



Stevens Speaks...

"I pledge myself, the executive council, and the Senate to creating a student government of which all students can be proud." This was Robert "Doc" Stevens' pledge to the student body.

Right now the main concern of the S. G. A. is to organize all of its branches and to ascertain that class officers, resident hall councils, judicial council, and commissions are working together promptly and efficiently. Of course this process has been retarded by the fact that the Freshman need time to become acquainted with each other and learn who is worthy of election. The executive council will be working on the problem of making sure that elected officers obtain the respect and esteem of the students.

The organization of the S. G. A. cannot do everything for the students; the individual student must assume responsibilities. He must live up to the campus code as it is stated in the Bishop's L. A. W. The student should act as an adult at all times whether on or off campus. The value of a degree from Wesleyan depends upon the school's good reputation which only the students can give to the school. The student must be willing to pull their load and cooperate in keeping the grounds and buildings relatively free of trash and debris. A clean and attractive campus reflects a wholesome and interested atmosphere. Last of all, students should not be timid about reporting other students when rules are broken. This is not "ratting"; it is merely living up to one's responsibility. One should warn the law-breaker and if the warning is not heeded, one should feel no remorse about informing the proper officials of the infringement of the rules.

Soon dormitory councils are to be elected. This is the weakest area of the S. G. A. A weak link in such a vital spot weakens the S. G. A. immeasurably. The importance of integrity and responsibility cannot be overstressed upon the people elected to the dorm councils. In the student government there is an heirarchy of power consisting of dorm councils, judiciary board, jury and finally the dean of students. The dorm councils are the basis of the entire judiciary system since they come in closest contact with students and their problems. These councils must be kept strong or matters would naturally move out of students' hands and be taken further along the heirarchy.

We were given a student government because the administration and board of trustees thought some responsibility should be assumed by the students--all the students. Only when each student acts as a responsible citizen can the S. G. A. be effective.

Your Decision Counts

It will be the purpose of this column to help bring the beliefs of the Young Democratic Club on our campus to you. We hold that there is strength in political knowledge and we ask anyone who shares this viewpoint to attend our meetings.

We hope to further your interest in the Democratic Party and what it stands for, both nationally and locally. We will be trying to show you that Your Decision Counts; that is if you can make a decision and not contradict or change it three or four weeks later.

We ask your support in building the Young Democratic Club of North Carolina Wesleyan College. It is through your interest that our club will grow and our aim is to provide a medium by which all of us can familiarize ourselves with the party of progress.

We would at this time propose several debates with the Young Republican Club to be followed by a mock election on this campus. Our organization has recently initiated a faculty for Johnson Committee. An overwhelming majority of our faculty have signed our document expressing why Johnson should be elected President and why Senator Goldwater should be defeated. This proposal of obtaining college faculty support for the Democratic Ticket will have been introduced at the Young Democratic Club Convention in Raleigh. We feel strongly that we can obtain statewide approval for Johnson by a large majority of all college faculty in North Carolina.

These are considerations that have been brought out at our first meeting. We ask your help in implementing these ideas. Remember, Your Decision Counts.

David W. James, YDC

A revolutionary ship developed by the U.S. Navy races over the water atop a supporting layer of compressed air bubbles.



Freshman cutties caught during a gab session.

1st Concert Given

ROCKY MOUNT--The opening concert of the 1964-65 series at North Carolina Wesleyan College presented Tina Pfohl, mezzo soprano, accompanied by Penelope Gerschefski, pianist. The program took place in Garber Chapel on the college campus at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday evening, September 29. Admission was free and the public was cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Pfohl, a native of Montgomery, Alabama is one of the busiest singers in North Carolina. She has served for the past four years as soloist at Duke University's annual presentation of "The Messiah" and has also sung as soloist in performances with the Duke Symphony Orchestra. She has also appeared as soloist with the North Carolina State Choral Society in Raleigh. During 1962 she served as soloist for Duke Chapel and appeared as soloist for the annual Commencement Concert at Chapel Hill. Last Christmas she sang the alto solo for the First Baptist Church's performance of Vivaldi's "Gloria" in Rocky Mount and she is currently soloist with the First Christian

Church in Wilson.

