

POLIS

by granville m. keys

John Anderson is out to cause trouble! He's not following the rules. ours is a tow-party system. The legitament contenders are chosen at the Democratic and Republican national conventions.

Wait a minute. Let's back up and see just what sort of system we have according to the constitution. We the people wrote that we people elect electors who go to the electroal college and elect the president. (You knew that, Walter Klondike tells you that little piece of trivia every four years at some boring point in the convention broadcast.)

The juicy little item usually ignored is that clause which says that if the Electoral college is unable come up with a majority then the House of Representatives must take the case. Back when the Constitution was written the founding dads assumed that, more often than not, the race would be so close that the House would usually be choosing the chief executive.

Sounds as though we were supposed to have some sort of modified parliamentary system. (That certainly would change the balance of power between the White House and Capital Hill.) How did we get into our current system then? Why hasn't the House been choosing our Presidents lately? Perhaps the answer is that the two parties have simplified things enough that a clear majority can easily emerge. Or have they? Is 60 percent a devastating, overwhelming majority? In European politics, no. But in America,

60 percent is considered a landslide.

As long as the two maor parties were in contrtol of most, if not all, voters the situation was fine. But lately the parties are lossing their monopoly on the voters' range of thought. (The number of indepdent, diverse voters faced with a ballot that is still controlled by only two parties which reduce most questions to just two alternatives. Why don't we have more choices for which to cast a vote?

One reason is that election laws, written by major party legislators, favor major party candidates and handicap other parties in their efforts to get on the ballot. For example, a new party might not bne on a state ballot unless it received 5 percent or more of the vote in the most recent election. Mr. Anderson is finding out how hard it is to get on the ballot. In each state the procedure is different. And there's more than just ballot access. As anoter example, a major party candidate can get mail sent at a bulk rate of 3.1 cents. Other parties must pay 8.1 cents. The problems facing our country require creative solutions. Let's not preclude half the possible answers from consideration before even entering the voting booth. We might find the 1980's are too complicated to be heandled by just two candidates. I wish Mr. Anderson, the Libertarians, the Socialists, and whoever ele good luck in the attempt to present their alternative to the people. We need all the help we can get.

Lit in Italy

Two Saint Andrews students, accompanied by a friend from Greensboro College, recently completed a four and one-half week visit to the castle Brunnenburg located in the Alps of northern Italy. Seniors Jeff Keys and Lee Lambert studied under the direction of Princess Mary deRachewiltz, daughter of the late Ezra Pound.

"Mary gave us a crash course in her father's writings and we did research on our own to produce term papers for SAS 401," said Keys. Both were very enthusiastic about their experiences, citing the tremendous value of living in and experiencing another culture. "I have a wider un-

derstanding of what it means to be an American now that I have been exposed to the alternatives. I don't really think better or worse of our cutlure, but I place it in a wider context," says Keys.

Saint Andrews has in past summers sent several groups of students to study at Brunnenburg. All have returned to say that the trip gives both a tremendous academic experience and a pleasant, relaxing vacation. Anyone interested in making the trip mgiht talk to Jeff Keys, Lee Lambert, Jon Johnson, Mark Zink, Ron Bayes, Craig and Lynne Smith, or Dick Prust. All have been to Brunnenburg and will be happy to relate their respective stories.

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Stephanie Fore lands scholarship

Stephanie Fore of Chapel Hill, a former semifinalist in the Miss Teenage America contest, is one of the winners of the Distinguished Scholars Award at St. Andrews. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Fore, she is a graduate of Chapel Hill High School, where she was a member of the student council and of the National Honor Society.

A very active student, she earned mention in "Who's Who in American High School Students." She has acted in the Drama Club and in summer repertoire, per-

formed in "Li'l Abner," "Guys and Dolls", and "Junior Follies." As a member of the Spanish Club, she won a certificate of merit and was a finalist in a Spanish tournament in the ninth grade. That same year, she won first prize in a science fair. Stephanie has also participated in the Debate Club, the Marching Band, and the Concert Band.

She has been no less active outside of school. She has worked as a cake decorator at Swenson's Ice Cream. Stephanie has also served as vice-president of the

Methodist Youth Fellowship at University Methodist Church in Chapel Hill. In addition, she is a Senior Lifesaver.

For the past three years, however, Stephanie's main interest seems to have been in the medical field. She has worked as a Red Cross volunteer and as a candy-striper. She is a member of the Health Occupations Students of America. Since she is planning to major in biology as a premed student, she should be well prepared when she enrolls here as a freshman this fall.

Distinguished scholars awards announced

Each year St. Andrews Presbyterian College seeks out three admitted candidates who show superior academic and leadership achievements and awards them through scholarships. St. Andrews and its community place a high regard and prestige to these scholarships, because of the high selectivity standards set by the Awards Committee.

The Adwards Committee was chaired by Dr. Richard C. Prust and his committee was comprised of faculty members and students, who were earlier recipients of the St. Andrews Distinguished Scholar Award.

St. Andrews awards three different scholarship, the St. Andrews Distinguished Scholar Award, the St. Andrews Honors Scholarship and the St. Andrews Leadership Award.

The committee selected six candidates who will receive the St. Andrews Distinguished Scholar Award. Those selected will receive full tuition for their four years if they maintain a 3.3 grade point average.

Those selected were: Sharon Stanley of Fishersville, VA.; Jennie Mae Wilhelm of Winston-Salem, N.C.; Corey Ingald of Charlotte, N.C.; Stephanie Fore of Chapel Hill, N.C.; Maureen Ingalls of Fayetteville, N.C.; and Pam Donaldson of Tucker, GA. The average SAT and GPA

was 1180 and 3.5 respectively.

The Honors Scholarship, which carries a \$1000 a year grant for four years, was received by nine of the admitted candidates. The recipients are required to maintain a grade point average of 3.0 while attending St. Andrews. Those recipients are: Martha Whitlock of Stanley, N.C.; Lucy Elizondo of Springfield, VA.; Jenny Cleach of Richmond, VA.; Jane Newkirk of Wadesboro, N.C.; Suzanne Walker of Burgaw, N.C.; Jan Davis of Clearwater, FL.; Lolly Whitehead of Laurinburg, N.C.; Keziban Shevket of Pompano Beach, FL.; and Michelle Kleven of Fayetteville, N.C.

The Leadership Awards range in grants from \$300-\$1500 for the four years at St. Andrews. These awards are given to those admitted candidates that have demonstrated academic achievement and potential for excellence at the college level. Thirty-one Leadership Awards were given out for the 1980-81 academic school year.

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