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New Officers Are Installed In Official Ceremony

Hixson Tells Sophomore Test Results

The Sequential Tests of Educational Progress (STEP), which were initiated at Salem this year, were taken by the sophomores on March 21 and 22. The highest ranking sophomores were:

- Mathematics:
1. Nan Williams
 2. Sandra Shaver, Sarah Tesch
 3. Betty Ann Parker
 4. Susan Foard
 5. Joan Brooks, Abbye Davis, Harriet Herring
 6. Frances Jennette
 7. Meribeth Bunch, Gwen Dickerson, Emily Littlejohn

- Reading:
1. Nancy Jane Carroll
 2. Susan McCotter, Evelyn Vincent, Nan Williams
 3. Caroline Easley, Harriet Herring, Rosemary Laney
 4. Julia Cox, Susan Foard, Sarah Tesch

- Science:
1. Nancy Jane Carroll
 2. Betsy Guerrant
 3. Susan Foard
 4. Harriet Davis, Harriet Herring, Susan McCotter
 5. Henrietta Jennings
 6. Janet Barnett, Nan Williams
 7. Sarah Tesch, Barbara Williams

- Social Studies:
1. Susan Foard
 2. Carol Doxey, Marie Stimpson
 3. Harriette Dwell, Nancy Neese
 4. Joan Mason, Sarah Tesch, Nan Williams
 5. Louise Adams, Meribeth Bunch, Nell Wiggins

Each sophomore may get her interpretative leaflet from her advisor when making preliminary registration.



Before installation Curt Wrike chats with the new Stee Gee president Margaret MacQueen. In the background are Patty Kimbrough, Mary Jane Mayhew, and Frankie Cunningham.

"On Campus" Roommates Are Out Of College

Miss June Gentry once claimed that there was not anything unusual about her—there was absolutely nothing on which to base an interesting article for the *Salemite*. But everything she does contradicts this statement.

This black-haired modern dance instructor lives a few houses up from the Post Office with Alice McNeely, the assistant to admissions at Salem College. Their apartment is in the basement and

they jokingly call it "The Cave." It is attractively decorated with copper Turkish incense dishes, lamps, and a few paintings by Ralph Herring, Miss McNeely's fiance. The living room is about eight feet square with low ceilings, and Miss Gentry is constantly bumping her arm when she raises a clothes hanger to see if a dress needs pressing.

The furniture in the living room consists of a few bookcases, a television set, a coffee table, a chair, a couch, and a covered board which serves as an extra sofa.

The only thing left now, though, are two chairs and the T. V. set. Miss McNeely is getting married in June, so she has moved most of the furniture to her new apartment in town.

The white kitchen is very clean, and they do their own cooking when they have to. Since neither of them are accomplished chefs, they wait until they are hungry and forced to prepare a meal before they start. And Miss Gentry can't remember whether yams are made from Irish potatoes or sweet potatoes. If she has a midnight snack, she punishes herself by not eating breakfast the next morning. She says that sometimes they wait until seven o'clock to start supper. When Miss McNeely gets hungry, she fixes supper for Miss Gentry and they eat.

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been completed and will be presented to the faculty for their acceptance or rejection on May 7.

The first was the need for increasing the number of faculty members. By 1970, 500,000 new teachers will be needed in the United States. To meet this demand, college students taking education need to be encouraged to teach. A curriculum should be developed in high schools and colleges which would interest students in education. Courses should lay stress on independent thinking and ideas, rather than memorized facts.

Curriculum evaluation was the second topic. The importance of increasing effectiveness of instruction and improving student attitude was stressed. This might be accomplished through student-faculty committees to judge importance of courses taught, faculty evaluation, and by seminars composed of class members discussing their class programs. Independent

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New Presidents Reveal Their Plans For 1958-59

On April 10, the officers for the school year 1958-59 were installed. Mary Curtis Wrike, outgoing Student Government President, summarized the progress which Salem has made in the past and, at the same time, presented the student body with some suggestions for continuing growth.

