informal discussions are scheduled: one by a professor

of church history at the seminary and the other by a Moravian archivist. Pennsylvania-Dutch food will also be sampled.

Two outside trips -- one to Nazareth, home of Zinzendorf and the other to Eparate, a utopian community -- are planned, if time allows.

Nazareth, about 15 miles outside of Bethlehem, is significant to Thompson's class as the home of Zinzendorf. Count Zinzendorf offered his estate as a refuge to the persecuted Moravians in the 18th century. He was impressed by the Moravians' sincerity and religious devotion.

Eparate, south of Bethlehem, was settled by another religious group in Pennsylvania as a utopian society.

Missing Books... Library Problem Examined

By Barbara Meskill

The problem of materials being taken from Gramley Library has become critical. In the words of several students, "It is as if the honor code does not apply to the library at all." The Honor Council, in conjunction with the Library Committee has begun to analyze the problem. The surveys which were distributed to the student body at the November SGA meeting have been carefully tallied and studied.

The core of the problem is that students frequently fail to sign out the materials that they take. Some reasons for this were that it is too much of an inconvenience, they forget, or they do not wish to risk incurring a fine.

Also, a significant number of people from outside of Salem use Gramley Library and may be taking material. The general consensus is because that students are not forced to check materials out of the library, they frequently do not.

The problem is serious. Not only is the library permanently losing valuable materials and incurring the expense of replacing them, but students are increasingly inconvenienced when the materials they need cannot be located. The surveys indicate that most students think the only solution is for the library to tighten its control over its materials. It was suggested that signs be

put up to remind people to sign their materials out, or that a theft detection system be installed.

Other ideas were that a staff member supervise the signing out of materials or that a guard be posted at the door to check each person leaving the library. Many of these measures would be expensive, yet the severity of the problem requires that some significant change be made. The faculty, library staff, Honor Council, and the Library Committee will be considering the alternatives carefully before any changes will be implemented. In the meantime, changes in the overdue fine structure and the length of borrowing time may be implemented experimentally in an attempt to alleviate the problem.

Dr. Rose Simon, head librarian, stressed that it is good that the student body has thought about the problems. She also said that student input is most helpful in clearly outlining the nature of the problems with which the library must deal.

Honor Council is extremely concerned. They wish to stress again that removing materials from the library without signing them out is an honor code offense.

The Honor Council and the Library Committee hope that by bringing the problem to the attention of the students, they will help to lessen it by their cooperation with library regulations.



Judy McIlwee

A paper by Judy McIlwee will appear in the December issue of the **Western Sociologist Review**. The paper is based on her dissertation research and is entitled "Organization Theory and the Entry of Women into Non-Traditional Occupations."