

Messer Speaks On Merits Of Liberal Arts Education

The merits of a liberal arts college education were discussed by Dr. William Stuart Messer in Honor Chapel yesterday.

He said that the duty of a college student is to "get wisdom" and a liberal arts college is the best place to acquire wisdom.

We, as college students have a "moral obligation to be intelligent", said Dr. Messer. Our obligation is greater in the light of the present world situation and the attempts by various groups on "thought control".

We may gain knowledge and facts from college, but this knowledge is merely the "raw material from which wisdom comes". A development of the powers of reason, judgment and comprehension will enable us to gain wisdom from these facts.

The importance of tolerance in all phases of life was stressed by Dr. Messer. "Intelligence must be tolerant."

He also said that intolerance is detrimental to free thinking.

A liberal arts college is of great importance to women according to Dr. Messer. It teaches women to be interested in more things than just "children, church and the kitchen".

A wife molds the minds of her children and prepares them to be good college students.

Dr. Messer is professor emeritus of Dartmouth College. He received his B. A., M. A. and Ph. D. from Columbia University. Mrs. Messer is a Salem College graduate.

Dean To Play With Symphony

Clemens Sandresky, dean of the School of Music, will be the featured piano soloist for the Winston-Salem Symphony concert to be held at 8:30 p.m., Feb. 11, in Reynolds Auditorium.

Dean Sandresky will perform with the local symphony the Concerto No. 23 in A major by Mozart.

The program will also include the Overture to "Der Freischutz" by Clara Maria Von Weber, and the Symphony No. 1 in G minor by Vassili Kalinnikov.

The orchestra will be conducted by Mr. John Iuele of Atlanta. Mr. Iuele is assistant conductor of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

This will be Dean Sandresky's first appearance with the Winston-Salem Symphony. He has previously performed with the Brevard Festival Orchestra and the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra.

Todd Speaks In Chapel

"Most books are worthless, corrupt and incomplete," charged Dr. William B. Todd in chapel last Tuesday when he spoke on "The Adventures of a Bookworm." This statement applies to book publication in general, he said.

Having conducted a six year study of books, Dr. Todd has found that old books are more inaccurate in text than recent publications. He believes that the errors result from the reprinting and re-editing of old literature. "Any book is only an approximation of what the author said. The more a book is handled, the less accurate it becomes." Errors may occur in setting type, editing and proofing, he revealed.

Dr. Todd verified the inaccuracy of books by citing various examples. Two editions of the verbatim account of a trial are entirely different, and quotations of Shakespeare have been so changed in later editions that new meanings have been accepted. Various editions of the Bible contradict each other, Dr. Todd has observed. For example one edition states "a fool hath said in his heart there is no God," but another version contains the following: "a fool hath said in his heart there is a God."

"Do not take books on faith," the speaker advised Salem students and faculty, "Remain skeptical and inquire into the background of each book."

Dr. Todd, professor of English, received his B. A. and M. A. degrees at Lehigh University and his Ph. D. at the University of Chicago. He has conducted extensive professional research both in the United States and in England.

Hixson Reveals Dean's List And Honor Society

New members of the Honor Society for first semester—1953-54 were announced by Dean Ivey Hixson in Honor Chapel Thursday. They are: Norma Jean Ansell, Mary Carolyn Kneeburg, Barbara Anne Kuss, Betsy Brandon Liles, Audrey Ann Lindley, Freda Siler, Betty Claire Warren.

The requirements for the Honor Society are one-fourth A's, C's balanced by A's, no failures or conditions. Eligibility is considered after five semesters at Salem.

The Dean's List was also announced. Those students having a B-plus average for the semester are: Seniors; Barbara Allen, Ann Bondurant, Elaine Elrick, Alice McNeely. Juniors, Norma Jean Ansell, Louise Fike, Carolyn Kneeburg, Barbara Kuss. Sophomores, Louise Barron, Donald Caldwell, Mitzi Green, Ella Ann Lee, Susan McLamb, Nancy Milham, Jean Miller. Freshmen, Madeline Allen, Nancy Cockfield, Vee Copeses, Joan Smitherman. Special students; Helen Fung, Marianne Lederer.

Modern Dance Club Organized

Twenty-five girls attended a meeting to organize a Modern Dance Club at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday. This meeting was brought about for girls who are interested in advanced modern dance. It was decided that members would meet for an hour and a half on every Wednesday night in the gym.

Emily Baker was elected president of the club; Joyce Taylor, vice-president; and Bobbie Green, secretary-treasurer.

Bunny Terry was appointed as chairman of the committee to draw up a constitution for the club. Dues were established at 50c a semester.

The girls of the Modern Dance Club plan to attend two coming events: The Dance Drama Duo with Emily Frankel and Mark Ryder which is scheduled on Feb. 9 at Reynolds Auditorium, and the Art Forum at Woman's College Feb. 13, which is a demonstration of modern dance groups from all Southern Schools.

James Reston Will Be Third Lecturer In The Salem Series

James Reston, Washington Bureau chief of the *New York Times*, will be at Salem Feb. 8, in Memorial Hall to speak on "The United States in the World Today." He is the third speaker on the Salem College Lecture Series program of this year.

Since Mr. Reston joined the *New York Times*' staff in 1939, he has spent several years in London. He has also recently returned from an extensive tour of the Far East which took him across the major critical areas in that part of the world.



