

## Seniors Get Results

# Receive Voice On Committee

Following several days of uproar in the Senior Class concerning the lack of student representation on the Commencement Committee, the Office of the President announces the definite schedule for Commencement Exercises. Alumnae Day will be June 7 with the seniors being inducted into the Association on Sunday, June 8. Rev. Ernest Fitzgerald will preach the Baccalaureate sermon, and The Honorable Barnaby C. Keeney will be the commencement speaker.

Nancy Taylor, President of the Senior Class, explained that the controversy with the Commencement Committee had arisen over a mix-up in communication. The class had been asked by the Alumnae Association to present Follies, but

## Rice To Speak

"It will be an interpretation of America at the present time in the light of my recent experience in two other cultures," explained Dr. Charles L. Rice as he discussed "South Africa, New Zealand and the Present Situation," the topic for his assembly program to be held Wednesday, April 16.

Dr. Rice, who during the academic year 1967-1968, was Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion at Salem, has spent the past several months traveling in Europe, Africa and New Zealand. At present he is Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion in the Divinity School of Duke University.

While in Africa, from July until December, Dr. Rice taught at Adams United College in Alice, South Africa, a native interdenominational theological seminary. He termed his experience as "very satisfactory" in his school for non-whites training to be ministers to non-whites in their own churches. Here he saw the sensitivity of students to their own social problems and their theological awareness in relation to these problems.

Following his professorship as the only Caucasian in the educational community of this village in South Africa, Dr. Rice spent several weeks in New Zealand. He traveled with an anthropologist, specifically studying the Maori tribe and its culture, a field which has long interested Dr. Rice.

Currently, as a professor at Duke, Dr. Rice has been a close observer of the racial disturbances there. In an attempt to analyze the Negro students' demands, especially for a Black Studies program, he is seeking to define the term "Black Culture" in the light of the word "community," which he believes is fundamental to the entire concept of a black culture. In this analysis he is utilizing the experience and opinions he gained through his teaching in Alice, South Africa.

Dr. Rice received his undergraduate degree at Baylor University, theological degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Union Theological Seminary, and his Ph.D. from Duke University.

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the Commencement Committee had not been informed of this invitation. Consequently, the Committee set up the exercises without including a time for Follies.

Dr. Gramley said that never before had the Senior Class ever taken an interest in setting up the schedule. Although the class has decided not to present Follies this year, the misunderstanding has been cleared up. Dr. Gramley gave the Senior Class the choice by offering to call another meeting of the Committee.

The Commencement Committee has always been composed of the President, the Dean of Students, The Academic Dean, the Dean of Music, the Business Manager, the Dietician, the Alumnae Secretary, and the College Chaplain. Next year, as a result of this year's misunderstanding, the Senior Class President will also sit on this committee.

Not only does this committee set up the schedule, but also they are in charge of choosing the speakers for the exercises. Dr. Gramley explained that this choice has always been an administrative responsibility with the approval of the trustees. There are several guidelines for choosing these speakers.

The Committee begins early in the year asking for suggestions from colleagues. Dr. Gramley said that they have never asked a clerical father or a senior to speak at Baccalaureate sermon because there would be no fair way to make a choice. Nancy Taylor agreed with this, and also said that the class would have no way of knowing what people would be available or acceptable as Commencement speakers. Therefore, the choice of speakers is left to the Committee.

This year's speakers, Rev. Ernest Fitzgerald and The Honorable Barnaby C. Keeney, were chosen by the Committee early in the year.

Rev. Fitzgerald is presently the senior minister at Centenary Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. He is a native of North Carolina and received his education entirely in this state, at Western Carolina University and Duke Divinity School. He has served churches in various parts of North Carolina.

The Honorable Barnaby C. Keeney is currently chairman of the National Endowment for Humanities. Born in Oregon, Mr. Keeney received his AB degree from the University of North Carolina, his MA and PhD from Harvard. He served as tutor and an instructor in history at Harvard, and as Professor of History at Brown, and became president of that institution in 1955. He remained at this post until 1966 when he became the chairman of the National Endowment for Humanities.

# Melas II Anticipates Travel To Entertain Troops In Europe

By Ginger Zemp

Melas II is making news again. With a solid record of successes, Dee Dee Geraty and Linda Camp have propelled their popular singing duo to an exciting new level. The two Salem girls have won the honor of performing for U. S. troops on a Defense Department Tour of Europe this summer, putting on their own "two-man show."

