

Ripples

I Call It Stealing

By Dodie Waters

It's about time the petty thievery ceased! You can label it anything you desire, but I'll label it STEALING. I'm tired of tea and sympathy. It doesn't bring the goods back to the owner and it doesn't help build Wesleyan into a better place to live.

Where shall we start the discussion? South and Edgecombe Halls? Ask anyone and, if you've got the time to spare, you can hear plenty. The cafeteria and snack bar? Salt and pepper shakers, ashtrays, etc. The women's dorms? It's a sad story.

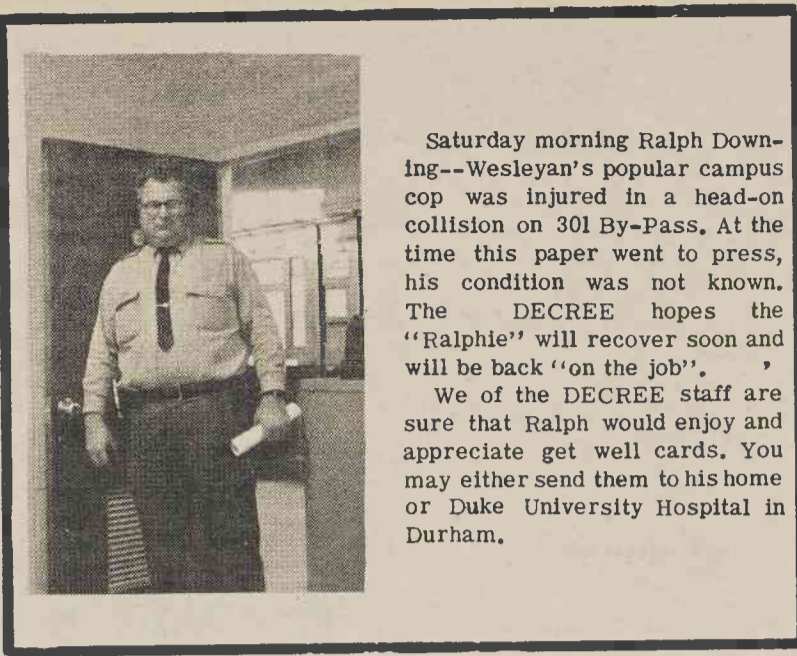
Don't forget the library. At the time this paper went to press 14 reserve books were "borrowed," "missing," or "misplaced" - STOLEN. And that is just the reserve shelf.

I'm sure I don't have to list things. There are very few people who aren't aware of the sad situation. It's getting so bad, that you have to lock your door when you answer the phone, monogram your underwear, and suspect everyone.

Money can't replace everything. It can't replace objects of sentimental value. It can't buy something that is no longer sold. It can't replace a book in the library when it is needed by many. And many don't have money to even think of replacing that which was stolen from them.

I don't pretend to know the answer but I think it's time we try to find one. I suggest this: (1) students who are caught stealing should be expelled immediately and for good, (2) all passkeys should be kept by the housemothers and given to and collected from the college employees each day, (3) a committee be appointed by the SGA to do everything possible to apprehend those warped individuals.

No one can convince me that a thorough search would prove fruitless. However, once this is read, that may be. But, unless action is taken, it will continue and the value stolen will run from the present three-digit dollars to four digits.



Saturday morning Ralph Downing--Wesleyan's popular campus cop was injured in a head-on collision on 301 By-Pass. At the time this paper went to press, his condition was not known. The DECREE hopes the "Ralphie" will recover soon and will be back "on the job".

We of the DECREE staff are sure that Ralph would enjoy and appreciate get well cards. You may either send them to his home or Duke University Hospital in Durham.

YOUR DECISION COUNTS

Old "D" Speaks

By David W. James

For many of you, now that the election is over, there will be no interest in politics. I feel that this is a mistake on your part. If nothing more, the last election showed the country that a unified party has far more strength than a party broken into factions within itself. Thus, whether you be a Democrat or a Republican, your strength as a voter will be higher if you align yourself with your given party.

The person who splits his voting on election day is only cutting his own throat. If the people that govern you are evenly split by party then how will your

views be imposed? If, on the other hand, you vote for your party's slate of candidates and this slate wins, then your voice will be heard.

Thus, it is the wise voter who votes along party lines. I hope that some of you will think about this. I also hope that you will now take a new interest in what each party stands for. The YDC invites you to come and learn with us about the Democratic Party. For information concerning our programs and our meeting places contact me or Jim Garriss, President of the YDC.

Scrunch!: A Big Round Thing

Once there was a big round thing. It was called a world. Then some people got on it--nobody knows how--and they caused more people to get on it. And they clashed--their interests varied. Finally they fell into a state of disorganization known as civilization. And the gods beheld this and were displeased. And lo, they visited a mighty bolt upon the civilization. And the world, the big round thing, disintegrated and became many little assorted--shaped things. Call them asteroids. The people broke, too. Call them paranoids. Color the asteroids and the paranoids blue, for they blue up. There are adenoids too but they are two small to color.

But the gods wondered. They molded another big round world. And people and more people occupied it, until there were enough conflicts of greed, creed, and color to qualify for a civilization. The gods were sad. By this time though, they had mellowed somewhat, and placed salvation, enlightenment, above destruction. And the gods so loved the world that they gave unto it their Holy Representative, so that who so ever believeth in Him should not perish. And He was called Strontium. And the people looked upon Him and did fear Him sorely, thus did love Him mightily. And, East and West, they erected huge cylindrical underground temples in His honor; and they built great monuments in His likeness, which were to reign in the temples.

And Strontium did loom high in the minds of men; and a great cult of Fear arose upon the second world. And Freya was Love. And the second world survived. Bertrand was banned, and they did live happily ever after until. Onward, Crusaders...

Pillow Talk

By King Fun Ho

A word of caution to the sophisticated sex; the following technique as advocated by the so-called pillows is merely a hypothesis.

Tossing listlessly from side to side,

begged a lass of her faithful pet,

"Pillow, pillow, pillow dear.

Surely, you have seen poor maiden died;

tell me then, what I should do,

that my lover may be true."

Cautioned the pillow of lily white,

"Treat him lightly from the start."

Teased the pillow of petal pink,

"Lay no kisses upon his lips,"

Jested the pillow of Autumn brown,

"Torture the heart within his breast,"

Snarled the pillow of thunder dark,

"In the tempest cast him forth,"

"Once whence thou, more cruel than he,"

counselled the pillows of golden hearts,

"then will love be kind to thee."

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