

Miniwanca Offers A Variety Of Experiences

by Michelle Duffie

Two weeks before I left for Miniwanca, I was trying to think of any reason why I would not be able to go.

I should stay home and work.

I could stay home and watch television every night.

Fortunately, I did not come up with a very good reason to stay home.

When we left on August 6 there were ten apprehensive, but yet adventurous young women ready to embark on a week long excursion. The members of the Salem team included eight students and two advisors: Libby Brown, Amy Cass, Michelle Duffie, Patricia Earnhardt, Karen Elsey, Heather Inge, Kathie White, Mindy Worrell, Debbie Harrell, and Coach Ellen McEwen.

I was really nervous about going. I had heard about Camp Miniwanca: the 17 hour bus trip, a huge "hill" we would have to climb carrying all of our luggage, sand that would end up in all of our things, and, of course, many different critters. I could not understand why I was 21 years old and going to "camp."

The bus trip was long. I think we all slept in some of the most awkward positions. However, it did give us lots of time to get to know one another. I learned more about people that I had only



photo by Mindy Worrell

Salem College team united with new found friends at Camp Miniwanca.

casually talked to before on campus.

Once we arrived at the camp, I began to prepare myself to climb the "hill" we also thought of hiring a couple of guys that drove by in a truck to carry our stuff for us. Unfortunately, no such luck was possible. Debbie Harrell and Coach McEwen went to check things out. In a way I was hoping they would come back saying it would be no problem. They didn't. As I climbed the hill, I kept questioning why I allowed myself to come to Miniwanca.

When we finally reached the top, we found out we were on the wrong side of the camp. Within

twenty minutes a car and a van came to pick us up. We were not having a lot of luck.

Once we were in the right place, we received our cabin numbers, handy little notebooks and bo-los (necklace type gizmo with our names on them.) The cabins looked somewhat dreary; certainly nothing like home sweet home, but within time they became comfortable.

The day continued, and I began a count down- only six more days. I thought that they would be the longest days of my life, but things really took a turn for the better.

The camp leaders had lots of activities to keep us going. We

met people from all parts of the country. I think we were most impressed with Pepperdine University, a school from Malibu, California. We became better acquainted with them when they noticed us laughing at them while trying to windsurf. We naturally thought men from Malibu would be able to windsurf, but then not all Salem girls can cook either.

We became good friends with the Pepperdine men. They loved the way we talked. By the end of the week, everyone was saying "y'all." We also took the liberty of reminding everyone that Salem is a woman's college not a "girl's school."

The week was full of events, including: leadership classes, community meetings, a ropes course, excellent meals, free time (swimming, canoeing, volleyball,) fireside chats, singing songs, climbing Old Baldy (a huge sand dune) and slumber parties. One event that really was a challenge for the Salem team was the tire obstacle, an element of the ropes course. One day we took our free time to work together to cross the tire obstacle. I really loved seeing how we worked together and succeeded at a task that requires a great deal of upper body strength and stamina. It was true teamwork at it's best.

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Music for Everyone MacIntoshes Update System

by Sarah Edwards

Everyone knows that only voice majors can sing in the Salem College chorale and that only music majors who sit in their practice rooms and perfect scales for ten hours a day are allowed to attend the free concerts in the Fine Arts Center, right? Wrong! The School of Music offers many opportunities for non-musical people to get involved in some very exciting events and groups such as the Archways, the chorale, chamber choir, and free concerts.

The archways and chamber choir are auditioned groups, but there is no pre-requisite of musical training to join. If you like to sing and are minimally successful in doing so, you could be a member of either of these groups by undergoing a very simple, painless audition. (Archways will hold auditions after Fall Fest.) The chorale, on the other hand, is not an

auditioned group. If you can write "Music 150," you can be a chorale member. The chorale and chamber choir are directed by Mr. David Pegg, who can make a singer and music reader out of almost anyone, so do not let any lack of musical ability or background deter you from joining the chorale.

If performing is not your thing, you can still get involved in the musical atmosphere at Salem by attending some of the great, free concerts right here on campus. The "On The Town" concert series features some of the country's most prestigious artists, while the student recitals feature Salem's own upcoming stars. Watch "This Week At Salem" for dates and times.

Whether performing or watching others, everyone can, and should, take part in the wonderful musical opportunities offered here at Salem.

by Hope Lamm

I was sitting with Dr. Jeff Ersoff, the computer science professor at Salem, in the computer room located on the third floor of the Science Building. Dr. Ersoff instructed me to type into the computer the first thing that came to mind. As my fingers struck the keyboard on one of the new MacIntosh computers, I began to realize the vast capabilities of the computer and just how simple it is to operate.

There are now fifteen new MacIntosh computers in the basement of the Science Building. These new computers are easily accessible to both students and faculty at anytime before 9:30 p.m., except when a scheduled class is using the computer lab. Furthermore, a student need not panic if she completes her handwritten rough draft of a paper at 11:30 p.m. and desperately needs a computer to type and print the finished product. Public Safety will gladly unlock the door of the Science Building so that you may begin your all-night vigil.

The new MacIntosh computers are superior to the obsolete Apple 2 machines for several reasons: they are easier to operate, perform additional functions, and will not lose papers in the computer.

With the exception of Dr. Ersoff, there is presently no trained staff to assist students and faculty in learning to operate the MacIntosh computers. He, along with two students, Saswatti Datta and Melissa Robinson, are trying to arrange labs for interested persons to acquire more knowledge about the new computer system.