In addition to her many oratorio performances, Mrs. Pfohl has had wide opera experience, having sung roles in "Rigoletto", "Madame Butterfly," and "Carmen" with the Charlotte Opera Association.

Mrs. Pfohl received the A. B. degree in Voice from Queens College in Charlotte, where she received the Performance Award during her senior year. She was soloist with the College Choir for four years and was awarded the College Division Award by the Charlotte Music Club for her work there. She has had additional study with Al May of New York and the later Walter Golde of Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Gerschefski, a native of Morristown, Tennessee, is an instructor of woodwinds, piano and music theory at North Carolina Wesleyan College. She holds the A. B. degree from Florida State University in Tallahassee.

The program Tuesday evening featured groups of art songs in addition to three arias from operas by Gounod and Tschalkowsky.



Miss Tina Pfohl

Circle K Club Donates Flag Pole

By RONNIE ARRINGTON

The Circle K Club of North Carolina Wesleyan College has served its school well. During the past year, the members of the organization have actively participated in fund raising campaigns which proved to be very fruitful. Not only were they helpful to their organization, but also furthered the betterment of other students of the college.

The club sponsored a laundry drive during both the first and second semesters. The club also sponsored a car wash which proved to be a great success.

The reason for all this diligent work will soon be displayed in front of the Administration building. A new flag pole, with a flag that has adorned the Capitol Building in Washington, D. C., will be set in place the latter part of this month.

The Circle K Club is under the leadership of Steve Petlitz who is serving as president. Melvin Gay is the club's vice president and Bill Gruver is its secretary. Guy Turner is the treasurer.

The DECREE congratulates the Circle K Club for its fine work and achievement and hopes that other organizations on campus will follow in their oath.

To Escape From Cuba

Francisco Jose' Perez, currently a native of Miami, Florida, resided before 1963 in Castro-dominated Cuba. Now attending Wesleyan, the memories of his native land, gutted by Communism, are still quite vivid. This article is the first of a series of articles written by Jose', giving his reflections on, and opinions of Communist Cuba.

To Escape From Cuba

By

Frank (Jose) Perez

There are three different yet perfect questions that could be formulated by using the same table. Why? How? And what--for?

The first question could be answered by any citizen of a free country. There is no need to have lived in Cuba or in any of the other countries victimized by Communism, to give a fairly good answer. Unfortunately words are weaker than thoughts and to realize the situation of a country of the nature of Cuba, you should for a moment stand in his shoes and propose to yourself the following alternative. To choose between continuing to live in the fear of dying at any moment or to start a new life. As a matter of fact, this is the alternative that has faced at least three million Cubans for more than three years.

To start a new life means to leave everything you once possessed and to begin work again in a friendly country. Well, it isn't that bad! Now everyone works! But neither you nor I can think as a 50 year old man does who has spent 25 or 35 years of his accumulating money for the welfare of his last years.

He feeds himself every day with the hope of a happy outcome. On the other hand, not everyone who decides to flee from Cuba can do it. Many of them have done everything possible and they are still living there. They are actually dying every minute. They are degraded and persecuted by the watching committees, the militia, and all the other Communist organizations. These organizations are composed of some of their neighbors who used to be friendly. They have visited the Anti-Communist's homes, and they know their customs and their ways of behaving. There are others, members from some Latin American countries, who will not hesitate to kill even Castro, if he doesn't do what he is ordered. But there could be the reaction of being patient and understanding their laws--without becoming mixed up in any conspiracy. Since I do not attack anyone, no one will bother me. Well, unfortunately that is not so easy. You have to be a member integrated in the Communist organization and to do any kind of "volunteer" work they might choose you to do. To be an enemy of the regimen you only need to go to worship on Sundays, or to have had a business, or a house to be rented. Naturally, sometimes, some of the people in this condition or either become "reasonable" and join the organizations or feign to do it and do some subversive work. Do you know how many militians and members of Committees have become killed by an "accident"--or by buddies or comrades' inexperience in dealing with arms?

(This article will be continued in the next issue of THE DECREE.)