



## SLI kicks off third year of leadership pursuits

By Denettia Shaw

Students from across North Carolina came together to participate in the 2001 Student Leadership Institute. The first day was intense and a lot of fun. Co-director Karen Yerby opened the first session by introducing the faculty and staff and then letting SLI participants introduce themselves.

Yerby presented schedule for the day along with a list of "do's" and "don't's." Students interacted with each other as individual and group projects were discussed. Later in the evening, peers gathered in their groups to brainstorm on projects after listening to a presentation on brainstorming by Thomas Mar-

tin from Johnston Community College.

After what one might call an overwhelming but productive day, participants are eager and ready to take what they will learn over the next five days back to their community colleges.

Gaye McConnell, Myers Briggs presenter from Rowan Cabarrus

Community College, stated that the mark of a good leader is good communication and a shared purpose. The 2001 SLI participants are ready to make that mark and go beyond to leave their legacy for future SLI participants to follow.



*In the first session, Gaye McConnell (R) points out that some SLI participants don't spell as well as they talk!*

## Myers-Briggs workshop provides insight

By Jessica Thornton

"What you see is not always what you get," according to presenter Gaye McConnell at the Myers-Briggs workshop.

Isabella Myers and Katherine Briggs developed a personality test based on Carl Jung's theory of personality. There are four categories that identify normal and valuable human behaviors.

The first category involves Extroversion and Introversion. Extroverts are outgoing and very expressive; they also tend to babble.

People who are Intro-

verts tend to be quiet and take into consideration what was said and asked of them. They process the information and then will spit out a sentence that is sensible and very well articulated.

The next category is Sensing and Intuition. A person who is Sensing is one who needs facts, concrete evidence, details, and tends to be a very clean and neat person when it comes to organizing his thoughts. A person who is Intuitive tends to relate to others well, is very oriented to the future possibilities, and seems to

trust her gut instinct.

The Thinking and Feeling category is next. Thinking people need facts, rules, and they analyze everything. Feeling people tend to use personal values and want harmony for everyone around them. If you are a female who is categorized as a Thinker, you are known as an assertive female. If you are a Feeling male you are known as a sensitive male.

The final category is Judging and Perceiving.

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***Myers-Briggs continued...***

Judging people are or-

# During first day of activities, Dr. Stephen Scott asks for SLI's help with budget fight

By Sheena Evans

Sunday night, Dr. Stephen Scott honored us with his presence and a speech at the first SLI dinner of the session. After an entertaining introduction by our own Jonathan Garrison, Dr. Scott gave words of encouragement to the room full of community college student leaders.

Dr. Scott informed us about the critical budget situation, and asked for our help in fighting the funding cuts. Reminding us of the students' roles in the successful bond campaign, Dr. Scott also asked that we learn three, in-depth positives, and three needs of our colleges. Then, he asked that we, along with three other people, contact three legislators and discuss these qualities and needs.

Dr. Scott also asked us to be inclusive and have opened



*Trust me... Participants learn to lean on each other at the opening session. Fortunately, all students survived.*

hearts and opened minds in our leadership; he said that we should not only accept, but embrace the challenges we face. With these encouraging words, we are looking forward to embracing the challenges of the SLI.



*"Getting to know you..." SLI participants position themselves for success during ice-breaking exercises.*

ganized, scheduled, systematic, and very precise. Perceptive people tend to be spontaneous, flexible, and casual.

Now that you have the general information, you need to understand where you fit so you can know yourself—and those around you—a little better.

## SLI graduates and assistant facilitators offer advice to SLI Class of 2001

By Marcia Honeycutt, Sam Mauney and Anna Simmons

Welcome to a week that will change your life forever! This week will be filled with many learning experiences that will challenge you. You will learn how to work with personalities very different from your own. Your biggest struggle will be forming a group consensus on the group project. Once you have decided on the project, you must work as a group to obtain your goal. In some cases, this will be an easy task, and in others, it will be more difficult. But, you can accomplish this and we are here to help.

Another struggle will be completing your individual projects! **Do not get behind on your daily journal.** Also, make sure to complete each evaluation after every session. It only takes a few minutes, and it will save you a lot of has-

sle in the end. Many may find it difficult to choose the right words for your newsletter articles. Don't be afraid to ask for help and get others' input. That is what we are all here to do—to learn. Make sure you speak to the presenter you plan to introduce to find out what the presenter wants us to know about him/her. Don't be afraid, and remember to breathe. Lastly, network, network, **NETWORK!**

All of this new information might intimidate you, but don't let it overwhelm you. Although you are here to learn, remember to also have fun and make lasting friendships. Remember to beware of the elevator, learn your way around Raleigh, and service your car before you come to future sessions! You will leave the SLI as a changed individual. Don't forget: we've been where you are and are here to help you through it.