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Twist Of Semantics?

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This is a year for name-calling.

Any time a candidate can't think of anything substantial to say—and this fall it happens every day—he cranks out some nasty little label instead. "Squishy soft," "Fearless Fosdick," "Tricky Dick" and "fourthrate political hack" are a few that come to mind.

We wonder what would happen if we took the time to redefine two of the labels that are being bandied about quite a lot this year: "patriot" and "activist."

What if we decided for instance, that a patriot was one who was not afraid to engage in civil rights demonstrations and other controversial activities because he felt the future of his country rested on his immediate concern and action?

And what if we decided an activist was one who always takes the militant stand—against communism, hippies, demonstrators or anything else he disapproves of at the moment?

Interesting twist of semantics? It points out how the emotive content of some common terms exceeds their rational content. We can always hope that people will be rational when they vote next month.

Axline Describes Search Of Young Child For Self

By Liza Pond

Dibs, In Search of Self, by Virginia M. Axline, is the story of a five year old boy's effort to understand and express himself and his emotions.

Dibs was so completely withdrawn as to be judged mentally retarded by his parents; however, his teachers were not convinced of this. They asked Miss Axline to observe Dibs in the school environment, and, sensing potential in this semi-autistic child, she began treatment. As she convinced Dibs of his worth and helped him to accept

and express his emotions, he slowly began to communicate.

Through her sessions with the child, she recognized his superior intelligence; he was not mentally deficient but emotionally stifled and insecure. At Dibs' birth, his mother was forced to give up her brilliant career as a surgeon, and her resentment was reflected in her rejection of her son. To compensate for her loss, she spent much time educating Dibs, even in his earliest years. She withheld love and tenderness, offering him only intellectual contact completely lacking in warmth. Dibs' father remained aloof, impatient, and unfeeling.

Realizing that they were failing with their son, they sent him to a special school. It was here that his potential was suspected, and treatment was initiated.

This book illustrates the successful use of play therapy in reaching emotionally disturbed children. Through therapy and with much understanding of Dibs, Miss Axline was able to help him adjust realistically to his environment. He was then able to lead a normal and happy life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

William C. Hicks, representative from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will be at the Piedmont University Center October 28, to interview seniors interested in working for the department. Further information about this may be secured from the office of the Dean of Students.

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Salem's Home Economics Club will begin to accept your orders for birthday cakes now!! If interested in this service, contact Sue Palaschak in 104 Biting Dorm at least four days before the cake will be needed.

Price per cake: \$3.00 (save time and dimes by using this service) Kind of cakes: Choose either chocolate or yellow cakes. Both round and sheet cakes are available.

Icing: Choose any color!

NTE To Give National Exams

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, September 16. College seniors preparing to teach school may take the National Teacher Examinations on any of the four different test dates announced today by Educational Testing Service, a nonprofit, educational organization which prepares and administers this testing program.

New dates for the testing of prospective teachers are: November 9, 1968, and February 1, April 12, and July 19, 1969. The tests will be given at nearly 500 locations throughout the United States, ETS said.

Results of the National Teacher Examinations are used by many large school districts as one of several factors in the selection of new teachers and by several states for certification or licensing of teachers. Some colleges also require all seniors preparing to teach to take the examinations. The school systems and state departments of education which use the examination results are designated in the Bulletin of Information for Candidates.

On each full day of testing, prospective teachers may take the Common Examinations, which measure their professional preparation and general cultural background, and a Teaching Area Examination which measures mastery of the subject they expect to teach.

Around The Square By Sterling Winstead

Do I hear \$19 . . . \$20 . . . \$20.50 . . . \$21 once, twice, sold! Yes, Susie Yager has a chance to sample Chef Nolgren's culinary ability. And what about Mr. Thompson's European dinner going for \$41.50. That should be some feast!

It seems the Boston Tea Party has still left the price of tea inflated. Mr. Kruse's and Mr. Gibson's tea and crumpets went for \$21.00.

Anne Dukehart, your hand holds your future. Will you ever know

what it will bring?

A year's supply of bubble gum for \$12. That's expensive "chewing," Lee!

There's a first time for everything. A blind-date with a policeman should prove to be exciting but safe—right Vickie and Rosebud?

Some Salemites spend their money on more useful commodities. What's this I heard about Joan Hobbs last summer? It seems she purchased a pair of Roy Rogers jeans in Italy so the men wouldn't pinch her. How did that stop them, Joan?

I understand one of Sara Hunt's favorite pastimes last year was eating animal crackers. Although she's off to a slow start this year, last year she had a string of animal cracker boxes around her room. Happy eating, Sara!

Sue Wooten, what happens at 11 every night?

"Bird Legs"! Who has a nick name like "Bird Legs," Peggy Hart?

Tina Gwaltney was voted this past week as the most popular girl in Sister's Dorm.

Is there liquor in the dorms: Of course not! Then, what are these Canadian Club and Hiram Walker bottles doing on second floor Biting?

Nowhere except at Salem is there offered a course in dorm management, or "How to Handle Sophomores". Can you give us any tips, Nancy and Joan?

When it comes to handling boys, Salem girls have had experience in that too.

