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BENNINGTON, Vt. -- Russell Baker, editorial page columnist for The New York Times, will deliver the annual commencement address at Bennington College Friday, June 16, at 8:30 p.m. in the Marquee on Commons Lawn.

The address will follow a buffet supper for graduates and their guests. Friday at 4:00 p.m. members of the graduating class will perform a Commencement Concert in the Carriage Barn. Included in the concert are works by Handel, Joan Harkness, Celia Hudson, Sharon Powers, Alice Webber and Chopin.

Degrees will be conferred by President Edward J. Bloustein and Oscar M. Ruebhausen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, in a traditionally short ceremony Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn Quadrangle. Sixtyeight women and one man will receive Bachelor of Arts Degrees and one woman and one man will receive Masters Degrees in art and drama respectively.

Mr. Baker has written his column, Observer, for the New York Times since 1962. He served in the Washington Bureau of that paper from 1954-62 and with the Baltimore Sun from 1947-54. He served with the U.S.N.R. from 1943-45 and received his B.A. degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1947. He is the author of An American in Washington, 1961 and No Cause for Panic, 1964.

The public is invited to attend the concert, Address and Commencement ceremony.