Leaving in July, Melas II will travel to the Azores and throughout Europe for eight weeks. They will be constantly entertaining, working six days a week. Their transportation will be provided by the U. S. Army, and they will be assisted by an Army liaison officer. The girls will present two shows a day with an hour break between performances. They will have three costumes in which to sing, but they



have already been warned that slacks will be a must for traveling. Explaining, Dee Dee said that Army transportation includes bus, jeep, and helicopter. She theorizes that parachutes and aquatic gear possibly prove awkward over dresses.

Both Dee Dee and Linda have been to Europe before and are looking forward to returning there this summer on tour. They hope to meet Eva Drexler, a 1967-1968 Salem foreign exchange student from Wilhemsburg, Austria. Linda's parents will meet the girls in Europe at the end of their eight week tour.

The duo enthusiastically praise Mr. John Davis, their manager, for his part in making their summer tour possible. An English teacher from Lexington, Mr. Davis noticed

the cover picture of Melas II on the Salem Alumnae Bulletin. A few years ago Mr. Davis went to Alaska on a similar tour. Realizing the opportunity that awaited Melas II, he urged Dee Dee and Linda to apply to the Defense Department. He handled their paperwork, and when the girls learned that they had been accepted for the tour, he agreed to act as their manager.

Dee Dee and Linda have been singing together for three years, since their dorm's Christmas party in 1966. An original third member, Peggy Holroyd Dimling, has since transferred and married. In 1967 the trio represented Salem in the Campus Talent competition—their first performance off campus. Last year Melas II won the Campus Talent '68 contest.

The girls have performed before varied audiences since forming Melas II. They sang at the Salem Tavern and at a Wake Forest assembly earlier this year. Recently they performed at the Salem alumnae meeting in Greensboro. Local television performances in the future include three shows this month.

The girls have limited their performance engagements this year due to preparation for Linda's senior voice recital to be held April 25.

When asked about the future of Melas II, Dee Dee and Linda said that they have made no definite plans to continue the group after they leave college. Their dedication to music and enthusiasm for performance have been both outstanding personal qualities and valuable attributes to Salem College for the past three years.

## Etcetera

There are still openings in the Asolo, Italy summer school program. Information can be obtained in the Registrar's Office.

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Preliminary registration forms for summer school are available in the Registrar's Office.

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Dean Johnson will be in Atlanta April 10-13 for the National Women's Deans and Counselors meeting.

## Sabbaticals, Grants Announced

# Professors Aim, Varied Studies

Among Salem College professors who are leaving next year for study are Mrs. Mary Mevlin, Mr. Michel Bourquin, and Mr. Donald McLeod.

### Mrs. Melvin

Mrs. Melvin will leave in March to spend two or three months in Paris on her sabbatical leave. While in Paris, Mrs. Melvin will study, attend plays, operas, and public lectures, and in general, will become reacquainted to the French media. While in Paris she will stay at the home of friends. Mrs. Melvin also plans to visit Italy.

### Mr. Bourquin

Mr. Bourquin is taking a leave of absence to study for a year at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. He intends to complete his course work for a Ph.D. in French with a minor in English Literature.

### Mr. McLeod

Mr. McLeod is doing research this summer in the Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee. He will study botany

in Chapel Hill at the University while working on his dissertation. Mr. McLeod will also spend the following summer doing field research.

Three of Salem's faculty members have received Piedmont grants for individual study. The usual award is a given sum which is matched by the college and designated to the applicant for research in his desired field with the possibility of publication on the finished work. Those receiving grants for use from July, 1969 through July 1970 are Dr. Kelly, Dr. Buchanan and Mr. Shewmake. All three have revealed exciting and ambitious proposals for research.

### Dr. Kelly

Dr. Kelly plans to use his grant for living expenses, travel and materials, probably in late summer. He will spend about one week at Duke University, and explore in depth one of the topics covered in his dissertation. He explained that Psalms 7:46 has an intriguing diversity of three theories developed around it. Dr. Kelly plans to focus on one theme which views Zion as the center of the universe and the

focal point of creativity. Also planning to incorporate other theories concerning the passage, he hopes to submit his research for publication and for the use of other Biblical scholars.

### Dr. Buchanan

Dr. Buchanan patiently explained his project as an attempt to photolyze (photo chemistry) some simple organic gases, such as ammonium and phosphine. This requires the construction of specialized equipment, for which Dr. Buchanan will use his grant. Hoping to begin work on his research this fall, he will try to publish his experiment in a journal providing his results are meaningful. This area is a continuation of his dissertation which deals with the causation of chemical reactions by shining light, producing various results with the breakup of molecules.

### Mr. Shewmake

Mr. Shewmake is using his grant for the continuation of a project made possible by an earlier Piedmont grant, concerned with the exploration of the rapidly growing

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