

Easter Brings Change Around The Square

By Becky Boswell

The sun-bathers have vacated the large aqua rectangle and H2O has filled in. The swimming pool is ready for use thanks to lifeguards like Sue Randak . . . it was a welcome sight in the 90° and up weather we've been having . . . with green trees (we'll ignore the rain) . . . and pretty girls in pretty hats on Sundays . . . Ida Mae Jennings has one of green-silk—big she says to cover the 1½ inches cut from her hair . . . the girls also came through with Easter presents for their boyfriends . . . Barbara Ann Harrington and Normie Abercrombie gave blue and purple ducks to Butch and Hall.

Lucy Lane, Claudia Burnett, and Lib Long probably think the boys are doing all the giving since the three are all wearing pins . . . two from W. F. . . for Lucy a Kappa Sig, Jimmy Riddle; for Claudia a KA, Bill Williamson . . . and from Jerry Cole, Kappa Sig at Davidson for Lib . . . Lib's also Kappa Sig Sweetheart.

Homecomings are flourishing at Salem . . . Nancy Bragg, Susan McCotter, and Nell Wiggins, former Salemites, came up for Harriet Herring's recital . . . oh, and congrats to Harriet for a great job . . . Dottie Pooser has worn a big smile this week after brother Bill came to see her from France . . . it's been two years.

Easter meant trips for many Salemites including the kitties that the Sisters girls took home . . . Sandra Davis, a day student, was

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Girls Question Empty Flagpole

Dear Editor:

Where is the flag? The American flag has not been masted in so long that some Salem students have almost forgotten that we have a flag symbolizing our American heritage. We have a flagpole . . . what is it for? The class of 1928 did not present this gift to Salem in hopes that it would become a barren extension into space. It has been said many times that Salem students revolve solely in their own world centered around Salem Square. We have been encouraged to keep up with the news and have discussions of world problems in order to better ourselves as college students and to prepare ourselves for future roles in the community as active American citizens. During this time of world pondering for the answer to peace, we should be concerned with preserving a democratic way of life. Maybe our lives are too filled with our own affairs—tests, term papers, meetings, dates, etc., but as often as we pass the flagpole a flag unfurled in the breeze would serve as a reminder of our American ideals. The freedom which was fought for years ago is accepted and taken for granted today, but, the time may come in the near future when we, in order to remain citizens of a democracy, may have to fight again for this freedom.

On behalf of some concerned students,

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Koreans Demand Free Elections, Oppose Rhee

By Janet Yarborough

Students . . . have a nice Easter? You know, besides tests, papers, vacations, the role of students has been and can be greater.

In Seoul, Korea, on April 19th, over 100,000 students marched to the President's palace to demand new elections in Korea. They were not invited to tea; matter-of-fact they were repelled by guns and other measures.

The main reason for their concern is the Korean President, Syngman Rhee. Eighty-five years old, Rhee has been a friend of the U. S. and a foe of communism. But it is difficult for an old man to completely change and see democracy in its full meaning. A respected leader since 1948, Rhee has been able to press his measures through in order to enhance his power.

Rhee is a member of the Liberal Party. The opposing party, the Democratic Party, accused Rhee's party of falsifying the returns of the last elections.

On April 20th, after many riots against Rhee's administrations, his cabinet resigned. On April 24th, the Vice-President, a member of the Democratic Party, resigned. Last Sunday Rhee announced that he is no longer a member of the Liberal Party and intends to remain aloft from party politics.

President Rhee says he plans to have reforms passed. But the opposing Democratic Party will not vote on reforms until new elections are held.

On Tuesday, April 26th, Rhee offered to resign. He also promised new elections. New elections are the only thing that will placate the Koreans. Defeated by the rioting and violence, Rhee said in a radio broadcast, "If the people want, I will resign from the presidency."

Having a democratic government is a relatively new thing for Korea. In the 19th and 20th centuries, little Korea was much desired by Japan, China, and Russia. After World War II, she got her independence from Japan and was divided into North and South Korea. The United Nations, with full support of the U. S., fought from 1950-1953 to repel the North Koreans and Communists from absorbing South Korea.

To the U. S., the Korean internal turmoil and its outcome are important. Whatever Rhee does can hinder our standing with the East since we are regarded as Rhee's friend. A quote from the *Baltimore Sun* stated that Rhee has been courageous against communism, but his recent actions are helping only the communists. However Rhee's move for new elections might shatter any communist propaganda.

In addition, the U. S. is concerned for the success of democracy in Korea more than she is concerned over the success of a political party. We hope that a democratic system is a system large enough to work in areas out of the Western World's circumference.

