

Anolis And The Big O

Anolis balanced on the precipice of his generation and wondered if his could ever be the best of all possible worlds. Anolis was an American chameleon and he was tired of changing colors.

Before him lay the colorless expanse of the Big Oblivion, where his elder cousin, Amphisbaena, whom Anolis sometimes called "Legless", had plunged only a few moments before. "At least," Anolis thought consolingly to himself, "at least "Legless" has cured his neuroses. For him it was the right decision."

So Anolis stood on the precipice thinking of the kaleidoscopic chaos behind him, knowing that he would have to move soon.

Presently another cousin, Phrynosoma, somewhat younger than Anolis, came by. Actually, Anolis didn't especially like Phrynosoma because the young horned toad was so stubborn. And Anolis knew that such self-willed determination as his cousin possessed could result in annihilation. Anolis inquired as to his cousin's absence from the world of kaleidoscope.

"Ah," said Soma, "the color design to which I adhere is currently out of focus; so I'm just drifting along until circumstances change." And he passed on by in a dream-like trance.

Soon after, as Anolis was still pondering his predicament, another cousin came by—Heloderma, who had his own special poison for protection. He wasn't particularly concerned about anything.

"Cousin Anolis," he asked, "what are you doing here?"

"Trying to decide between merging with the Big O and returning to Chaos."

"Oh," said Heloderma, "is that all?"

"Yes," sighed Anolis. Then, sensing derision in Heloderma's superior smirk, he added defensively, "but at least I can make the choice!"

"No, Anolis," said Heloderma knowingly, "it isn't that you CAN make a choice; what matters is that you MUST choose."

And so there Anolis still is standing, puzzled.

Constitution Is Favored By Students And Faculty

Mary Lu Nuckols

Although the students did not seem very well informed on the changes in the Constitution and the point system before the student body meeting in Chapel Thursday, they accepted the changes either on appearance or on faith that the people who recommended the changes knew what was best for the Salem student body.

Several people who had worked closely with both the constitutional changes and the new point system were interviewed by the Salemite.

Dean Heidbreder, who had worked with the Student Council as a member of the faculty evaluation board, said, "The constitutional changes are in keeping with Salem's general policy of distributing responsibility among as many girls as possible. In this way more individuals will have a share in setting policy and carrying it out. This decentralization of powers would cut down on one capable girl having too much responsibility." Mrs. Heidbreder had one reservation about the changes, however. She is concerned because the three boards are linked only by the president of the Student Government. This lack of liason will, in her opinion, make it difficult to coordinate the three branches.

Another member of the faculty advisory board who was interviewed was Dr. Byers. Dr. Byers, having lived under a similar system at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, also favored the changes. "This is a very sound revision of the Student Government organization," she said. "The separation of powers will both prevent a duplication of powers and will clarify the organization by building up a logical line of progress from the House Councils through the Executive Board." She also favors the point system based on time required.

Nan Williams represented the opinion of the Student Council when she stated, "The constitutional changes are not a complete turnover, but a redistribution of power over a wider area. This will mean that the same people who act on a case won't change the policy after the case is over. It is a much more efficient system to have the three specialized boards. The point system will, in the same way, help to spread jobs to more people and help some very capable people to learn how to say no."

Since the amendments have been passed by the student body, the new Constitution will go into effect with the new officers. It is therefore especially important that we choose the most qualified officers for next year. It is hoped that careful consideration will be given to the nominations for these offices.

Dulles Considered Essential To U. S.

By Louise Adams

Last week, world attention was focused on the United States Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles. The news that this brilliant man is on a leave of absence because of radiation therapy for cancer is upsetting—a shock, in spite of the fact that two years ago he was operated on for cancer.

Mr. Dulles has been the key figure in the conduct of the U. S. foreign policy for the past six years, as well as the leader in directing the strategy of the Western alliance in the cold war struggle with Russia. And as we approach a crisis over the city of Berlin, and possibly over what could be the immediate future of the whole free world, we need Mr. Dulles' advice. His illness has posed the question of how the U. S. foreign policy will be operated in the future, and who the operator will be.

It may be that this emergency will make us re-examine the role and function of the State Department in the shaping of the U. S. foreign policy. Mr. Dulles has carried the ball for the past six years—more than any of his predecessors. This burden is too much for one man.

Normally and ideally, there are many considerations which go into the shaping of a foreign policy. The State Department, headed by the Secretary of State, is the chief mechanism. With the help of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the State Department compiles and arranges data, on which the President bases his policy decisions. It is the job of the State Department to carry out the policies as directed by the President. The President, in turn, is aided by the National Security Council (consisting of the Vice-President, the Secretaries of State and the Defense, and Directors of the Office of Defense Mobilization) and by the Joint Chiefs

of Staff.

