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 Jim Wall, Physical Plant Supervisor, was asked about the progress on the dorm since the arrival of the new contractor, but said that we needed to memo Tom Macon for clearance before he could discuss the situation. The memo was sent on Friday 15, and was not answered as of Monday 18.

When asked about the move-in date, when you will be able to move into the dorm, Beth Brown said that "...we have officially been told it would be the end of October, but realistically it will be during January before we move in."

Some students feel inconvenienced by the slow progress on the dormitory. "...I hate living in a basement," says Karen Timmons, a senior living in Gramley. "If they had closed it [Strong] during the room drawing I could have picked a different room on campus. The room we picked out my roommate will never get to live in."

Because of these dorm repairs, Melissa Monnier, who is graduating in December, will never get to enjoy the new plumbing and electrical systems

she is paying the penalty for now. Melissa, however, is optimistic about her last semester. "I don't think it's all that bad...we have a little community down there. I think it brings us all together." The only thing she has found to be an inconvenience is "...having to walk so far for everything!"

Though all of the Strong residents are inconvenienced in one way or another, Cathy Whitlock, Strong RHD, is not living the life of a typical RHD. She is currently living in a converted storage closet that has no air circulation and no phone hook-up due to wiring problems, said Beth Brown.

When, Interdorm President, Michelle Duffie was asked for her feelings on the problems, other than repairs, associated with Strong, she said that "It is a shame because unification does not only occur on campus but also in the dorm itself. Because the residents are spread out on campus it makes the interdorm and house council unification process very difficult. They are trying to stay unified but it is understandably hard."

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In interviewing Tom Macon, Chief Business Officer, Tom Litzenburg, Academy and College President, Dean Johnson, Dean of Students, and Beth Brown, Strong President, we found conflicting stories from each person.

Dean Johnson was asked "...has there been any communication between you and the future residents of Strong dorm since their [the students'] arrival on campus?" She said that she would memo the students if she was informed by Mr. Macon of any changes. The last form of communication from the administration to the students was sent on August 4, stating that the dorm should be open by October 30.

However, in an interview with *The Salemite*, earlier in the week Mr. Macon he said that the completion date on the contract was November 30.

This constitutes a revision in the due date that Dean Johnson said she knew nothing about. Apparently...Mr. Macon failed to inform Dean Johnson of the revised completion date, and this resulted in her "failure to communicate" with the students. According to Dean Johnson, the Dean of Students serves as the informational pipeline between administration and students. "I am the one who gets the memo telling me the date has been changed. And I am the one that has to give the students the good news."

Communication problems occur everywhere and Salem College is no exception. There will always be a time when too much is said and always a time when not enough is said.

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Lots of special times were shared. Everyday a school would give a thought for the day. When Salem's turn came up, we shared the tragedy we faced on May 5, 1989, the tornado. Tears swelled in many of our eyes as we remembered the storm. We did not know how the other schools would react to our story, but we were very pleased to know that many people were touched. That was a small example of how people were very open and kind.

We had great times laughing and playing, but we knew when we had to get serious. We were asked to think of something we could do to improve our campus. We decided Salem lacks a great deal of communication. Thus, we came up with the *Toilet Tabloid*. It would consist of a schedule of meetings and events, as well as, SGA minutes to better inform the students. These tabloids will be placed in spots that everyone goes to, the bathroom stalls. We hoped that this would help us reach our goal for better communication.

We learned a lot, and we had a wonderful time. As the week came close to an end, we all became sad. One of the last nights we were there, we had a talent show. We were quite amused by the other schools and

enjoyed singing, dancing, and showing that we do have fun. The Salem team sang a remake of Jimmy Buffet's "Volcano," filling in our own words. Coach McEwen and Debbie Harrell were a real hit as they shook homemade moraccos, coffee cups with M&M's inside.

The last night we were there, we watched stars fall from the sky every thirty minutes in a meteor shower. We also watched a few of the guys fall down Old Baldy trying to body sand surf. It didn't work.

The morning we left was very sad. We hugged our new friends goodbye as we tried to hold back our tears. The fun times were ending, and we were leaving our fellow Miniwancians. The drive home was even longer than the trip up. We tried to release some of our anxieties by dancing in the aisle, singing songs, and reminiscing about the past week. We still love to reminisce about Miniwanca, and I hope we never tire of the subject. It was an experience that really taught us a lot about ourselves and others around us. The motto of the camp is: "My own self at my very best all the time."

Hey, guys - I still have sand in some of my things! It takes forever to get rid of.

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