

THE LIBRARIAN

Monthly Newsletter of Savery Library

Savery Library abides by all social distancing and mask guidelines.

FREE LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Game Night
EVERY WED. AT 7 PM

Theater Thursdays
EVERY THUR. AT 7 PM

Author Talk
MARCH 9 AT 6 PM

Community Service Fair
MARCH 15 3 PM

Trivia Night: Sports
MARCH 16 AT 7 PM

Witness to Innocence
MARCH 23 AT 6 PM



Letter from the Director

BY CAITLIN COX, DIRECTOR

Savery Library is excited to announce that Mr. Perry Trice (formerly Administrative Assistant to the library) is the new Archives/Special Collections Librarian! He brings a plethora of knowledge in organization and collections management to the position. If you would like to visit the archives or need information from the archives, please contact him through tcarchives@talladega.edu

This means that the library is hiring a new Administrative Assistant! If you know of any hard workers, please encourage them to apply!

I would also like to remind everyone that Savery Library will be closed March 31-April 5 for Spring Break!

Have a Safe Spring Break!



Library Programs

BY ALLEN MCQUEEN, LIBRARIAN

Savery Library had a successful month of programs in February. We continued to hold our weekly Game Nights and Theater Thursdays. A special day of movies, Valentine's Day Massacre, was held on Valentine's Day. It featured several romantic horror movies. Our new game of Cards Against Humanity has proven to be very popular. Games can also be checked out to be played inside Savery Library. We also held our monthly recreational events, Bingo and Black History Trivia Night. Students were able to compete for prizes at these events. 2nd Chance Inc. presented at our Community Service Fair. Savery Library also hosted our Black History Month program. Dr. Revel of the Birmingham Negro Southern League spoke about the history of the Negro Leagues and black baseball in general. Our rescheduled Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day was also held.

March is going to be another busy month of programs for Savery Library. We are hosting our weekly Game Nights and Theater Thursdays. The movies for this month are: Sidewalk Stories, Ayo of Yop City, City Lights, and Female Agents. We will also host Bingo and Trivia Night. The topic for Trivia will be Sports. Two guest speakers will present. Young Adult Author Lila Quintero Weaver will discuss her books and the writing process. Juan Melendez, the 99th person exonerated from death row, will speak about his story of spending 18 years in prison after being wrongfully convicted of murder. A local nonprofit will present at our monthly Community Service Fair.

Please take
our Library
Programs
Survey!

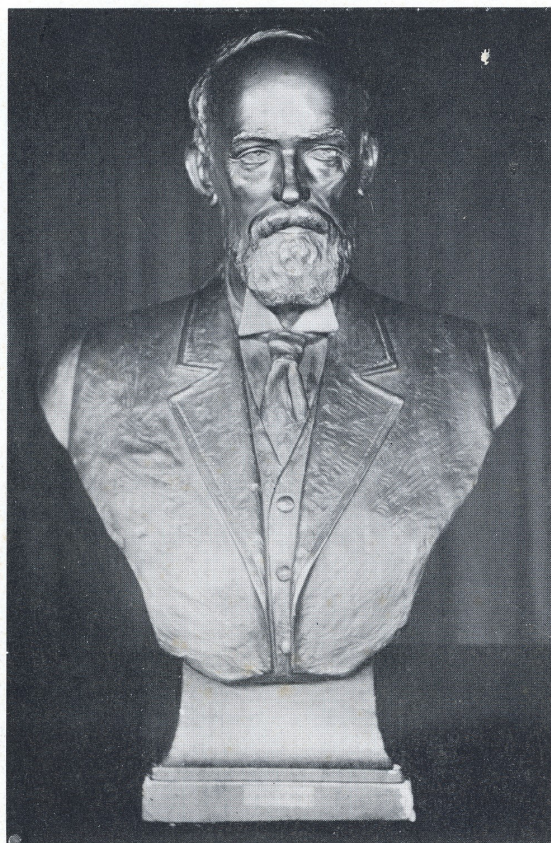


"Good teachers are the reason why ordinary students dream to do extraordinary things..."