Said Mary Curtis, "Our government system is a central part in education. We should set effective educational objectives and seek to attain our goals of government through them." It is Curt's opinion that when we fail to attain our goals it is often because we are not responding to what is put before us. Therefore, if we are to progress as individuals and as a self-governing body, we must take advantage of the educational opportunities at hand. Only in this way will we be nearer to achieving the student's ideal: "the greatest development of intellectual power."

Margaret MacQueen, in her inaugural address as new Stee Gee President, defined student government as a "demonstration of personal honor and a willingness of taking responsibility; moreover, it affords us the right to uphold or tear down ideals and traditions."

Every student has a part in the government of Salem. To be informed participants, and therefore, good governors, students should

read the *Salemite*, use their right of petition, and discuss matters with the representatives on the Student Council.

Following the Farewell and Inaugural addresses, the new officers were installed, with each old officer administering the oath of office to her successor.

The new officers are as follows: President of Student Government, Margaret MacQueen; Vice-President of Student Government, Frankie Cunningham; Secretary of Student Government, Nan Williams; Treasurer of Student Government, Sandi Shaver; Senior Class President, Mary Lois James; Junior Class President, Norwood Dennis; Sophomore Class President, Leafy Pollock; President of IRS, Ruth Bennett; President of YWCA, Mary Jane Mayhew; President of WRA, Martha McClure; President of Pierrettes, Martha Goddard; Editor of the *Salemite*, Jean Smitherman; Editor of the *Sights and Insights*, Marcille Van Liere; Chairman of May Day, Patty Kimbrough; NSA Co-ordinator, Ann Bolin; Chief Marshal, Betsy Gatling; President of the Day Students, Mimi Burt.

In the following paragraphs, the new organizational heads outline their tentative plans for the coming year.

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Pulitzer Prize Winner Schlesinger, Speaks Here

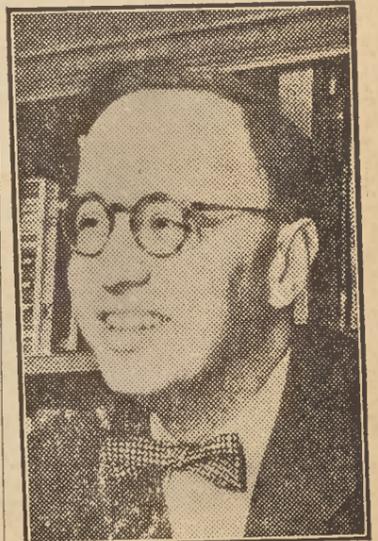
On Thursday night, April 17, the Lecture Series brought to the campus Mr. Arthur Schlesinger who, the *New York Times* says, "ranks among the foremost in the new generation of vigorous social thinkers."

Mr. Schlesinger is a noted historian, author, and lecturer. In 1938 he was graduated summa cum laude from Harvard, where he is now a Professor of History. The following year his honors essay, published under the title of "Orestes A. Brownson: A Pilgrim's Progress," received high praise from the critics and was a selection of the Catholic Book Club. Upon receiving the Pulitzer Prize for *The Age of Jackson* in 1946, he became the youngest historian ever to receive that award. Mr. Schlesinger worked on his prize-winning book as a Henry Fellow at Cambridge University, England, and subsequently as a member of the Society of Fellows at Harvard.

Two other books by Mr. Schlesinger are "The Vital Center," published in 1949, a brilliant discussion of contemporary political and social problems, and "The General and the President," which was written in collaboration with Richard Rovere of the *New York Times* and which deals with American foreign policy in terms of the is-

suues raised by President Truman's dismissal of General MacArthur.

Mr. Schlesinger has also contributed articles to *Life*, *Fortune*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Harper's*, *Saturday Evening Post*, and other periodicals.



During the 1952 and 1956 presidential campaigns Mr. Schlesinger was a member of the staff of Governor Adlai Stevenson. He has also served in recent years as a consultant for the Economic Cooperation Administration and the Mutual Security Administration.