Student Life

ONUA Plans An Active Year

by Patrice Mitchell

The members of ONUA look forward to an active and productive year. The purpose of ONUA is to provide a support group for black students at Salem and to help enhance the quality of life for black students. ONUA is also responsible for promoting black awareness on campus and the community at large. ONUA plans this year to work with the admissions office to increase black student enrollment. It is important to realize, however, that members do not have to be black.

This year ONUA has also decided to work closely with Minority Affairs the department at Wake Forest. On October 2, ONUA members attended a speech by South African journalist Dumisano Kumalo at Wake Forest. Kumalo described what it is like to live in a country where the laws compel you to be a racist. The difficult thing is that the racism is mandated by law. Kumalo also emphasized that American dollars help the apartheid system remain possible.

Dr. Ernie Wade, Director of Minority Affairs at Wake Forest, invited ONUA members to an informal discussion and dinner with Kumalo before his speech later that evening.

ONUA members helped to publicize the concert of SAUD, a New York based jazz band. SAUD performed at Wake Forest on October 7.

ONUA plans to increase the awareness of black culture by inviting the student body to attend the local black churches. ONUA also encourages students to attend plays presented by The Black Repetory Company. Dean Cobb has also agreed to look into the prospect of offering in the future January Term courses with the black perspective, and also the possibility of visiting black professors and quest lectures.

There will also be a program in February for Black History. The exact content has not been decided yet; however, ONUA hopes there will be lots of support for this project.

The 1988-89 members of ONUA are: President Patrice M i t c h e l l; V i c e President/Secretary Shirley Hunter; Treasurer Julia Carpenter. Other members include: Tamiko Harris, LaTanya Gray, Michelle Conley, Angela Ingram, Aya Tanaka, Naoko Shibahara, and Saswati Datta.

Young Life

by April Edmondson

Young Life of Winston-salem is directed by Lynn Barclay, who was formerly the director in Greensboro. Young life works with college students from Wake Forest and Salem and other adult leaders to minister to high school peers. Through contact work and periodic meetings the staff not only minister, but develop a strong bond of friendship with each participant.

Young life chapters are found throughout the country in high schools. These chapters meet once a week and provide a spiritual fellowship. Each summer the Young Life chapter takes a trip to one of three camps in Colorado.

NACA Convention

by Tammy Taylor

Several Salem students attended the Southeast Regional National Association of Campus Activities Convention held in Winston-Salem, September 30 through October 2. This group included: Christy Barley, Heather Glasscock, Mary Bryan Pierce, Mary Alston Glenn, Gaither Smoot, Banner Gregory, Kay Costenbader, and Tammy Taylor.

The group attended several educational sessions which topics ranged from alcohol liability to mixing mocktails to publicity for pennies and ethics in student activities. We also listened to several bands comedians, and guitarists, some of which might perform here at Salem. It was really interesting to hear how other schools promoted various events and to hear their opinions and comments on certain performers. It was also very eye opening to hear of their student activities budget. It was a long weekend, but one in which we all learned a tremendous amount.

Working Students

by Patricia Earnhardt

Many students on campus spend some part of their week working in various offices or academic departments. The students who work on campus work anywhere from four to eight hours a week depending on how many hours they need and how often their particular office may need them to work. All on-campus jobs are filled through the financial aid office and are first given to those students who are working to pay their tuition.

Although eight hours does not always seem like a lot of time it can add up when it is time taken away from studying. One student when asked how she balances her time between work and studying said that normally she procrastinates anyway, so she usually puts off her homework until the last minute. So far'she has had few problems with this technique except maybe falling asleep in class.

As for those students who work off campus jobs, it was almost unanimous that the benefit was extra spending money. On a fairly normal basis they said that balancing their time was not too hard. The balance is usually made with a few late night study hours and a flexible work schedule.

As a whole many students find that working a few hours a week gives them less time to procrastinate so that when they are not working they have to study.