As the *Detriot News* indicates, there is hope for democracy in the Korean rebellions. Indifference to Rhee would have been worse; if the people had been reconciled to his measures, democracy would have been doomed. As it now stands, the people will elect the president of their choice.

Sources: *New York Times*, Sect. IV, April 24, 1960.

Winston-Salem Journal, April 25 and 26, 1960.

DURING THE WEEK...



WEEKENDS...



Honors Program For US?

A faculty committee is now studying the possibility of setting up an honors program at Salem. The committee is studying both an independent study program and a program of accelerated courses. Honors programs vary with each school, and the faculty would decide which type of program best suits the needs of Salem students.

A student in a program of independent study would not attend class meetings for the honors course. She would be doing independent research with special conferences with a faculty member. At the end of her research the student would probably write a research paper on her thesis. The accelerated classes would be somewhat like the English 30 classes. Students with more ability or better training would be placed in special classes able to take more advanced work or to cover the material more rapidly.

At the end of the year the seniors are thinking about graduation, June wedding or the new job waiting for them. The juniors are thinking about term papers, exams and being Big Seniors next year. The sophomores are busy rephrasing Hamlet to read: "to return or not to return—that is the question." And freshmen, well, freshmen are just looking ahead at three more long years of college.

Oh, we love Salem all right, but we think of Salem as four years of our lives. It's hard to think of Salem as an institution which will continue after we leave. It's hard to get enthusiastic about something that may not even be started until after we graduate. After all, it won't help US any.

This is the way the honors program would be. The classes after us would benefit, not us. It's so easy to think "Oh well, it won't happen while I'm here, so it doesn't concern me. What difference does it make?" Or we think "Well, I'm not a genius and won't be eligible for the program so it doesn't matter to me. I couldn't care less whether Salem has an honors program or not."

We should try, however, to think of the benefit which other students will be able to get from an honors program. And the honors program would undoubtedly raise the academic rating of Salem. If we are really interested in Salem and not just enduring college for four years, then this should make a difference.

Next week students will be asked their opinion about the proposed honors program. Student Government is helping to get a cross section of student opinion, and the honors program will be discussed in house meetings.

Think about the honors program, but try to think of it in terms of what it can do for Salem, not what it can do for us. We think it's a good idea; we just wish we could be here for it.

MLN

Our Distorted Values...

It seems that a distorted sense of values is becoming a hard and fast tradition at Salem now. For several years now the junior class has honored the senior class with a fancy banquet to show how much the graduates would be missed. It is an admirable sentiment and we are in favor of honoring the seniors in some way.

The seniors have not always been honored by a banquet. In the past the junior class has sponsored a dance or some other entertainment for the seniors. The idea of a banquet began when both the junior and senior classes were smaller than they are now.

The class of 1960 considered changing tradition because they did not have the approximately \$600. needed for a banquet and gifts for the seniors. When they sponsored the concert by the Dave Brubeck Quartet, they made enough money to give the banquet and a scholarship.

The idea to change was dropped until this year. Then our class, after selling food at the plays and in the dorms, sponsoring a bake sale in chapel and working all year to make money for the traditional banquet, did not have enough money. The banquet is traditional, and the majority of the people wanted a banquet. Although our class hasn't made the needed \$600 we will have the banquet and the seniors will know that we love them. We'll pay the difference and we won't mind doing it for our friends. They did it last year and we'll do it for them so they won't feel cheated.

But now the rising junior class is following in our footsteps. They have voted to pay an extra \$3.00 in their student budget to have enough money for the banquet and to keep from having so many little money raising projects all next year. They will carry on a tradition faithfully—unquestioningly.

We feel that this is both a distorted sense of values and lack of original thinking and planning on the part of both classes. We don't mind working all year to make \$600 for a worthy cause, but it does seem strange to do it for a party for ourselves. The seniors are already honored by the Christmas banquet given by the sophomore class, and a dinner given by Dr. Gramley. The junior-senior banquet is just another good dinner. We would be more willing to work for more for a worthy cause such as a scholarship and to honor senior class in some other way.

The seniors are our friends and we want to honor them. Couldn't we do it in some other way? An informal tea in Friendship Rooms or picnic supper would be nice. If students can't give up the idea of a banquet, wouldn't the fried chicken garden peas, and the potatoes (the traditional banquet) be just as good in the club dining room as they would at a country club? Or if not, is the difference worth \$600?

It's too late to change plans for this year. But, rising seniors, do you really want to spend all of your money on a party? Really we won't be insulted if you do something original and inexpensive.

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