JAMES B. RESTON

He was awarded the 1944 Pulitzer Prize for his news dispatches and interpretative articles on the Dumbarton Oaks Security Conferences. He has also received the following awards: Overseas Press Club Award, 1949 and 1951; Doctor of Letters degree from Colgate University, 1951; English Speaking Union Award, 1951; Chevalier de la Legion d'onneur, 1952.

Mr. Reston was born in Clyde Bank, Scotland in 1909. He received some of his elementary school education in Scotland, but has lived in this country since 1920.

He was educated in the public schools of Dayton, Ohio and at the graduated in 1932. He worked for University of Illinois where he the Springfield Daily News and also as sports publicity director for Ohio State University.

For a year he was traveling secretary for the Cincinnati Baseball Club, after which he joined the staff of the Associated Press in New York City as a sports writer in 1934.

In New York he also wrote features, worked on the Associated Press city and cable staffs and wrote a New York column. In 1937, the Associated Press sent him to London where he covered major sports events in the summer and the foreign office in the winter. Two years later he joined the *New York Times*' London Bureau.

Since 1939, Mr. Reston has been reporting national and international events. Early in 1943 he became assistant to the publisher and later that year returned to London as acting head of the *Times* Bureau.

In 1945 he became national correspondent and after the war was named diplomatic correspondent covering important national and international political developments. In 1953 he became bureau chief of the *Times* in Washington.

Salem Adds New Teachers

Three part-time instructors have been added to the Salem faculty due to the increased enrollment in the Home Economics and Religion departments.

New faculty members are Mrs. Pollyanna Stewart of the Home Economics department, Rev. John H. Johansen and Rev. John S. Goserud of the Religion department.

Mrs. Stewart is the new part time instructor in clothing. She will teach one course during the second semester.

She is a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College and a former member of that faculty. She has done graduate work at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina and the University of Tennessee.

Rev. John H. Johansen, pastor of the Christ Moravian Church, will teach a course in the Life and Teachings of Jesus. He received his A. B. from Moravian College, his D. D. from Moravian Theological Seminary, and his S. T. M. from Temple University.

Rev. John S. Goserud, pastor of the Konnoak Hills Moravian Church, will instruct a course in Christian education. He, too, received his A. B. from Moravian College and his D. D. from Moravian Theological Seminary.

News Briefs

The Lablings will have their first meeting of the semester next Thursday, Feb. 11. The meeting will be in the Science Building at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Spencer Thornton, a Senior at Bowman Gray, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Thornton has worked with medical missionaries in Hawaii. Everyone is cordially invited to the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

There will be a very important Canterbury Club meeting Tuesday, Feb. 9, in the Friendship Rooms of Strong at 6:45. The Rev. Thomas Frasier will be the guest speaker. Everyone is urged to come.

The faculty committee on Class Attendance wishes to remind students that all excuses for illness must be presented to the Recorder's Office within 48 hours after students return to classes. Otherwise the absences will be counted.

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Alumnae Representing Three Generations At Salem Tell Of Social And Curricula Changes

A description of the life of three generations of Salem alumnae was given by representatives of each generation Tuesday night, Feb. 2, by the Winston-Salem Alumnae Club of Salem College.

Those representing the three generations were Mrs. W. L. Siewers, her daughter, Mrs. Stewart Bondurant, and Mrs. Bondurant's daughter, Bonnie.

Mrs. Siewers began by telling that when she was a student at Salem the primary function of the college was to train the student "how to be a lady". Students took courses in sewing, homemaking, painting and weaving.

During the time that Mrs. Siewers went to Salem, the girls wore white bloomers one and one-half yards wide. The girls were not allowed to see boys at any time, and if a boy so much as rode the train with a girl from Greensboro, the girl was expelled from college.

This rule involving the boy and girl was abolished by the Board of Alumnae and the school faculty.

Mrs. Siewers further added that the students were not allowed to go on front campus at any time. It was not until 1902 that the stu-

dents were permitted to sit on the front porch of Main Hall.

Mrs. Siewers related that each Sunday the Salem students were required to attend the services in the Home Moravian Church. The students sat in the balcony of the church so they would not be noticed by the boys. But Mrs. Siewers added that the boys always sat downstairs and would look up at the girls and wink at them.

When Mrs. Siewers was a student at Salem, the students were required to wear their class robes at all times—to classes, to church and even when they went to walk as a company on Sunday afternoon.

This custom of wearing the robe was prevalent in 1900, and also when Mrs. Bondurant was a student at Salem. The custom was abolished sometime between 1902 and 1927. Mrs. Bondurant added that the students were chaperoned at all times.

Mrs. Bondurant related the story of a classmate who had committed an offense. For punishment she was required to sleep on the fourth floor of Main Hall for two weeks. She could not come down except for classes and meals. To

be sure the student would remain in her room, a Student Government member would stay with her.

Mrs. Bondurant recalled that when a play was given the students played the men's parts. She further recalled that a dance was given for the seniors only, and this was once a year. This dance consisted of five minute promenades, because the boys were not allowed to dance with the girls.

When Mrs. Bondurant enrolled at Salem only three courses were offered. The courses were nursing, stenography and homemaking. At this time women were not very prominent in the business world. The woman's place was still considered to be in the home.

Bonnie Bondurant, who is a senior at Salem, reflected upon the changes that have come to Salem through the three generations. Bonnie gave particular emphasis to the variety of courses now offered at Salem and how these courses prepare the student for a vocation. One of the most important changes that has come about during the three generations has been the social changes.