From the Archives

BY PERRY TRICE, LIBRARIAN



The Bust of Dr. Edwin Chalmers Silsby

When you visit the Savery library you see a lot of history. The dark wood paneling leads your eye up to the Hale Woodruff murals, around to the Galange artifacts, and back down to the Amistad memorial inlaid in the marble floors. It's a grand entryway to a beautiful building. But have you ever looked off to the side to see the bust of Abraham Lincoln and thought, who's that guy next to him?

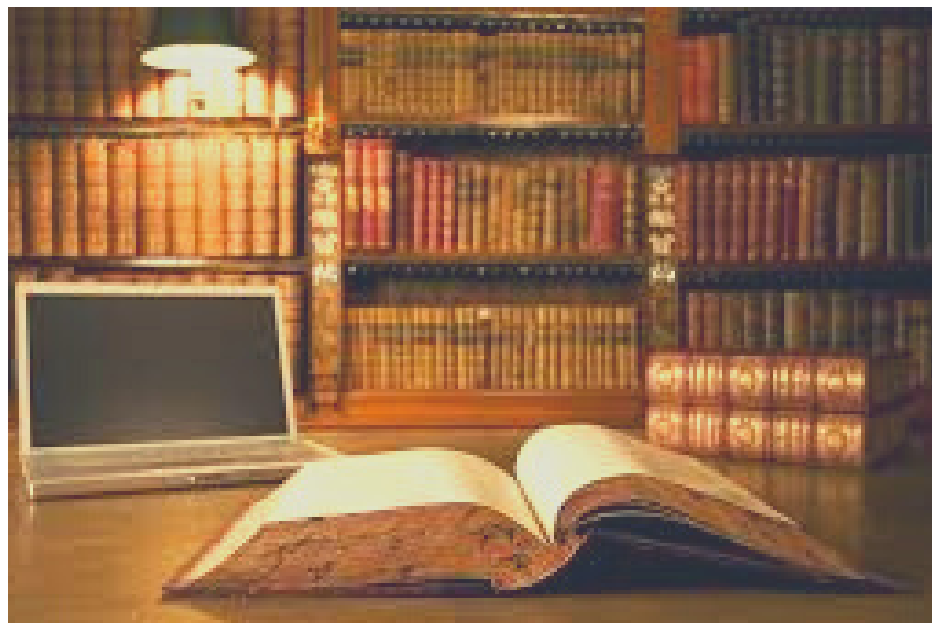
This is our bust of Edwin Chalmers (E.C.) Silsby, probably better known to you as the Silsby in Silsby Hall.

Born to missionaries in Bangkok, Thailand in 1851 E.C. Silsby first came to work in Selma, Alabama in the late 1860s and returned again after graduating from Oberlin College in 1873. He began working for Talladega College in 1885 as the treasurer (dean/registrar) but would go on to earn a law degree from Howard University, at which time he became a professor of history and political science. He served as a professor at the college until his death in 1922. This bust was a gift from the class of 1926 and was given to the college the year construction began on what is now Silsby Hall, completed in 1927. The building was a gift from the General Education Board and friends and alumni of the College. Today it contains the laboratories, offices, and classrooms for the Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

If you are interested in more information, please email or call!

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Staff Profile: Dr. Lou Avotri

BY PERRY TRICE, LIBRARIAN

Name: Lou Ellen Riggans Avotri

Birthdate: April 6

Hometown: Elizabethtown, North Carolina

Position within the University: Director of Retention

Where did you graduate from: Ed.D. from N. C. State University, M.S. and B.B.A from N. C. Central University

A Book you have recently read or would like to recommend: Atlas Shrugged

Involved in or Sponsor any Organizations on Campus: I am a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Favorite Spot or Building on Campus: The student success center. I think it's a wonderful place and all students should visit it.

Mentor or pivotal figure: My high school teachers were my mentors. They were very protective of me, connected with my mother without my knowledge, and worked hard to make certain I stayed on track for college. I was very involved in activities in high school, but never forgot the reason for being. Throughout the years we remained friends until their death or illnesses where they longer knew me.

Plans, announcements, initiatives: The Student Success Center is planning a Major Fair on April 8, 2021. I would like all students who have not decided on a major or are thinking about changing their major to attend. This is a good opportunity for students to learn more about potential majors and communicate with professors in the departments that interest them.

Favorite Quotes

Good, Better, Best.
May you never rest
until your good is
better and your
better is best.

It is better to be
prepared for an
opportunity and not
have one than to
have one and not
be prepared.