Nancy Taylor became engaged to Bob Sumner, a second year law student at Wake, October 13. The

next day he sent her six red roses and one yellow rose. What was the yellow rose for? It means "Love You."

Lander Marshall became engaged to Frank Dean over the weekend of October 12. Frank is ATO and a senior at the University of Alabama. They will be married June 28 at Lander's home, and she will take up housekeeping next fall in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Jack Wellman, a Sigma Nu at Davidson went all out for Jennifer Johnson. Thursday night before Davidson's Homecoming, October 12, he sent her roses. Then under soft candle light he gave her his pin.

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Seniors Serve As Counselors

By Alice Potter

House counselors seem to be getting younger every day. At least that's the way it might appear to a visitor in South Hall. For the past week, seniors Joan Hobbs and Nancy Richardson have been standing in for Mrs. Josephine Seth during her illness.

According to Joan, she and Nancy joined forces as soon as they heard Mrs. Seth was sick.

"We got together and decided we'd try to help out by substituting," remarked Joan. "When Miss Johnson asked us, we were all set."

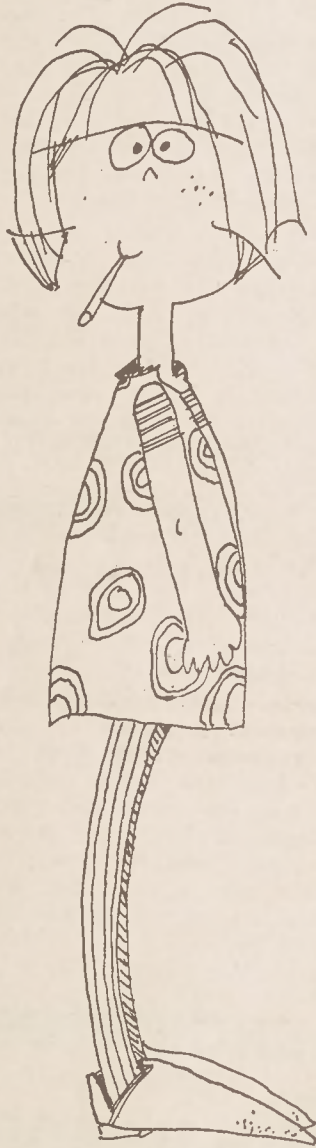
Every now and then Joan and Nancy are greeted with the question, "What are you doing over here?" To which they reply, "Oh just sleeping."

Joan came to her new position highly qualified. In previous years she has served as substitute house counselor in both Babcock and Lehman dorms.

Both girls agreed that the sophomores in South have been wonderful.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON STUDY CLINIC?



Members of the faculty and administration are requested to turn in all student time cards for the period ending October 25, no later than Monday, October 27.

Girl Criticizes Dining Service

Dear Editor,

Lately I have been sitting at the table after a meal, only to have the plate removed from under my nose and the water glass all but snatched from my hand. I realize that the women want to finish their duties for that particular meal and either set the table for the next meal or leave for home, but I do think that all concerned should be made aware of the fact that days at Salem are busy and filled for its students too. Very seldom are we able to relax and just sit over a cup of coffee and talk without making a special effort to obtain that cup of coffee. Perhaps the Refectory staff could come to an agreement with the students as to a convenient time for the area to be vacated. That way both Salemites and staff could gauge their activities accordingly so that both groups are satisfied.

Or am I the only one who has lost a plate or water glass before I really want to part with it?

Sincerely,
C. E. C.

Activists Protest To Rid Institutions Of Corruption

By Lyn Davis

"Pig." According to Mr. Webster, "a domesticated animal with a long, broad snout and a thick, fat body covered with coarse bristles." According to the Establishment, the Movement. According to the Movement, the Establishment. Mr. Webster and the Establishment are an integral part of the world of today, and particularly the world of the college campus. The Movement is becoming an inherent part of the college as the activists increase in number and in dedication.

Just who are the activists? Are they people of the lower middle class who take no obvious pride in themselves, who live in filth and preach love? Are they people whose only aim is disruption to rid the Establishment of corruption? Are they people at all? Martin Duberman, professor of history at Princeton, views the activists in a totally different light in the November 1968 issue of the Atlantic Monthly.

Activists are definitely a minority; even at Berkley, they constitute but fifteen per cent of the student body. They "score consistently high on a wide variety of personality tests . . . They are also the better students, with significantly higher grade-point averages than the nonactivists." The entire generation of today's college students are physically more mature than any other generation. Emotional and intellectual growth have been completed at age 18; basic personality has been stabilized and the ability to reason abstractly has been established. Only experience is needed. But surely this has been provided by "early sexual relations, strobe lights, pot, soul, and rock . . . Vietnam, the draft, and the civil rights movement."

The activists have not turned their backs on the educational system or America or the Church yet; they care enough about these institutions and the institution's values, to fight for their preservation in a more just form. Even SDS (Students for a Democratic Society), the most prominent of the life wing movements, does not advocate dropping out from any part of life. Caring, participation—activism is the key. With it, one can shape reality to again meet our ideals. Value structures can be made relevant; society can be truly equal and just for all.

Other writers contributing this week are Corrinne Little and Rita Johnson.