

Anyone For Bridge?

"Due to the lack of participation the hockey tournament scheduled for this week has been cancelled."

Assembly announcement
October 22, 1956

It is time we stopped fooling ourselves and came out with it. Extracurricular activities and clubs and organizations have their good points, but they demand too much in the way of time and mental energy.

Somebody ought to stand up and say that, although there is a certain feeling that she ought to be doing something besides studying and dating, she honestly gets nothing out of extracurricular duties but a tired mind and a little recognition now and then. Nobody in school has the nerve to admit this, though.

Because the college has always had an athletic association, a newspaper, a yearbook, a play each semester, and a May Day program does not mean we must continue to have them. If we are tired of these things, let us come out with it. Say so.

And then we can do something about getting them abolished.

Think for a minute why you even bothered anyway. Do you really like to ask for ads, or to paint flats when it's cold, or to make announcements in chapel?

Perhaps you feel obligated to the person who asks your help. She's your friend and you hate to turn her down.

Or are you working toward your thirty points or eighteen hours or a nomination? And who will know the difference ten years from now?

Some people say they're just letting off excess energy between studying. But there are easier ways to do that.

A good movie (when one finally comes to town) is diversion with almost no effort on your part. Almost anybody can relax for a whole hour over a cup of coffee in Tom's or in the Student Center. A game of bridge is the perfect social calmer.

Imagine what you could do with all the six-thirty's and one-thirty's. Just the right amount of time for a short nap or a long-play record between lunch and class or dinner and study or date time.

We could get used to the one or two disadvantages. No Salemite on Friday afternoons. No yearbook in the spring.

We can always see plays uptown at the Little Theatre or over at Wake Forest. Maybe we could even watch some other school's May pageant if we have trouble getting used to not having one.

And the week-end before Christmas would not be taken up with a dance here on campus. No Christmas banquet to bother with.

No more programs to make for anything. No announcements, either. And glorious hours and hours of unplanned time.

It might be all right. Certainly we could come through the first shock of idleness all right.

We're strong, lively girls.

—J. S.

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afraid I often am, but I wonder if in a quiet moment, beyond the hearing of those who may enthusiastically promote and urge the proposed change, you (each one of you) really think you would like to have Salem become a blue-jean or pedal-pusher college.

8. Is it so restrictive and so terrible to be "different"? Do you think it worth a little inconvenience, if that's what it is, or a little discomfort, if that's what it is, to maintain a standard that singles out the Salem girl as unusual in mid-20th century? It could be that someday you will be proud that you helped keep standards high.

In any event, will you help one of your admirers hold the line? Yes, you've guessed it, in this 11th hour of my dilemma, the answer is "No".

Cordially yours,
Dale H. Gramley
President

May 19, 1954

Letters

Student Body:

Due to the article in last Sunday's paper concerning the Salem girls and the Wake Forest co-eds, we would like to apologize for the misunderstanding it may have caused.

We were indeed misquoted and feel sure all of you are aware that a newspaper sometimes twists statements to arouse public interest. We hope that our misquoted opinions will not be taken by anyone as the feelings of any member of the Salem student body.

Hila Moore
Camille Suttle
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Kappa Alpha Order
TAU Chapter
Wake Forest College
To the Editor:

Concerning the article about the



Beyond the Square

Carol Campbell

"Where there is much desire to learn, there of necessity will be much arguing, much writing, many opinions — for opinion in good men is but knowledge in the making." John Milton.

The Nation

At his Press Conference last week, Ike defined his opinion of Republicanism. According to the President, the best theory of government is the Lincolnian dictum of doing for people the things they can't do well themselves, but avoiding interference where people can do things for themselves.

The Federal Government should support social security and unemployment insurance, foster health research, overcome emergency schoolroom shortages and help keep the dollar sound. The partnership policy is to give the maximum responsibility into the hands of the local and state government to run their own affairs.

The Democratic approach is not only against releasing and helping the great results you get from a free people doing these things, but they are not concerned particularly with the sound dollar.

A short time ago the state of Mississippi invited a group of twenty small town New England editors and publishers to tour their state with the purpose of letting them learn the truth about segregation and what it is. Traveling the region on a chartered bus, the northerners were surprised to find a large degree of compatibility among the races and the existence of many fine Negro schools, but the Mississippi system of suffrage was an even greater surprise. In almost every district observed, the Negro citizen is denied the right to vote.

Concluding that the tour had proved that the worst they had heard was true, Editor Paul Cummings of the New Hampshire press said, "Integration is bound to come. Equal justice must come. Our system makes no allowance for forty-seven states and Mississippi."

Divided opinions were heard around the nation as a result of Stevenson's campaign proposal to halt the H-bomb tests. On one side, scientists agree that 1) there is little sense in building ever bigger bombs since we already have one that will blow up a city 2) there is no risk involved in a pact to end the tests since we could always begin again 3) there

are unknown dangers for future generations if we continue.

