

Much More Than Just A Board

by Ginger Saunders

This past Wednesday and Thursday the Board of Trustees was on campus for the second of its three meetings of the academic year. From what I observed, the meetings of the two days, proved to be productive and informative. In fact, I have noticed an increase of energy and enthusiasm from the Board over the past year.

The reports, which are given by committee chairpersons and campus administrators were presented in an honest tone this past week. Those who were presenting seemed to have a genuine concern that the Board truly understands the Salem situation. Basically, the good news was accompanied by not-so-good news this time. For instance, there were reports of increased giving on most fronts at both the Academy and the College, but that Salem was still low compared to her sister schools. Again, on the admissions front, Salem applications are down a few percentage points this year, but so are most single-sex institutions at this time. The listing of bitter-sweet news continued throughout the two-day period.

The feeling that I got, however, was that this honest information left the Board of Trustees with a sense of mission. They did not seem very complacent about the situation at Salem, but actually they seemed slightly

challenged-like there is something worth perserving (of course we could have told them that).

Actually, three students did get the opportunity to tell the Trustees, from a student perspective, what the advantages of being a Salem student are. Mary Poole, Ginger Saunders, and Johanna Metzgar spoke of the state of student life. The three covered topics dealing with student government, the honor code and council, self governance, and leadership development.

The members of the Board of Trustees are more than just "money-givers" to the College-they are real people who care what happens to Salem, and I think they went away from Old Salem this time caring a little more.

Library Enters 21st Century

by Julia Carpenter

The Salem College Library enters the 21st century with the permanent additions of a FAX machine and an Infotrac CD database to the Reference Room. Both additions are expected to aid students researching materials for projects and papers. The Library is also investigating other reference tools to help students in their college studies.

The Infotrac is a computer-like database that calls up information from a compact disk. The compact disk is updated each month to add the most recent articles from academic journals and magazines. The Infotrac covers a general index of broad subjects and maintains journal resources dating back to 1985.

Gramley Library will continue following the national trend in college research methods by adding another database named ERIC-an index of education sources. However, Reference Librarian Susan Taylor assures that students will find ERIC useful for research in the social sciences and psychology.

The FAX machine is the tool of the modern communication age. FAXs combine a copier and telephone allowing the sending of printed materials from one machine to another in the blink of a phone call. Gramley Library, with initial funding provided by a grant from the State Library, has a FAX machine available for use by faculty, students, and staff. In addition, Old Salem, Inc., MESDA, the Moravian Archives, and the Moravian Music Foundation have access to the FAX machine.

The FAX machine sending fee (there is no fee for receiving materials) is \$3.00 for the first 10 pages, and \$.25 each page thereafter. The Library asserts that the FAX will help individuals doing research by cutting down the time lost mailing research materials to Salem College. This should be extremely useful in the Interlibrary Loan system. All major North Carolina colleges and universities have FAX machines.

Contact Susan Taylor or Cathy Hutchens for more information concerning the Infotrac or FAX machine use.

Don't Fear Measles

by Martha Porter

Some students are upset upon learning that the Salem Infirmary is not giving the vaccine for measles. Yet, students fears should be put at rest. Only students who received the vaccination for measles under the age of 15 months and have been exposed to the measles should receive the measles vaccine.

At present, the measles vaccine is in short supply in Forsyth County; however, they are expecting to receive another shipment. Until more vaccines are received, restrictions are being placed on the allotment of the measles vaccine. Vaccines will only be given to pre-school children or used for outbreak controls. According to *The Winston-Salem Journal* as of February 7, North Carolina received \$300,000 from the Centers for Disease Control to prevent the spread of measles. The Forsyth County Health Department is treating measles as an epidemic because of no cases of measles for so many years. The measles virus is transmitted by droplets of moisture from people when they sneeze, cough, or even speak. The virus can live for one to two hours in the air; hence, measles is extremely contagious.

Symptoms of measles include a fever, while spots inside your mouth, rash, cough, runny nose, and teary eyes. Measles sometimes have serious complications, such as pneumonia, ear infections, and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). The measles used to cause hundreds of deaths each year before the use of the vaccine. If an individual is exposed, the measles vaccine should be received 72 hours within exposure to the virus.

Miriam Farmer stated that the Infirmary has pulled all students records to check birth dates and when vaccinated. If there is a case of measles on campus, the list of students who should receive the vaccine will be sent immediately to Dick Raynor, our representative in the Immunization Department in Raleigh. Ms. Farmer stated that they prefer students to be sent home if they have the measles virus, but she is not sure of what the actual procedure will be. She noted that at some schools students are isolated in a room on the residence halls because they have already exposed others to the virus. In addition, extra nurses can be called into campus; however, whether the infirmary will be open or not is not to be determined at this point.

Stockton or Monikers, are given to the top nightly callers. Yet, Jodi Smith stated that "even money seems to have no enticement."

Thus far, the phonathon has been a success. Nightly goals, set between \$6000 and \$7000, are usually reached and sometimes exceeded. Workers find most alumnae very nice, even those who were not making a contribution. At present, the Academy has raised \$21,950 which is over their goal, and the College has raised \$69,6000 with one week left to complete their goal. It appears that the phonathon will be a success.

Phoning for Donations

by Martha Porter

The Twelfth National Salem Phonathon kicked off January 3 and will run through February 16. The phonathon is being held in the basement of Gramley Library between the hours of 6:15 pm and 9:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. Salem has set a goal of \$98,000 while the Academy has its eye set on \$20,000. The money from the phonathon for the College or Academy fund, will go strictly toward the operating budget. The operating budget supports the difference between the actual operating costs and students' tuition.

Jodi Smith, who did an internship in the Development Office with the phonathon, said that the biggest challenge is to find enough volunteers to work at the phonathon. The Development Office tried a number of tactics to entice volunteers. Each night, volunteers are provided with a free dinner and one 3 minute call anywhere in the United States. Furthermore, \$100 cash is awarded to the top weekly caller, and prizes such as gifts from Norman

global powers. The team has represented the Soviet Union, West Germany, Italy, Poland, etc.

The Conference has its origins in the Model League of Nations. Over 130 universities and colleges, from around North America and the world, send delegations to the annual Conference in New York. Over 1300 delegates will attend the conference during Spring Break for a week of intensive diplomacy to gain a better understanding of our global village.

The 1989 M.U.N. Delegation representing Iraq:

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M.U.N Team

by Julia Carpenter

During Spring Break the Model United Nations team will attend the 1989 National Model United Nations Conference in New York City. The 17 member delegation will represent Iraq.

The team has been in existence for over a decade and maintained a good standing with the Conference through its selections as major