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Freshman Week Program Embraces Many Features

Interesting and Varied Entertainments Given In Honor of New Girls

The opening of the collegiate year 1927-28, on Wednesday, September 14, marked the beginning of the Freshman Week program, planned in advance by the committee in charge, a program which in variety of entertainment and skillful management will be a worthy model for all Freshman Week programs in years to come. In order to increase the interest in the activities planned, the entire program was not announced in advance, but each morning a schedule of the day's attions was posted on the bulletin boards in all the buildings. Thus each day brought its share of surprises for the freshmen. Every effort was made to dissipate loneliness and homesickness for the new girls, and, at the same time, they were agreeably introduced to the most important aspects of Salem College life.

The program of the week's activities, as it was carried out, follows:

Thursday, Sept. 15. The opening chapel service was held at ten o'clock in Memorial Hall, with the singing of the traditional hymn, "Standing at the Portal of the Opening Year," and with the usual senior processional. During the day class meetings were held by all the classes. According to the new plan, the freshman class meeting was in the hands of three junior advisors, Mary Miller Faulkner, Lillyan Newell and Margaret Vaughan. The freshmen were informed concerning the regulations of initiation, namely: green ribbons must be worn around the neck, names must be pinned to dresses, no cosmetics must be used; all upperclassmen must be addressed respectfully, freshmen must enter by back doors only, and walk on the sidewalks rather than in the street or on the grass. In the evening, at 6:45 o'clock, the first meeting of the Student Self-government Association was held, at which Dr. Rondthaler delivered a short but inspiring address, and probation rules were explained. The last feature of the day occurred at 9:45 o'clock when the entire student body joined in a beautiful lantern parade which wound down the paths of the lower campus, and halted by the bridge for the singing of some well-known songs, immediately afterwards returning to the buildings.

Friday, September 16. Morning chapel service was given over to the interests of Student Government. In the evening, the Y. W. C. A. entertained at a lawn party, held on the campus near the President's home.

Saturday, September 17. Morning chapel service was in the hands of the Y. W. C. A. At this time, the character and purpose of the organization were fully explained and discussed. In the afternoon, at 4 o'clock, cars were procured to take the freshmen and new girls for a drive around the city of Winston-Salem. Immediately following dinner, the first session of the Sophomore Court was held in the living-room of the Alice Clewell Building, for the purpose of trying the cases of those freshmen who had failed to carry out all the rules of initiation. At 8:15 o'clock, the annual "Get-together" meeting was held in the Recreation Room, under the auspices of the Y. W. C .A. Amusing stunts were given by all the classes, including the freshmen, after which the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Sunday, September 18. According to invariable custom, the entire student body attended the morning service at the Home Moravian Church. In the afternoon, at 4 o'clock, the juniors entertained the new girls at a tea, given on the porch of Junior Hall. Instead of the usual quiet hour, from 7:30 to 8:30, "calling hour" was introduced, and the time was agreeably spent in the process of getting acquainted.

Monday, September 19. The "sing" scheduled for Monday evening, was postponed on account of rain.

Tuesday, September 20. Morning chapel service was given over to the interests of the Athletic Association. Mrs. Rondthaler entertained the freshmen and their junior Big Sisters at a tea held in the President's home. In the evening, a talk was delivered to the freshmen by Dr. Willoughby on the subject, "How to take Notes."

First Monthly Meeting Of Student Government

Sophomore Representatives to the Council Elected.

The first monthly meeting of the On-Campus Student Government was held on Monday afternoon, September 19, in the Alice Clewell living-room, at one-thirty.

After the secretary, Lillyan Newell, had called the roll and read the minutes, Katherine Riggan, president, made several announcements. These announcements, which concerned house rules and chapel attendance, were especially for the benefit of the freshmen and new girls.

The freshmen were then dismissed, and the upperclassmen were asked to remain for the election of Sophomore representatives to the Student Council. The following girls were cho n as the new council members: Virginia Martin, Marian Allen, and Margaret Sills.

Morning Worship Held on Back Campus

Sarah Turlington Leads Early Morning Service.

