

SENATOR DOUGLAS TO LECTURE

Cast For Spring Production Announced By Miss Riegner

"The Importance of Being Earnest," the celebrated comedy by Oscar Wilde, will be the spring presentation of the Salem Pier-



Miss Elizabeth Riegner

rettes. The play itself is an extremely broad farse involving a completely ridiculous situation of seeming double identity.

Miss Elizabeth Riegner, director, has chosen the following for the cast:

- Hon. Qwendoline Fairfax
 - Margaret Blakeney
 - John Worthing
 - Cecily Cardew
 - Algernon Moncrieff
 - Dick Johnson
 - Lady Bracknell
 - Miss Prism
 - Rev. Canon Chasuble
 - Betty Lynn Wilson
 - Lane, a servant
- not cast
- The actors, who will portray satirized characters in a farcical situation, seem to represent a cross-section of Winston-Salem and college talent. Pax Davis and Bill Woestendick are both newspaper men, while Dick Johnson is an employee of Western Electric. Three sophomores, one freshman and one senior will represent their own respective classes as members of the cast.

Miss Riegner, in announcing her production ideas for the play, has

stated that she plans to give the play arena style. The represented stage will be the area directly in front of the standard stage in Old Chapel. This, of course, will require very careful staging in all aspects since the audience will be seated around all four sides of the actors, even above on the stage proper.

The setting of the play involves three places—scenes in London and scenes inside and outside of a country home in England. The stage will probably have four entrances, each coming through the audience, thus establishing the advantage of a production of this type—the close relationship of actors to their audience. This point will be further strengthened by the actors' ability to speak in natural tones, thus obtaining ample projection in a case such as this, and by the constant position shifting of the actors in order that all members of the audience may see a part of each scene facing the actors.

The play will be given April 14 and 15 in Old Chapel.

Seniors Win Opening Game

The basketball season got off with a roaring start Wednesday night when the seniors defeated the sophomores in a nip and tuck battle 52-51.

The game was close all the way with neither team having more than a four point advantage at any time. The score was tied 15-15 at the end of the first quarter, 32-32, at the half, and 42-42 at the three quarter point.

All the players starred and no individual can be picked out from the rest. The guards especially played good games, but the forwards were not far behind.

Allison Long, varsity forward from last year, led the scoring for both teams with 27 points while Marian Lewis had 26 for the winners.

Jean Currin had 15 for the sophomores and Emma Sue Larkins swished 16 through for the seniors.

41 Freshmen Will Assist At Boys' Club

Forty-one Salem College Freshmen will participate in the direction of the Red Shield Boy's Club and teach the boys in activities such as cooking, arts, crafts, dramatics, singing, contests and library supervision.

The project originated when Nellie Barrow, president of the Freshman Class, and Miss Margaret Barrier spoke to Mr. Sotis, who is in charge of the Boy's Club.

He explained the need for help in the activities and advantage the club would receive if the Freshman Class would take part in such a project.

The Freshmen first attended the Little Sister's Contest and party at the Club on Wednesday, Feb. 11. There, after judging the contest, the girls were shown the building, rooms and facilities of the club. Mr. Sotis announced that judging the Little Sister's Contest would be an annual activity for the Salem girls. At the Freshman Class meeting last Wednesday, each girl interested in the project signed up to help in the field she preferred. Each girl will work on one 2 hour period a week from February 23 to May 18 and transportation is furnished for them to and from the Club.

Last Tuesday, Mr. Sotis spoke to the freshmen taking part in the project and explained to them their duties and jobs. He discussed the purpose and history of the club and answered questions.

"This is not an experiment; this is an experience, Mr. Sotis told the freshmen. He also added that he was certain a new path was opened in the Boy's Clubs.

He said that out of the 375 Boy's Clubs in America, it was the first time such a project had been undertaken.

U. S. Senator And Economist To Speak Here Feb. 23

Senator Paul H. Douglas, United States Senator and expert in the field of economics, will appear at 8:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 23, in Memorial Hall, as the fourth speaker in the Salem College lecture series. Internationally known in the field of economics, Senator Douglas is the author of many books.

While serving in the Senate Douglas was assigned at various times to the Committees on Banking and Currency, Labor and Public Welfare and the Joint Committee on the Economic Report. His most recent honor, the highest in his profession, was his election last year as president of the American Economic Association.

Senator Douglas, or Dr. Douglas as he may be called since he received his Ph. D. degree at Colum-



U. S. Senator Paul H. Douglas

bia University, is a Democrat from Illinois and shares his political career with his wife who was at one time the Congresswoman-at-large from the state.

During World War II Senator Douglas enlisted in the Marine Corps as a private at the age of fifty. He was trained at Parris Island and went to the South Pacific early in 1943.

Became Lieutenant Colonel

He rose through the ranks to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel and was retired from the service in 1946. Immediately following his period of service in the Marines he returned to his former position on the faculty of the University of Chicago.