On the other hand it is contended that there is a value in continuing tests on missiles that could be used for defense against attacks and that if we made a pact and they were forced to resume if it was broken we would lose valuable time which couldn't be made up. Politically speaking, the majority of Americans have sided with the President against Stevenson on the assumption that "the general knows the most about bombs and war."

With the renewed fighting between the Israelites and the Arabs, a loss of Western prestige is feared in the Middle East. But things are more hopeful when we look to the recent events in the satellite countries.

People

The Daily Express of London has found another subject for attack: Prince Charlie's hair cut. Complaining about his highness's long bangs, the Express growled that not one photograph of him has ever revealed his forehead! When asked for an explanation, the royal Barber refused to comply, aloofly replying that "We never discuss the heir's hair."

The Duchess of Windsor dealt a blow to the policy of listing the world's best dressed women when she asked, "How could such a list be anything but phony, when most of the judges seldom see me or the other people they are voting for?" Touche.

Entertainment

A new record album entitled Aphrodisia and decorated with the ample figure of Antia Ekberg features this cautionary message—"The primitive rhythms in this album are basic and explosive. Those unaccustomed to dealing with aroused emotions are urged to listen with care." Should sell a million albums, at least.

Don't miss Around The World In Eighty Days. This film version of Jules Verne's intriguing epic promises to be one of the hits of the year.

The Metropolitan Opera begins its season on October 29 with the presentation of Bellini's Norma. Making her debut on this occasion will be Manhattan born Maria Meneghini Callas, the most talked-about performer in the opera world today.

Ending a world wide search for an actress to play the leading role in Bernard Shaw's Saint Joan, movie director Otto Preminger has at last made his choice in the person of 17 year old Jean Seberg. Slim, five feet, four inch Jean is a college student from Marshalltown, Iowa who has appeared in only five professional productions in one summer of summer stock. A modern Cinderella story.

The World

Is the Soviet Empire Crumbling? Let us look back. In 1948 the first break with Russia occurred when Tito led Yugoslavia to independence and away from the iron rule of Stalin. Then with the death of Stalin a general easing of policy occurred with the new Krushchev regime. An example of this were the smiling faces of the Russian delegates at the Geneva Conference last year.

A second bid for independence has now occurred with the steady disappearance of Moscow men in Polish government. Led by liberalist Wladyslaw Gomulka the Poles have defied threats from Moscow and are shouting for freedom. The eyes of the world are focused on Poland.



From the President

Judy Graham

Many of you suggested on your handbook tests that Salemites should be allowed to wear Bermuda shorts in the dining room, to class, and even some of you said to Tom's and the Post Office. The IRS in conjunction with the Student Council felt that no reply could be more thorough or more convincing than that made by Dr. Gramley to a similar request in May of 1954. Although outdated as far as blue jeans and pedal pushers are concerned the judgment is still sound.

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To Petitioners

Re: Dress during Examinations
Your petition "to wear pedal pushers and dungarees all during exams on back campus, and to exams" has reached my desk at the 11th hour. I am, thus, put in the awkward position of making an arbitrary decision, without opportunity of thorough review and discussion with the petitioners, with Student Council, with I. R. S. and with others. I am sorry such is the case because as I reminded you in chapel "You are Salem".

May I think this matter through with you, therefore, in this one-way conversation, to wit:

1. I think of Salem as being "different". I have thought so for five years now, and one of many reasons is that you girls keep yourselves feminine. This fact has been one of my boasts in talking about you and Salem when I am away from campus.

2. I know that "anything goes" on many college campuses, that girls wear jeans and pedal pushers and shorts, etc. I know also that

the next step with many of these girls has been carelessness and negligence in other matters of dress: their hair, for example.

3. I know, also, that the trend in America is toward conformance in so many areas, and that this trend is marked by "pulling things" down to a common level instead of pulling things up to a higher level. Because jeans, etc., are popular (or common) at Vassar and Smith and other places, the assumption so often is that "we ought to wear them, too".

4. I think of classes and examinations as being dignified in academic and other ways. And I am afraid I am just "old enough" to think of jeans and pedal pushers as being somewhat undignified. . . . To put it another way, jeans somehow remind me of hay rides, doggie roasts, picnics and hikes in the woods.

5. You may think me completely prejudiced in this whole matter, but my view is based also on aesthetic grounds. (I have seen women on whom jeans are not becoming).

6. One of the troubles with letting the bars down in matters of dress is the next step, then the next step after that, and then the hop-skip-and jump that inevitably follows. (If to classes, why not the dining room, why not to the Post Office, why not to classes the year around, why not to Church? . . . And if jeans and pedal pushers are all right, why not Bermuda shorts, gym shorts or your own variety of shorts . . . And then, perhaps, why not bathing suits?)

7. I may be all wrong, as I am