On Monday morning, September 19, a small group of girls met on Lower Back Campus for morning worship. The little bridge at the foot of the hill made an ideal place for a service of this kind, and a quarter of an hour was thus spent in a most profitable way. After several songs had been sung, Sarah Turlington, president of the Y. W. C. A., read a short selection on the giving and the seeking life. The meeting was closed with sentence prayers. All of those who had worshipped there went away feeling better fitted to meet the tasks of the day, for each one had experienced the feeling of real worship.

NEW TREASURER OF Y. W. C. A. ELECTED

An important business meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held on Friday, September 23, at 1:30 in the campus living room of the Alice Clewell Building. The purpose of the meeting was to elect a treasurer for the association to take the place of Joy Bowers who did not return to Salem this year. Marion Bloor and Ruby Scott of the junior class were nominated and Marion Bloor was elected. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bishop Rondthaler Speaker at Vespers

Inspiring Talk Given at First Y. W. C. A. Vespers.

The first Y. W. C. A. Vesper service of the year was held on Sunday evening, September 18, at 6 o'clock, in the campus living-room of the Alice Clewell Building. At this meeting, it was especially fitting to have Bishop Rondthaler speak, and to all the girls, both old and new, his talk was most inspiring. He spoke on the subject, "Christ, the Door." He described the sheep-fold as Christ spoke of it when He said, "I am the door of the sheep." From this thought the Bishop talked of the different ways in which Christ is the door into every Christian's spiritual life.

The first of these ways was that Jesus is the door into our successful study. He explained that if we but knock at this door it will be opened, and we will be given an insight by Christ's spirit into things that otherwise would seem hard. The next way was Jesus as the door that opens into sweet relationships in life. The name of Christ is a kind of password in daily life that draws all the noblest peoples together. He is the door into noble activity. He enables us through faith in Him to do the fine, noble things in life and to become greater followers. He is the door into those fields where our feelings and emotions turn into activities. The last way is that Christ is the door into personal salvation. There is no greater feeling than that which a Christian has when he knows that Jesus is his Saviour. All of these things make it worth while for those who love and serve Him to knock at the door.

The Sophomore Court In Session

Freshmen Culprits Receive Various Sentences.

During the first day or two of school it was rumored that there was to be a stern Sophomore Court which would take in hand all unruly freshmen. There was much surmising as to what the character of the court would be, and what would be its penalties. Some of the supposed "victims-to-be" whispered of it in awe-stricken tones, and others in accents of glee.

On Thursday, most of the freshmen appeared with faces beaming necks adorned with green ribbons, and names pinned to dresses. They cautiously crossed the street to go to the postoffice, and at other times trudged over the cobblestones. But on Friday—probably emboldened by the absence of "policemen" and the apparent non-existence of "court"—numbers of them reverted to their customary store-bought complexions, "forgot" to wear their ribbons and names, and disregarded all other initiation requirements.

A great murmur of disapproval arose from the ranks of the indignant upperclassmen, and the "supreme court of the Sophomore class" came suddenly into being, as it were.

The first session of court was held on Saturday night in the living-room of the Alice Clewell building, where a curious crowd had congregated to witness the long-anticipated legal proceedings. The members of the Council were grave, and so was the judge—as she rapped on the table for "silence in the courthouse," and began to read the culprits' names. However, that dignity was maintained not without a display of unparalleled self-control—and occasional weakening when the offenders waxed dramatic and wailed in tearful tones accompanied by heart-rending gestures, "This will kill my poor mother!" or, "I am innocent!"

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Dr. Edwin Mims Speaker In Expanded Chapel Service

"Specialization and Education" Subject of Dr. Mims' Inspiring Address

At the expanded chapel service on Wednesday morning, Sept. 21, Salem College and Academy were fortunate in having as the first speaker of the year Dr. Edwin Mims of Vanderbilt University. Dr. Mims is well-known not only as a teacher and lecturer, but also as the author of *The Advancing South.*

Dr. Mims began his address, which had for its subject *Specialization and Education,* by saying that every teacher and student in American colleges should refer often to the great series of essays and lectures by Woodrow Wilson on the purpose, aims and duties of the modern college. Wilson, profoundly concerned with certain modern tendencies in education, raised many questions, and made many criticisms of the American educational institutions. He was greatly interested in what the modern students thought and talked about. In one of his famous addresses he set forth a vision of a college, transformed from a place where children are doing tasks to a place where men are doing thinking. To contrast the ideal college with the existing reality is often a distressing experience.

