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Randolph-Macon FOCUS Offers Stimulating Speakers, Discussions On Individual Ideals, Social Reality

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The FOCUS Symposium at Randolph-Macon, March 6-8, was stimulating and thought-provoking with a wide range of ideas among the speakers. The central theme was "Individual Ideals and Social Reality." Friday night the topic of the lecture was "Law and the Individual." Dr. Samuel E. Stumpf, Philosophy Department of Vanderbilt University, gave the opening address.

Dr. Stumpf said man's basic needs are survival, then meaning which is necessary to make survival worthwhile. Last, the meaning which is invested must be good, hence just.

Where to find these three, survival, meaning, and goodness, are the big issues of our time. He went further to define four ways in which meaning is being arrived at today. The first of these is skepticism—does man have an essence? The second is determinism. There is a casual agency in which we find meaning (for the determinist meaning is not to be found by self). The next is existentialism—man must make his meaning. Existence precedes essence; there is not structure outside of man through which he can obtain meaning. The last is theism—in the nature of things there is essence and purpose. Man is always searching for the constants.

He continued by discussing freedom in social reality today. Freedom is the essence of humanity, but social reality creates an adversary to it. Today social reality can be equated to the desire for security which restricts the freedom of individuals.

District Attorney of N. Y.

H. Richard Uviller, Assistant to the District Attorney of New York County, gave the definition of law as a "judgment making process." He admitted that this was an amoral definition, but in social reality, we are more concerned with the process of law than with the result. Law should provide justice, but often in today's society this doesn't happen because people have become more interested in the process than the result.

John Brademas, Democratic Representative from Indiana, outlined

the typical day of a congressman. The only good quality of Mr. Brademas was candidness. He showed to the utmost the apathy of our political system: the motivation of the congressman only for re-election and the lack of courage to stand up for political ideals.

Saturday morning the theme was "Science and Morality." The panel consisted of moderator, Dr. Robert B. Livingston of the National Institutes of Health; Dr. Raymond J. Seeger, physicist and special assistant in the National Science Foundation; Dr. Constantine D. J. Generales, Jr., Co-ordinator for the Space Medicine Program, and known as the world's first Space Doctor, and Dr. Robert A. Nisbet, sociologist and author of *Quest for Community*.

Dynamic Speaker

Dr. Seeger was the most dynamic of the speakers. He disagreed with Dr. Stumpf by saying that meaning

not survival was the basic need of man. Hence, it is not enough to have knowledge alone, but commitment is also necessary. This is the place of religion. Dr. Seeger said that technological revolutions have always been the important ones not the scientific ones. It is from these revolutions that social problems have arisen. Social science can't save man. Ideals must hold man and use him. He also said that we are advanced in physical science because we can isolate facts. In the social sciences we cannot isolate and this is why social science is more complex. He added that in any school in which the science courses are harder than the sociology courses there is something drastically wrong.

Dr. Generales said that in contemporary society man is too hasty to accept as final all previous knowledge. He quoted Einstein's "Finality always lies ahead of us."

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Salemite Editor Leaves Heritage Of Joy, Work To Causey, New Staff

An Open Letter to Robbin Causey:

Hoping to be very eloquent and profound, I have thought about what I would say in the last issue since I took office. But in the end, all I can say is I have loved being editor. I have even loved the late hours spent reading last minute articles and writing editorials.

Being editor has given me much. The most satisfying aspect has been the girls with whom I have worked; the ones on whom I have been able to depend with confidence that a job would be done. It has given me an opportunity to learn about other schools through their newspapers. It has made me force myself to be more aware of what is happening outside Salem so I could bring these events inside the Square. It has given me a ready-made spot in the Winston-Salem community with the engraver, the printer, the photographer. It has demanded more organization on my part of both my school work and the newspaper. It has given me a chance to state my opinions under the guise of "editor." And least of all (this I'm sure will be disputed) it has given me an excuse to "snoop."

In the first paper of this year, I said that college life is unreal. However, *The Salemite* has been the one big reality for me. There were so many deadlines to meet, and things went so quickly it seemed as if a paper would never be perfect. The fast pace has been the most frustrating part of this job. After spending all Tuesday and Wednesday night preparing the copy and Thursdays setting the type at the printers, I was often not ready for staff meetings Thursday afternoon. Now that the hurry and worry is gone, I would like to go back and do it over, better this time. I also have the urgent desire to print the paper in red to say that I and my staff have been here!

Last year, before elections, I had a difficult time deciding to run for this office. I thought the editorship would be too demanding. Being editor has been demanding, but that is unimportant. What is important is how much you can gain by giving yourself to the job. I hope being editor will mean as much to you as it has meant to me.

Workman Answers Criticism

Dear Editor:

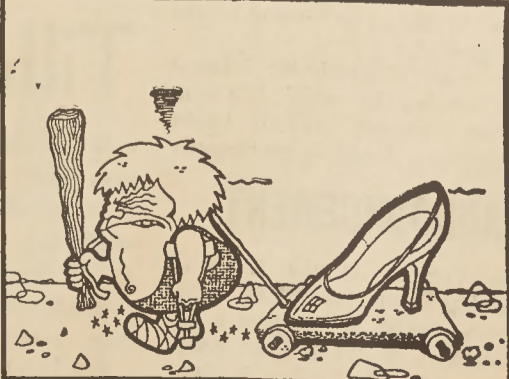
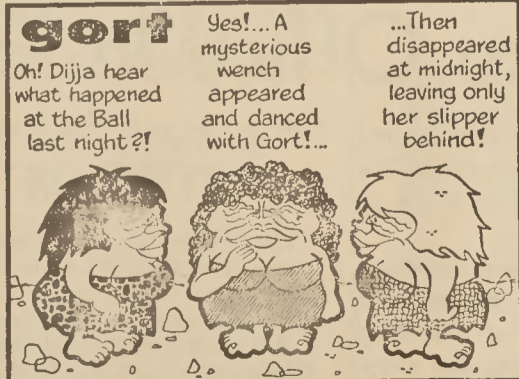
In answer to questions which have been raised about the changes in the handbook with regard to major violations, I will try to explain what I consider the reasoning of the Judicial Board to be.

With regard to lying, Judicial Board feels that since we operate on a system which has its foundation set in personal honor, any deliberate attempt to hide the truth from one who is investigating a case is a direct violation of the very principal of honor. Thus we feel that lying undermines the entire honor system and is extremely serious.

As far as the second addition is concerned, the purpose of this was to make clear to the student body the fact that it is erroneous to believe that only those offenses listed under major violations can merit probation, suspension, or expulsion. If you will read the black print in the handbook, you will find a statement to the effect that if a girl so conducts herself as to bring discredit upon Salem at any time or at any place, she may receive a major penalty.

The attitude among some students is "as long as I do not violate the 'majors' I will be safe." This is a false assumption and in many

cases situations have arisen which are not covered in the handbook, but which in the eyes of the judicial and Faculty Advisory Boards are equally as serious as those violations listed. They have in the past warranted a major penalty. Therefore, it is not the intention of the board to extend its power (it already has the power), but rather to call the power to the direct attention of the student body so they will be aware of the fact that there are many things which are equally or more serious than those violations listed. As a member of the Faculty Advisory Board has said, "Arson isn't on the list either." Wookie Workman



Symposium Has Drama Speaker

A speaker in the field of drama has been secured for Salem's symposium. Specializing in dramatic criticism, he is Richard Gilman, who writes for *Commonwealth* magazine. Mr. Gilman will be with us for the complete duration of the symposium.