



Foreign Students Agree U. S. Is Losing Prestige

Prestige is not what is true about someone or something, but what is generally thought to be true about it by others. In our national relations, it refers to the extent to which the objectives and proposals of the United States are or are not taken into account by other major powers prior to taking action. This matter of action on the part of other powers is what makes our prestige abroad a matter of importance to all of us and a major issue in the present election campaign. According to foreign students at the University of North Carolina and at Salem College, the United States has lost prestige in nations abroad.

These students represent over 41 nationalities and a wide variety of religions and fields of study. Maggi Schlutz concludes that the recent spy plane incidents and Eisenhower's handling of it were major factors in reducing U. S. prestige abroad, and Rikki Eikendal adds that our failure to make a good showing in the space race with Russia and our multitude of strikes in recent years have also lowered our position. It was also mentioned, however, that our present world and national situation has never existed before, and that therefore more interest than otherwise has been placed on the actions and reaction of the United States to this situation. Foreign students may be influenced in their decisions, as opposed to foreigners as a whole, by the facts that they have spent some time in the United States and that the recent campaigns have made an issue of U. S. prestige abroad.

This matter of prestige, too, is evident in foreign opinion about our presidential candidates. Foreign students stated that their nations were more acquainted with Richard Nixon than

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Students Object To Speaker

Dear Editor,

We realize that in the editorial of the *Salemite* of two weeks ago the quality of our chapel speakers was discussed; but we feel that today, November 1, saw the speech which reached the lowest ebb. Do we really appear that ignorant to the residents of Winston-Salem and of Forsyth County?

Is it really necessary for our speakers to tell jokes which are not even remotely humorous, especially when they are in poor taste and

have no direct bearing on his topic? We, as students of Salem College, and feeling partially responsible for our speakers, wish to apologize to anyone who might have been offended by this person's discriminatory remarks. We hope that now the quality of our speakers is on the rise, as it cannot fall much lower.

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Elections Rise In Level

"I'll be so glad when the election is over"—that is all you hear about. "All they do is discuss the same old issues over and over again. I think it's horrid that they do nothing but call each other liars all the time."

Many comments like this have been heard around Salem as the final days before the election drag by. Certainly we have had a super-abundance of political discussions. And there have been many things during the campaign which very justly deserve criticism as we try to improve our political set up. But if we consider history, we will see that on the whole this campaign has been conducted on a high level and has dealt in issues rather than personalities.

For the overly fastidious student, we suggest that you read again about the elections of the past. Although there have been some inuendoes by subordinate people on both sides that seem to imply that their party is the party of peace and the opposition is the party of war, this is not the main level of the campaign. The candidates are not waving a bloody shirt to appeal to the emotions of the people as they did in 1868.

When we bitterly complain about the other candidate challenging our candidate, we seem to feel that this is personal abuse and slander. "Why he almost called my favorite a liar," we exclaim in horror. But remember the election of 1884 when Republican James G. Blaine ran against Democrat Grover Cleveland? The

mudslinging of this election was on the lowest level personal attack. The Republicans discovered that Cleveland had been involved with a Buffalo widow to whom an illegitimate son had been born. Cleveland had assumed full responsibility for the child and was supporting it financially. A Republican slogan for that year was, "Ma, Ma, where's my pa?" To which the Democrats replied "Gone to the White House ha, ha, ha!" This was perhaps the lowest level to which our political campaigns have sunk.

Although the discussion of the issues has not always been as enlightening as is possible, we have heard mainly a discussion of the issues and not the personal lives of the candidates. Perhaps we have heard more than enough about Quemoy and Matsu, but they are an issue. Perhaps we didn't like the way that the TV debates were set up, but we did have the opportunity to hear the candidates discuss the same questions and to compare their answers. In this election the old politicians of the blustering "Give 'em Hell" variety in both parties seem like a caricature of a politician. We smile at them but do not believe one party is goodness and light while the other is all evil.

Well, in a few more days it will all be over. But before we elect the next president and forget about campaigns for a little while, let us be thankful that the level of the discussion in the campaign has been high in comparison to the rest.

What Do Students Want In "Around"

What kind of an article do we want "Around the Square" to be? Do we want a gossip column? a slander sheet? a varying number of inches of triviality? or what?

It seems that we have seen just about all these extremes in one form or another in the last few months. This past week's issue is no exception. In fact, it is a shining, if I may use that word in this instance, example. I do not doubt that Joe Luter, not to mention Nancy Grimsley, is not too pleased with the mention of his name, although I'm sure it was meant to be complimentary rather than derogatory.

Many times have we read along for paragraphs and paragraphs and have not learned one thing about the life and trends on campus or about who has gotten pinned, engaged, and what-not. On the other hand, there have been issues in which "Around the Square" has been informative, entertaining, and consequently worthwhile. What has been wrong with the other issues? Why cannot this sort of article be consistently published?

It would seem that the fault lies in the attitude and enthusiasm of the person writing the article. But how can you impart excitement and information to a reading audience if you do not feel this excitement yourself? And how can you feel something of the spirit and trends on campus if no one takes the trouble to impart their own information and reactions to you?

So herein lies the trouble. It is NOT with the newspaper. It is NOT entirely with the writers, either. It IS with the students on campus. It is OUR duty to see that things which are important to us and to other students are put in the *Salemite*. Is it so much trouble to drop a note on the desk of the editor in the office in the basement of Lehman? Or is it so difficult to slip a note under the door when it is locked? Is it, in fact, too difficult for apathetic Salemites to mention incidents, news, and trends to people who are known to be connected with the *Salemite* and who are in our classes?

How can we have the audacity to criticize "Around the Square" when it, above all else in the paper, is OUR column and when we as individuals and as a group take no interest in it but to object and criticize?

P. B.

Let's Make Our Day Students Feel Welcome

On campus we have boarding students, and we have Day Students. There is a difference in the regulations which the student has to follow. But should the distinction between our two kinds of students extend beyond this?

No, we feel that the Day Students should feel as much a part of Salem as any student in Clewell or Babcock. This is not always the case however. All too often the Day Students do not have a chance to get to know the other students outside of the classroom. This is partly because the boarding students do not realize that they are always welcome to drop by the Day Student Center for a visit in that hour between classes.

But a more serious problem is that the Day Students do not feel free—and welcome—to stay in the room set aside for them in Strong. This is not because of the students living in the dorm, but because of facilities provided.

Now the Day Student room is basically like any other room on campus. It has two beds, a dresser, a desk and a sink. The only difference is that this is all that the Day Student room has. Because one person does not live there it lacks the little touches of curtains, bedspreads, and a picture on the wall. As the room is now, it looks like a dreary prison cell, when you open the door.

What's more, since the end of last year any Day Students staying on campus because of studying for test or bad weather must provide their own sheets and towels. Although this is not too much of an inconvenience when the student can plan ahead to stay on campus, when they are forced to stay unexpectedly because of snow, they have to go and borrow sheets, towels, and even a desk lamp to use for the night. This makes the Day Students feel like outsiders who are imposing upon the other students. They don't feel welcome.

Now it would not cost much money to buy some inexpensive spreads, curtains, sheets and towels. Perhaps some art students could donate a picture to brighten the blank walls. This would be a small but important thing to make our Day Students feel more welcome on the Salem campus.