

Editorials

The Campus Rut ???

During the past week, we received an anonymous letter to the editor concerning a matter of importance to all on campus. Because the letter was unsigned, it could not be printed; yet its point was quite clear. In general, the Wesleyan student body is obsessed with gossiping. As the letter states, by Monday evening anyone on campus could have at his disposal a minute-by-minute description of events of any given couple on campus. In this small, isolated community, it appears to be an impossibility to date any one person more than one time without being considered "hooked."

The writer of this letter continues by stating that he rarely dates on or near the campus for fear that his actions would be public news by Sunday lunch. On the surface, it appears that this student is acting responsibly when eliminating the chances of discovery by the rest of the student body. Yet, looking deeper, one wonders if he has really accepted his responsibility—his responsibility of informing his friends of his disapproval of their continuous talk. We doubt that he has, due to a note to the editor, in which the reason he gives for not signing his name is that "the implications it (the letter) may make to some people would only create ill feelings."

The only way gossip can be stopped is for each person to unite with another person until the whole student body believes strongly enough to force the few who continue into quiescence. Not until every student on campus accepts as part of his own character the rigorous examination of what he hears, will this campus, or any society eliminate the damaging effects of untruths or exaggerated truths.

And so we, as well as the writer of this letter, must carefully examine ourselves, in order to find exactly where the truth ends and the falsity begins. Once we have established this point, gossip will no longer be a matter of not knowing which is true and which is false, but rather it will have become a matter of deliberate falsification.

Trustees Pass Motion

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, held October 25, the Board passed a motion allowing for an increase in the Student Life Fee (changed to Comprehensive Fee) for the 1964-65 academic year. This raise was deemed necessary due to a series of broadening services to the student on campus. Granted these expenses are necessary for maintaining the college community, but where does this put the student who is in debt, working on campus, and/or on a scholarship. According to a news bulletin from Rockford College in Illinois, several colleges have resolved this problem, surely at the expense of more bookkeeping; yet they are interested in the student and the parents who find it increasingly more difficult to finance a four-year college education.

It seems only appropriate for a new college, founded on high ideals of both an academic and an individual nature, that a plan insuring financial constancy should and could be established.

Rockford College is using the following plan: a student or parent contracts with the school for the remaining years' tuition at the current rate. The first year a slightly higher amount is paid and each successive year lesser amounts, so that the average rate is the current tuition charge.

This program appears to have worked at Rockford and may, therefore, be appropriate for many other colleges. If for no other reason, the idea should at least be thought provoking to all concerned.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"SINCE I GRADE MOSTLY ON IMPROVEMENT, YOUR STRAIGHT 'A'S' ARE WORTH A FINAL GRADE OF 'C'— FOLLOW ME?"

Sophomore Class Wins \$10 Award

By BONITA PITZER

We want to congratulate the sophomore class for winning the \$10 prize in our Litterbug campaign. Four posters (we were anticipating eight) were submitted, two from the winning class, and one each from the freshmen and senior classes. These have been placed in strategic spots where we hope they will continue to remind us to "Stash that Trash."

We have been concerned lately with the problems which

arise because of "all action and no thought." We have discussed past problems which have been brought to us. The majority of them appear to have been the results of pranks that got out of hand, or careless words and actions. Quite often we have agreed that such and such an act in itself was harmless. But some of us don't realize when it is time to call a halt to things.

As a word of caution to the community, we would like to say, "Think before you act!"

Outpost

Cuba Discussed--Part 1

By RAY O'KELLY and JOSE PEREZ

In 1953, Fulgencio Batista surprised the Cuban people by overthrowing President Carlos Prío in a coup d'état. Although the students and most of the population favored Prío, he was forced to flee the country. Batista established himself as dictator.

Two years passed without incident until a student of the University of Havana was killed during a demonstration against "military governments." After this event, the people of Cuba sent a popular general named de la Torre to ask Batista to let the Cubans have free elections. Batista answered this by fixing the election and setting himself up as President.

The people of Cuba realized that their only chance for a democracy was to revolt. During 1957, Fidel Castro and Carlos Prío met together and

signed the "carta de Bogta" which became the official beginning of the revolution. Castro and a few volunteers began the fighting in the Sierra Maestra mountains after purchasing U. S. arms.

When the flare-up in the Sierra Maestra took place, Batista punished the Cuban people, some of whom weren't in favor of the revolution at all. As a result, more discontentment was created. In 1958, Cuban students staged an armed campaign in Las Villas' mountain region. Castro sent leaders to Las Villas to take over operations and with his army pushed across the plain toward Las Villas, after which he increased the size of his army considerably.

The city of Sante Clara, on December 30, 1958, staged a general revolt which resulted in the control of the city by its citizens. Batista's military leaders then signed a military treaty with Castro, and Batista fled the country for his life.

Immediately Castro accused Batista's leaders of allowing Batista to get away. These men were put in jail, and Castro moved from east to Havana where he made a grand entrance. Cheering crowds embraced him. Little did they know that their favorite hero would soon become their worst enemy.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS

Correction to this year's catalog: Thanksgiving Recess begins November 27, at 4 p. m. rather than November 20, as stated in the catalog, and classes resume the following Monday.

Profile

By MANDY KUHN

Melvin Dowdy, a pre-ministerial student here, is Wesleyan's new student chaplain. After serving as a representative to the Interfaith Commission, he decided to enter the ministry.

Melvin has conducted church services for several years. At Montrose Baptist Church in Virginia, he is on the student official board; here, he is associated with the BTU (Baptist Training Union) at First Baptist Church in Rocky Mount.

On November 17, at 7 p. m., Melvin will conduct a Vesper Service for the student body.

Congratulations for doing such a good job in Christian work!

Tournament Is Slated

Later this semester there will be a WFF and Proof tournament open to all members of the student body. There will be cash prizes for the winners in two divisions, beginners and advanced. The game may be purchased in the book store and lessons will be given by Dr. Cox in the Snack Bar on Wednesdays at 3 p. m. A number of students on campus are already familiar with the game and will teach beginners the basic fundamentals.

During the Spring semester, another tournament will be held and the winner will be awarded a trophy donated by the Watch Shop.

WFF (Well Formulated Formulas) and Proof was developed as a game by the Accelerated Learning of Logic Project at Yale University. The game is recommended especially to those who would like to be more skilled in the use of logic and to students taking Math 9.

Anyone interested in further details and in signing up for the play-offs should contact Dr. Cox.

Harwood Is Elected VP

Dr. C. Edwin Harwood, chairman of the English division of North Carolina Wesleyan College, was elected vice president of the North Carolina-Virginia College English Association at its annual meeting held on October 26 in Chapel Hill.

Highlight of the all-day session was the talk by James L. Godfrey, dean of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, on "Research and/or Teaching." This followed a luncheon at the Carolina Inn Ballroom.

Other sessions, held in the Faculty Lounge of Morehead Planetarium, dealt with a review of the methods and accomplishments of the three schools of grammar and with financing humanistic studies.

Dr. Fraser Neiman of William and Mary was elected president and Dr. David Sanders of the University of Richmond was elected secretary and treasurer to complete the slate of officers of the association for the coming year. Three other members of Wesleyan's English Division accompanied Dr. Harwood to the meeting: Dr. Jack Teagarden, Dr. Philip Elliott, and Gerald Garmon.

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