

Pride . . .

Some definite steps toward vitalizing campus elections have been taken. The Student Government Council and the student body are to be commended for swift, practical moves.

The pre-election dinner and campaign speeches by presidential candidates was the best of these steps. Despite the absence of real issues the candidates have a right to be heard and the student body has a right to hear them. The solemn reception of the well-planned, informal program was encouraging.

A second good change was the shifting of the actual voting procedure to a "neutral" location. It is hard to understand why both these moves were not made before now.

There are some thinking students, however, who are still bothered about the narrowness of the election procedure. Murmuring about the existence and power of the nominating committee can still be heard.

These skeptics have valid feelings that too many people, including the nominating committee members, have reasoned out a slate of officers ahead of time.

It may be, if this feeling can be perpetuated and expanded, that by next year the nominating committee can be replaced by student body meetings in which nominations are made from the floor.

A student who feels strongly that Mary Smith would be the ideal for a particular office (and Mary Smith is not in the current leadership spotlight) may be able to persuade Mary Smith to state verbally her interest in the position and her ideas on what the office entails.

The outgoing president or editor or chairman (whose opinion is highly valued by the nominating committee now) would still be able to designate her choice of a successor by nominating her from the floor. The student body could attach whatever value they liked to this nomination.

These considerations bear some thought from those who are likely to become complacent after a few changes have gone over successfully.

And Prejudice

The North Carolina basketball team will be playing in the second round of the national elimination tournament in Philadelphia tonight. Five New York boys comprise the starting team, currently winner of twenty-seven straight games and representative of the fastest conference in the country.

Sour grapes is one descriptive term for the anti-Carolina fans. But it is a shame that sour grapes has to take the ugly form of provincial prejudice and anti-Semitism.

Lennie Rosenbluth, the North Carolina forward who is undisputedly all-American, becomes not just an opponent but is termed a "Jew-boy" who should stay up north where he belongs.

These devastating opinions are not confined to the heat and excitement of a close game. And they belong not just to vicious alumni.

It is understandable for high school students, and extremely loyal college students to ride and deride the opposing team during a close and important game.

But it is frightening to think that otherwise wide-awake college students can seriously despise a competent athlete for his religious background or the part of the country he comes from.

College should be the place where such ideas are dispelled.

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Beyond the Square . . .

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Last Friday, the U. N. forces took complete control of the Sinai Peninsula after the withdrawal of the Israeli troops. This U. N. move is the first international police force that has been created in history.

However, all is not going smoothly. Last Sunday, it was necessary for the U. N. forces to use tear gas to break up Arab demonstrations demanding the return of the Gaza Strip to Egyptian administration. On Monday, Egypt announced that it was sending its own administration into the Gaza Strip. This move has caused apprehension among the U. N. diplomats and the General Assembly may be called back into session.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, U. N. under-secretary charged with the responsibility in the area, said he would shake hands with the Egyptian governor when he arrives, because he does not question Egypt's legal rights in Gaza. However, Bunche also asserted that, for the time being, the U. N. has sole responsibility for the Gaza Strip.

As things stand now, Nasser's army has lost military prestige, but Nasser still retains the support of the Asian-Arab world. The British and French influence in the Mid East is shattered. Through the Eisenhower Doctrine, the U. S. has accepted a pivotal role in the area. Of extreme concern to the U. S. the events of the year have brought an increase of Communist influence in the area.

Last week the Senate finally passed the Eisenhower Doctrine (vote of 72 to 19) which was proposed by the President last January. The Doctrine provides that we (1) send \$200 million in economic aid to the Mid East (2) give military assistance to those countries (3) dispatch U. S. armed forces, to help the Mid East repel any "overt" Communist attack.

Former Congressman James P. Richards is being sent to visit the capitals of the Arab nations to make plans for administering the aid. Though he has not yet been refused admittance to any of the nations, the Doctrine is not generally accepted in the area. Iraq, Lebanon, and the other pro-western nations have endorsed it. However, Saudi Arabia is the only one of the neutral block that has shown any interest. Egypt's press has criticized it; Jordan has ignored it; and Syria has rejected it.

The President has sent the new \$71.8 billion budget to Congress. This is the largest peacetime budget that has ever been proposed and the pressure is on from the public and from Congress to cut it.

The question is where to cut. There will probably be a proposed cut of from \$2 billion to \$4 billion, mainly from the foreign aid provisions.