Among the measures he has advocated are: old age pensions and unemployment insurance, the reduction of electricity and gas rates, the protection of investors in private utilities from financial manipulation.

He was active under President Roosevelt in drafting the original Social Security Act and was a member of the committee to the Senate on the revision of this Act.

"The Current Military and Economic Position of the United States" will be the subject of Senator Douglas' talk. His background in the field of economics and politics, particularly his support of the program of economy in government spending and his long training and rich experience in governmental problems, have given him an international reputation.

Senator Douglas was prominent during the political conventions as a possible candidate for the Democratic nomination. He will be entertained at dinner and a coffee as Salem Academy.

Testing To Begin

The Sophomore Testing Program will be given March 24-25. The tests the sophomores will take include a general culture test, which lasts three hours, and a contemporary affairs test, which lasts one and a half hours.

W.S.S.F. Week Begins Feb. 22

The World Student Service Fund is the American branch of a world-wide university enterprise. The Y. W. C. A. will sponsor W. S. S. F. week on Salem campus Feb. 22-27. Its purpose is to give assistance in emergency material relief, educational reconstruction and international understanding. Help is given to students in greatest need without discrimination as to race, religion or politics.

Alice McNeely, chairman of the WSSF campaign states that the youth of today will be the leaders of tomorrow in religious, political, scientific and educational affairs. We need capable and educated leaders.

She further asserts that in devastated and underprivileged areas students struggle against overwhelming handicaps in getting an education to prepare themselves for their responsibility among their people and in our world. They need materials.

In soliciting Salem's corporation, Alice says that just being here at Salem is evidence of our privileged position. Because we have this opportunity to go to school under such desirable conditions, we should feel a responsibility to help those who struggle under privation and hardships for the same purpose as we.

Elizabeth Krauss, a foreign student from Holland, will speak in chapel Tuesday concerning the meaning of WSSF.

Pledge cards will be passed out for each student to sign. The goal has been set at \$500.

Solicitors will visit each room throughout the week to collect the pledges. Students are urged to contribute generously to the worthwhile campaign of the World Student Service Fund.

Nominations Begin

The Nominating Committee will begin its series of meetings to nominate next year's leaders of the major organizations at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 25.

The members of the committee are the president and both vice-presidents of the Student Government, the class presidents, the heads of the major organizations, the chief marshal, three upper classmen chosen by the president of the Student Government, Dr. Dale H. Gramley and Miss Evalle Covington.

The elections will begin early in March.

The student body is reminded of the right to petition names of other nominees to the nominating committee after the candidates are announced.

Petitions require the signature of 10 percent of the student body and must be in to the president of the student government by 9:30 p.m. on the night before the election.

Britt's Poll Shows That Most Salemities Are Egotists When Reading The Salemite

By Alison Britt

It was Friday. The sun shone and I was happy. At five o'clock the Salemities would come. I hurried from lunch and nervously smoked my usual afternoon pack of cigarettes and waited. At last it came.

My hot little hands grabbed the paper eagerly and whipped the pages until I found it: the subscription prices. I read them eagerly and sighed. The price was still only \$298.42 a month.

Then with a blinding flash of intelligence I wondered, "Why did I read this part of the paper first?"

Psychoanalysis Needed

This question called for psychoanalysis. But since I have had only one semester of Dr. Welch's psychology this was impossible.

I felt that I must find out if I was abnormal. "Take a poll" an evil little voice in me cried.

So I hunted for victims for my poll—my very own poll. I had

never had a poll of my own before. From the catacombs of Main Hall to the Bell Tower of Home Church I asked my question: "What do you read first in the Salemite?"

With their eager eyes shining the Salem students poured forth their deep secrets, glad to have someone in which to confide.

Groups Pile on Groups

In spite of all I could do, their whispered answers fell into groups piled on groups—I searched feverishly.

I found intellectuals. They don't go to Mr. Blair's Milton class or Dr. Singer's philosophy class to seek knowledge. They come to the editorials of the Salemite. Doris McMillian, Kappy Green, Anna Katherine Dobson and Bessie Smith pour over this section every Friday.

The largest group is the egotists who read "Campus Shots" and

secretly hope their latest doings are listed. Lane Owery, Boots Hudson, Ann Campbell, Dora Cameron, Pat Marsh and Jean Currin quietly peep at this column first.

I found out a secret that certain Salemities tried so hard to hide. Some of us are illiterates and first look at the pictures. Mary Joyce Wilson, Sue Jones, Betty Morrison, Jean Shope and Claire Chestnut smile sheepishly every Friday when they see familiar faces in the Salemite.

Poet Reads Ears

There is one poet here at Salem who reads the ears (the little poems in the top corners of the front page).

Many wonder what is going on in the world. They are better known as the inquisitives and they read the front page first. Those who eagerly search for current

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