If one can believe the novels of contemporary college life and essays on educaiton, one realizes that there are certain aspects of modern college life which are fraught with danger, and which do not conform with the ideal of a college of liberal arts. *The Plastic Age* gives several graphic pictures of the most hopeless lack of knowledge and the greatest confusion of ideas and values existing in the mind of the modern college student.

The subject of specialization, a much debated question in modern educational circles, is a tendency which requires reckoning with. Technical and professional training are of undoubted value. Woodrow Wilson himself made the statement: "We are living in an age in which an amateur cannot succeed." Extreme specialization, however, unless accompanied by general culture will succeed in making a nation of efficient men and women who miss much of the grace, charm, and richness of life. Culture should be in the thoughts of all, not a particular type of people.

It is a common saying in America that no one can succeed unless extremely specialized. In a sense this is true, and in a sense it is false. Dr. Mims said that he recently made a study of men who have made a success in a material way but with no conception of liberal culture and spiritual life, and of other men who have been just as successful but also found time for development in English, music, art, and those other things which go to make up culture. Henry Ford has achieved success in a limited field in a remarkable way, but he would be absolutely lost in many human circles. Rockefeller and others who have made a marvelous use of the resources of this country have often purchased success at the loss of culture and many of those things which others consider precious. Andrew Carnegie and J. P. Morgan are examples of very wealthy men who found time for culture in spite of vast material interests. Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, although specialized in the art of statecraft, were, nevertheless, fitted to be at home in any realm of the human spirit.

Every American woman's college should get students who will find opportunities for something else than professional or technical duties.

The saddest thing in the world is a person who does not know how to make use of leisure. In modern times people are always going; they try to escape intellectual contact with others and consequently conversation has been shifted to the background.

Colleges ought to overcome the danger of extreme specialization and a narrow and intense view of life. The richest thing in the world is a great personality which enables one to radiate in any circle or community something finer and richer than can find expression in practical values. Any conception of the art of living must necessarily go far beyond the science or business of living.

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Special Service At Home Moravian Church

Service Devoted to Spiritual Interests of Schools and Colleges.

On Sunday, September 18, the student body of both the College and Academy atttnded the morning service at the Home Moravian Church. For over a hundred and fifty years, it has been the custom and privilege of the girls to worship together in the Home Church on their first Sunday at Salem.

Dr. J. K. Pfohl, the pastor, very graciously welcomed the Salem girls and invited all students who had no church affiliations to worship at the Home Church. Dr. Rondthaler led in the reading of the Liturgy which was especially written for schools and colleges. Dr. Pfohl then delivered a very inspiring sermon entitled "Spiritual Athletics." He not only urged the young people to live up to their best on the physical and mental plane, but also to attain the highest level possible on the spiritual plane.

Throughout the entire service, in the Liturgy, the sermon, and the music, the idea of youth and its possibilities was emphasized. The service was impressive and inspiring, and was one that will long be remembered.

Off-Campus Association Holds Its First Meeting

Margaret Brooks Is Elected President

The Off-Campus Student Government Association held its first meeting on Monday, September 19, at one o'clock. At this meeting Dr. Rondthaler spoke a few words urging the off-campus students to cooperate with the resident students and to take part in as many of the college activities as they are able, thereby helping to make the girls of Salem College a great, undivided body of students.

Margaret Brooks was unanimously elected president of the Off-Campus Student Government Association at this meeting, and the following girls were elected to fill the positions on the council left vacant by the students who did not return:

Annie Graham Caldwell—First Vice-president.

Jessie Davis—Junior Representative.

Laila Wright—Sophomore Representative.