At his news conference last Thursday, the President had to ask the reporters to speak a little louder. The President has been suffering from an irritation of the throat and, though his cough is better, his hearing has been somewhat affected by the infection. The President will seek some sun in Florida this week in hopes of clearing up his cold before going to Bermuda for a conference with British Prime Minister, Macmillan, on the 20th of this month.

Last weekend, movie actor Henry Fonda was married to Italian Contessa Afdera Franchetti. The civil ceremony took place in Fonda's New York home. The Countess is 24 and Fonda is 51.

This is Fonda's fourth marriage; it is the Contessa's first.

The former champion of the NBC Twenty-One television quiz program, Charles Van Doren, was defeated by a woman, Mrs. Vivienne Nearing, Monday night. Van Doren missed one part of a six part question dealing with the kings of Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Belgium, Jordan, and Iraq.

Last Monday night Admiral Richard E. Byrd died of a heart attack in his Boston home at the age of 68. Byrd was the first man to fly over the North and South Poles. He worked up to the end of his life on the U. S.'s Antarctic program which he supervised.

Tuesday night North Carolina beat Yale by 16 points, 90-74. The game was in New York and was the first game of the NCAA basketball playoffs. This is Carolina's 28th straight win.

The Boeing 707 jet passenger plane set a record this week in its flight from Seattle to Baltimore in three hours and forty-eight minutes. The jet averaged 612 m.p.h. and, at one point, attained a speed of 698 m.p.h. The big plane will be delivered to its first airline buyers, Pan American and American, late next year and in the early part of 1959. It will carry from 120 to 162 passengers.

Prince Bernhard, Consort of the Queen of the Netherlands, told a New York dinner party that he had been identified as "the guy who married Rita Hayworth". The Prince said, "I wasn't in any way offended by this—" The rest of the statement was drowned out by laughter.

Around the Square

The biggest event on campus last week was Parents' Day. The air was full of excitement Friday evening, and the rooms were being swept and dusted more carefully than they had been since we had open house last fall.

It is remarkable the items of clothing and the general litter that girls swept from under their beds. At least one once-white rug that had been neglected until too late was hidden in the corner of a closet.

Saturday morning few parents, understandably enough, showed up for classes. Two mothers, enthralled by Dr. Africa's lecture on "Great Britain in 19th century", took notes vigorously and chuckled at his dry humor.

The faculty held up pretty well. At 3:50 p.m. several of them were still in the Day Student Center chatting with parents, and even smiling.

Later in the afternoon, it was good to hear Father commending his daughter on her house-keeping abilities as he and Mother sat on her bed and talked with her roomie's parents.

The banquet was delicious. We didn't see Eleanor; we think she was under the table. She needn't be embarrassed, though. Parents have something strange in their make-up that causes them to keep letters they receive from their children—it's the same quality that makes them show off snapshots of them to anyone who'll look and stay up waiting for them to come in from a late date. A lot of fathers smiled in agreement to what Mr. Evans said. Most seemed relieved that they were not in his shoes.

The skit was a side-splitter! But it was interesting to notice that some of the speeches and expressions that drew roars from the parents were so natural to the students that they received only limp smiles from them. Nyra Boyd, we've decided, is ripe for Vaudeville. It was well-written, well-planned, and well-performed.

On the whole, it was a successful day—thanks to sophomores, freshmen, faculty, and of course, parents.

To all you Salemites who have not yet seen "The Barretts of Wimpole Street", our column recommends it highly. This story of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning featuring Jennifer Jones, John Gilgud, and Bill Travers is rave material, especially Mr. Gilgud's exceptional performance. All of you who have missed this movie so far had better hurry! It's still on.

It was a shame the crowd was so small at the lecture Monday night, for Dr. Lapp gave the most exciting talk of the series—possibly because to him atomic energy and its possibilities are the most exciting subjects one could discuss.

While explaining the processes of splitting uranium atoms for A-bombs and fusing hydrogen atoms for H-bombs, he lambasted U. S. politicians for their "egotism" in believing that our secrecy code is hendering the Russians.

He condemned the fact that only ten percent of the Atomic Energy Commission's budget is assigned to developing peaceful uses of atomic energy and praised Ike for his part in bringing about the "atoms for peace" conference.

It seems evident that Dr. Lapp is a man to watch—he's young, obviously a brilliant scientist, and will be in on the future developments in atomic energy.

Last Sunday night at seven sharp, six cars from a First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem rolled up to Clewell. The Choral Ensemble was ready to pile in and it wasn't long before we stopped before a large brick church. For some of the girls, it was the first visit to a Negro church. This one was quite large. There was even a lovely wedding chapel off to one side of the main building.