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Controlling AIDS In the '90s

Dr. Richard Keeling Says it Depends on Self Esteem and Awareness

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What was most important was that he stressed the values of self-esteem and awareness. It was a refreshing change from the homophobic doomsayers we see at work in our nation's capital.

Dr. Richard P. Keeling, the current Director of Student Health at the Uni-

versity of Virginia and a consultant to Health Advocates, addressed an audience of students, faculty, and staff from area colleges Wednesday afternoon in Hanes Auditorium. His subject was "H. I. V. and You: The Second Decade." He was joined by colleague Eric Engstrom, also involved in Health Advocates.

Aids, Dr. Keeling explained, can no longer be thought of as a gay's disease. More and more heterosexuals throughout the world are being diagnosed as

carriers of the AIDS virus, and included in that risk are college students.

The thrust of Dr. Keeling's lecture dealt not with the scientific characteristics of disease, nor did it deal with treatments or legislation. He spoke about assertiveness and communication, about knowing yourself and your values and how that can help protect you from the high-risk behavior associated with AIDS. What was important was that he stressed the values of self-esteem and awareness. It was a

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A Marriage Made In Heaven

adapted from The Winston Salem Journal by Kathryn White



The wedding of Dr. Natalia Ruth Moehle and Dennis Ray Rushing, both of Winston-Salem, was at 2 p.m. August 4 in the Rondthaler-Gramley House at Salem College. The Rev. Ron Davis officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Capt. Albert and Valia Moehle of Austin, Texas. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, where she also earned a master's degree and a doctorate. She is an assistant professor at Salem College.

The bridegroom is the son of the late Brady F. and Lillian P. Rushing. He attended Parkland High School and is self-employed with Speedy Movers. His children are Jody Rushing, Dana Rushing, and Stacy Rushing, all of Winston-Salem.

The ushers were Susie Murphy of Wilmington, Anu Sharma of Smithville, Sarah D'Alonzo of Raleigh and Sara Dorgan of Winston-Salem.

The couple will live in Winston-Salem.

Dr. Moehle, Dr. Rushing, joined the Religion department in 1984. Since then, Dr. Rushing has proven herself to be a caring and compassionate teacher and friend. Her students, fellow faculty members and friends wish her the best as she begins her married life. Congratulations to Dr. Rushing, her husband and her new family!

Dean Allen Brings Salem Community Together

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A new era in Salem's history began with the arrival of Dean Annette Allen.

Dean Allen is like a breath of fresh air on the Salem College campus. Her enthusiasm and love of learning is evident in every word she speaks.

Dean Allen was appointed as Dean of Salem at the end of the '89-'90 school year and arrived in August. During her first month Dean Allen has become a true 'Salemite.' She loves having a key to Gramley library where she goes at night to read the Salem archives.

Dean Allen has great interest in emphasizing personal creativity. She wants to "foster creativity in both the students and the faculty." "Through stories," she stated, "we tell ourselves about ourselves."

According to Dean Allen, Salem gives people the opportunity to find themselves; something one could not do in a large university. "It takes people who call you out of yourself and allow you to come forth," she said. She also emphasized the importance of a "commonality" of interests within a community.

During a recent interview, Dean Allen mentioned establishing a mid-week break for the Salem community during which students, faculty, administration, and staff could gather informally. "Salem can be a community where we engage freely on all levels."

Dean Allen has brought one of many new ideas to reality.



photo by Patricia Earnhardt

Dr. Jim Booth talks with Denise Decker and Anna Moomaw during mid-week break.

Last week the first mid-week break was held on the back porch of Main Hall. Students, administration, faculty and staff held informal discussions over cookies and tea.

A conference for women writers is already planned for the spring. She also hopes to develop a poetry contest for high school students sponsored by Salem. Dean Allen feels that it is important to "bring the quality of this paradise to the outside world."

Dean Allen is also excited about "the new scholarship in all the sciences on how people have looked on a women's condition in society and how it has progressed." "It makes the past more livable and palatable for all of us."

Her experience while teaching in a

Protestant parish in East Harlem deeply affected her life. There she "became acquainted with the shadowy side of life." After receiving her undergraduate degree, she spent several years at the American African Institute in Ghana, West Africa.

Dean Allen received her master's degree from Southern Methodist University. There she was the director of continuing education and an assistant professor of English. She was awarded her Ph.D. from the University of Texas.

She has been the associate dean of instruction at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Dean Allen is also an award-winning poet and is planning to teach while at Salem.