Congress plays a limited role in the shaping of the foreign policy. The Senate advises in the making of treaties and appointments of American Ambassadors. Theoretically, Congress is able to exert profound influence, by means of the Foreign Relations Committee and through powerful individuals, on the shaping of the United States foreign policy.

The job of a Secretary of State is tremendous. He presides over 35,000 employees and a world-wide network of embassies, legations, consulates and numerous subsidiary agencies. The Secretary of State sits on the National Security Council and must always be prepared Congress for the nation's foreign policy. He is in the spotlight of the world because he serves as a leading spokesman for the Western alliance, the man looked upon for guidance from other countries. To

be the Secretary of State of the U. S. requires a great deal of time and energy, to say nothing of the answer to the President and the extra qualities which make for a good negotiator and diplomat. It takes a gifted and intelligent man to fulfill this job.

During the past six years, John Foster Dulles has very ably exercised great personal direction and control over the many activities of the State Department. It has been said that "The State Department is Mr. Dulles' hat". This is hard to console thought. Mr. Dulles' illness has come at a very crucial time in international affairs. For the immediate future, Christian A. Herter, acting secretary, and C. Douglas Dillion, under secretary, are having to fill Mr. Dulles' shoes. If his absence is prolonged, it may become necessary for the President to name a successor.

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Discussing plans for next summer are Ray Lane, Doug Abernathy, and Jayne Davis.—Photo by Grigg.

As Salemites begin their planning for summer, these three underclassmen offer their suggestions.

Ray Lane: I'm going to summer school this year. Last summer I just sat at home. It was fun, but boring! This summer I'll be having fun and getting credit for it too.

Doug Abernathy: It's Europe for me. I can hardly believe that I'm going to see all those places I've been hearing about—the catacombs in Rome, the Champs-Elysees in Paris, the home of my ancestors in Scotland, the sun actually shining 'round the clock in the Scandinavian countries!

Jayne Davis: Well, I want to do some traveling too, but not as far away or as extensively as you are planning. I have been thinking about going out West or up North and get a job which will give me some experience in my major.

Ann Bolin, NSA Coordinator
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Around The Square

By Betsy Gatling

Boxes of candy, flowers, and cards and Valentine's Day is over and gone. Now come the bumps and calories! But on to bigger and better things.

"I shot an arrow into the air—
It fell to earth I know not where."

Well Cupid, in accordance with Valentine's Day, shot a couple of arrows this past week-end, and they hit two Salem girls, Marian Newman and Jackie Reeves. Marian is now pinned to Carl Beacham, former Sig Ep at Wake Forest, and Jackie Reeves is engaged to Leslie Timms, a Junior at Furman. Jackie plans to be married the sixth of June.

From Chapel Hill, Davidson, and Wake Forest come good reports of the big week-end. Chris Conner, Kai Winding, and Dizzy Gillespie at Carolina, the Four Freshmen and Billy May at Davidson, and Fa Domino and Lester Lanin at Wake Forest accompanied by dragging feet, sleepy eyes and prepared(?) work for Monday's classes.

West Point is visiting Salem this week-end. No, not the entire "grey line" but one Cadet John S. Grinalds to see his fiancee Norwood Dennis. More than likely he'll be breakfasting with us on Saturday morning, so be prepared with lipstick, combs, and make-up. After a he's not the only cadet at the Point . . . only Mary Jo Wynne at Annapolis for a visit with the Navy.

Wonderful days and nights we've been having lately—reminds that there are only thirty-three days until Spring Vacation and on fourteen days until Brubeck pays us a call with Monitor on the sidelines (or so I hear). Brubeck and friends will be dining with us this Friday night, so another occasion arises for lipstick, combs, and make-up.

The "K" Trio (Kingston, for any in doubt) will be at Davidson on the third of March, so it looks like the week of March 1-7 will be a good one for lovers of subjects other than books and classes.

Well, to close with a little corn, gotta make like a tree and "leave

Letter

To the Editor:

Would Salem like a literary journal? Do we have the talent to produce and the audience to receive such a publication enthusiastically?

A girls' school of Salem's caliber should have sufficient literary talent to fill at least one journal yearly. We have an English department which we feel would welcome an outlet for its best works, which are now appreciated by faculty alone. However, we do not feel that only English majors should be able to contribute. There are many occasions when a college girl feels so deeply about some stirring lecture or controversial discussion that she is inspired to set down her own opinions, her own logical working out of the subject, or her own emotional frenzy.

Why should we at Salem not encourage these creative products? If some formal editorial board were set up to select truly creative papers, looking for outstanding individual styles, and to take charge of correcting mechanical errors, a liberal medium of literary expression would be provided. Often a student is so cramped by the technical requirements of a formal paper that creative emotional or intellectual aspects are not developed. This does not mean that sentimental, high school work would be accepted.

We believe that a board of students would show enough critical judgment to select works worthy of being preserved under the name of a Salem College Literary Journal.

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