

Dean Vardell Illustrates The Art of Improvisation

Dean Chas. G. Vardell Talks at Salem Y. P. M.

"The Art of Improvisation" Is Topic Selected for Instructive Talk Wednesday

At Y. P. M. on Wednesday Dean Vardell explained "The Art of Improvisation." Mr. Vardell began by saying that after having given his topic to The Journal, he feared that it was a bit too ambitious. If he had not, he would have just begun. Nevertheless, much of the work studied at Salem is art, and should be approached as such. Music is art, and improvisation properly done is an art.

Mr. Vardell enumerated these characteristics of art. Certain tremendous currents stimulate our souls from the time we notice things worth while. First, there is the current of beauty. Every one perceives beauty, whether it be a beautiful song, a beautiful car, a beautiful girl, or a handsome man. One of the most powerful things in life is the current of beauty. Second, there is the current of emotion. Emotions are the very stuff of which our passions are made. They are what we are. Art is a presentation of the things of the spirit; it goes down to the root of things. Thirdly, in art there is the principle of orderly arrangement. The artist takes the appreciation of beauty and emotion and imposes on them simplicity and

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Annual Sponsors Snapshot Contest

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The Sights and Insights staff has announced that it is putting on a kodak contest second only to that of the Eastman Company. It is offering a grand prize of five dollars for the best snapshot taken and handed in to the Editor. The rules are as follows:

- 1. This contest is open to both the boarding and day students.
2. It begins October 3, and closes October 31.
3. An entrant may submit as many pictures as she pleases at as many different times as she pleases.
4. Any size pictures are eligible. They must be finished with glossy finishing. There must be no coloring or writing on the pictures entered.
5. The pictures may be campus scenes, groups, individuals, sports pictures, etc. They must be taken on or around Salem Campus.
6. No entries can be returned. Do not send negatives with the pictures.
7. Entries must be submitted in sealed envelopes with name of entrant and the number of pictures enclosed written on the outside. They may be sent in to the editor of the Sights and Insights.
8. Photographic excellence and a deciding factor in determining the winner.
Judges especially appointed will pick the best snapshot. Here's your chance to see your pet pose or scene in an annual, and what's more, some ready cash for your private use. Let's grab the kodak and go!

Civic Music Association To Present Baggiore

Noted Tenor to Appear Friday At Opening Performance

On next Friday, October 9, Baggiore, famed tenor, will appear in a concert at the Richard J. Reynolds High School, under the auspices of the Winston-Salem Civic Music Association. This concert will be the first of a series sponsored by the members of the Association. The International Singers will probably give a concert here in the future, and the Association has engaged a noted violinist to appear in a program. While plans for the year have not been entirely completed, the association expects to offer at least four entertainments.

Last year, the first concert was given by the English Singers, a group of two women and two men singers, who succeeded in restoring a number of lost musical song treasures from the Golden Age of Music. The last two performances were given by John Charles Thomas baritone, and Maier and Patterson, duo pianists. Each of these programs displayed the finest talent available, and those of this year promise to offer even better entertainment.

Athletic Council Week-Ends At Hanes Camp

Excellent Food, Canoeing, and Swimming Furnish Amusement for Week-End

Old and new members of the Athletic Council spent a frolicsome week-end at Camp Hanes in the Blue Ridge mountains.

Old members enjoying the week end were: Ruth Carter, Dorothy Thompson, Mary "Lib" Holcomb, and Amelia Gooch, while those on the present council were: Ann Meister, Hazel Bradford, Bebe Hyde, Georgia Huntington, Althea Slough, Marion Hadley, Grace Pollock, "Jo" Walker, "Shorty" Biles and Coach "At."

Leaving from school at four thirty, the cars arrived at Camp Hanes at about six o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Immediately the girls began amusing themselves by canoeing and stuffing themselves with cider and cakes until nine thirty, when a real hungry campers' supper was served.

After supper Saturday night groups of girls again went canoeing

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Wall Chosen to Head The Freshman Class

Freshmen Elect Class Officers And Adviser

The first class meeting of the Freshman Class was held Wednesday under the supervision of Miss Irene McAnally, President of the Junior Class. At that time Miss Elizabeth Lilly was chosen Faculty Adviser for the class and officers were also elected. The officers are: President—Margaret Wall, New York City; Vice-President, Esther Spach, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Secretary—Jane Williams, Wilmington, N. C.; Treasurer—Elois Padrick, Fort Pierce, Florida.

College Freshmen Can "Take It or Leave It"

Excerpts From an Article Appearing in Raleigh News & Observer of Interest

From the Raleigh News and Observer comes an interesting comment upon the new educational plan which is being tried at Chicago University and whose progress is of interest to all college students. In the above paper comes the following:

"The smartest freshmen ever to attend the University of Chicago assembled 725 strong on the campus tonight (September 23) to begin an educational experiment unique in college annals.

"They'll go to class when they feel like it. They'll read only those books which interest them. They'll confer with their professors when and if they please. And if they don't emerge from the university after four years as gentlemen, well educated, an intellectually proficient, then Robert Maynard Hutchins, youthful president of the university, is going to be sorely disappointed.

"Hutchins, who wears tweeds and looks like a handsome undergraduate himself, despite his responsibilities as head of one of the nation's largest and richest universities, mapped out his revolutionary educational system several years ago. This year marks his first chance to use it in its entirety.

"The system is based primarily on the theory that an intelligent man will want to be educated; that there's no use in attempting to educate a man who is interested only in speakeasies, football, 'dates,' etc. The university thus hand-picked its incoming freshman class.

"It is the ablest group in the university's history," said W. F. Cramer, secretary of admissions. Most of them were in the upper third of their high school graduating classes.

