Seminar Announcement

Bainard Cowan

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The Visionary Teachings of Donald A. Cowan

The Archive Seminars · Spring 2021
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Guest lecturers: Dr. Jessica Hooten Wilson, others TBA
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In our current world of fear and desperation, is it possible to gain a vision of hope for the future? Donald Cowan, the University of Dallas's third president, shared such a vision in the many speeches he gave and essays he wrote on education, science, and society. For him, hope is the very function of imagination: an imagination shared by a people creates the space for a shared future. But the sharing of imagination must be accomplished and refined through education. In writing, speaking, and forming the backbone of the University, it was Cowan’s constant effort to place the goal of a hoped-for society and the means of education in touch with each other.

Starting Thursday, January 28, 6:00-8:00 p.m., the Cowan Archive invites students, alumni, and friends of the humanities everywhere to get to know the mind of Don Cowan, physicist, educational leader, and visionary, and gain for yourselves a vision of hope in our dark time. Reply to Cowanarchive@udallas.edu to receive your Zoom link to these sessions.

January 28: The Mission of Universities and the University of Dallas.

February 11: The Nature and Significance of Liberal Education.

February 25: The Transition of Society from a Myth of Fact to a Myth of Imagination.

March 11: The Role of Secondary Education and the Principal’s Art of Leadership.

March 25: The Roles of Science and Technology.