"They will be given every opportunity to satisfy their curiosity, to learn how best to earn a living, but no university official or professor ever will tell them they must do anything. Courses will be offered that have been elaborately revised, reading lists suggested, books made available and one of the most notable groups of educators in America assembled. The freshmen may listen to the lectures, read the books and then 'take it or leave it.' President Hutchins believes they 'will take it,' depending as he does on the seriousness and the 'good minds' of his freshmen.

This article continues from this point to outline in more detail the new ideas and system of education involved. All plans have been carefully constructed and the experiment put into working order along very purposeful and definite lines for the sake of all the ideals and principles involved all students and educators should hope for its success and watch the stages of its progress with close attention.

WINNERS OF PASSES

The Management of the Carolina Theatre announces with pleasure the winners of this week's complimentary passes:

Miss Margaret Johnson of the Editorial Staff of The Salemite and Miss Edith Claire Leake of the Advertising Staff of The Salemite. The winners are chosen weekly according to their ability and work on The Salemite.

Y. W. C. A. Welcomes Old And New Students at Meet

Dr. Willoughby Talks At Y. W. C. A. Vespers

Finding Joy in Life Through Knowledge Is Topic of Timely Address

The third milestone in the Y. W. C. A. quest for happiness was "knowledge," the theme for Sunday Vespers. The service opened with a piano solo by Miss Wanna Mary Huggins. The vesper choir softly sang the opening sentence, after which Miss Eleanor Idol, President of the Salem Y. W. C. A., led the prayer.

A discussion of the subject for the evening was made by Dr. Willoughby. In an interesting talk she told of "Finding Joy in Life Through Knowledge." She said that the familiar quotation from Gray, "If ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise," is often misunderstood and misapplied. Gray was writing as one who longs to be ignorant of grief, not of intellectual knowledge. History proves that ignorance has only brought misery to humanity, and that the world has progressed into happier ways of living when learning became prevalent. The teachings of the three greatest philosophers and teachers—Socrates, Buddha, and Christ Jesus—urge men to pursue learning in order to live happily.

Dr. Willoughby impressed her audience with the importance of knowledge in finding joy in life.

Pierrette Plays Tryouts Are Held

Twelve New Members Are Selected for the Season of 1931-1932.

On last Monday, September 21st, tryouts for the Pierrette Players were held. About thirty girls read or acted dramatic passages before the judges. Dr. Willoughby, Misses Elizabeth Lilly, and Mary Virginia Pendergrass. Each selection lasted about two or three minutes.

The following girls, who showed the dramatic ability to be commendable, were asked to join the players: Lucy G. Rogers, Margaret McLean, Phyllis Noe, Virginia Nail, Marietta Way, Elois Padrick, Frances Caldwell, Betty Boone, Elizabeth Morton, Courtland Preston, and Emily Moore.

Macdowell Club Honors Freshmen at Dance

Royal Comb Players Furnish Necessary Music for the Gala Event

In honor of the Freshman class, the Macdowell Club entertained at a formal dance on last Saturday night, September 26th, in the Recreation Room of Louisa Biting Building.

Jane Williams and her Royal Comb Players furnished popular music for the occasion. Annie Zue May, Nancy Hood, and Babe Silverstein took turns in accompanying the orchestra. As a special feature, Eloise Padrick gave a tap dance. After several hours of dancing, members of the club served eskimo pies.

This dance was the first entertainment of the Macdowell Club this year and was typical of the club which sponsors so many of the successful social activities on the campus from year to year.

Y. W. C. A. Association Meets For First Time

Members of Cabinet Tell of Their Particular Activities in "Y" Work

The first "Y" Association meeting of the year, on Tuesday night, was a delightfully informal one around a large open fire in the Recreation Room of Louisa Biting.

Miss Eleanor Idol, President of the Y. W. C. A., welcomed both the old members and the new girls and expressed the hope that the association would mean a great deal in the college experience of each girl. "Vespers are formal," Miss Idol said, "but the Association meetings are very informal, meetings occurring once a month with an outside speaker occasionally." Every one who wishes may belong to the "Y," the membership drive will start on Sunday.

Miss Idol introduced the officers and the cabinet members some of whom told of the work done by their committees. A very cordial invitation was issued to everyone to join the group in which she is interested. The Vice-President, Miss Martha Davis, is also chairman of the Student Industrial group which is composed of city girls who work in the factories. The college girls and the industrial girls meet twice a month, alternating between the college and the city "Y," to swap their experiences and to share their problems.

Miss Grace Pollock is Secretary.

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Students Vote For Student Self-Government

Final Vote Is Cast, Installing Honor System Unanimously

On Wednesday night, September 23rd, every member of the Salem College student body with the exception of one person voted for Student Self-Government. As the vote was final, clearing up last year's problem, this type of government was adopted permanently. Student Self-Government is working just fine. More girls have called down, but I think that is due to their reporting themselves and not to their breaking more rules. The penalties for breaking rules have been reduced, and each girl is on her honor to report herself for misdemeanors. No "Steer Geir" or other student may report a girl but both advise her.

The single reporting system seems to be working successfully.

The authorities are pleased with the way the students have been cooperating to make student self-governing, Salem's venture into practical idealism, a success.

The following elections to the Student Council have been voted upon during the week:

- House presidents
House-president of Clewell—Elizabeth Price
Sub-House-president of Clewell—Mary Sample
House-president of Louisa Biting—Kitty Brown
Sub-House-president of L. W. B.—Daisy Litz
House-president of Lehman-Society—Gillian Hall
Sub-House-president of Lehman-Society—Zina Vologodsky