

Editorials . . .

"United We Stand . . ."

Well, it finally happened! Proposals were accepted, changes were made, and dreams (of a few of us, at least) were partially realized. Can it be a small draft from below is beginning to lift, however slightly, the smog of apathy which has for five years smothered our campus? I believe so!

Perhaps it is the new sports; perhaps the new, long-awaited gymnasium; perhaps our spirited, gitty freshman and sophomore classes—or perhaps it is the beginning of a renaissance here at Wesleyan. At any rate it has finally happened. The students as a whole, as a unit, have finally requested (and supported the request) that changes be made, and the administration has considered them and cooperated. A great deal of credit must be given the student leaders, Doc. Stephens especially. Much credit must also be given to the student body. And much credit must be given the administration for recognizing this movement and, instead of smothering it, acting favorably upon it.

I have long contended that it could be here, and I have continually pleaded for it to happen. Now that it has happened, I am sure that few people could be more joyous over it than I am. However, conquering one hill does not win the war. To seize and not hold; to surmount and not advance is ultimately to lose the war We must

PRESS ON!

Lest there be some confusion, I shall attempt to clarify the subject of exactly who our enemy is. I will begin by saying that is not the administration, for they, face the same foe. The enemy just like that of Alexander King (*My Enemy Grows Older*) lies within and indeed is ourselves. As I intimated this semester not doing means not caring; and not caring means our inevitable downfall.

We must continue to push on. We must continue, also into other realms—realm of arts, the realm of academic pursuit, the realm of politics, the realm of athletics, the realm of humanity . . . for it is only in doing for others that we become strong ourselves. Let us not rest on our laurels and look proudly and contentedly about us—it is precisely in moments such as these that our enemy pulls us down. Let us continue onward, building the groundwork for a future Wesleyan—a college which will rank among the most outstanding in the South. By forging ahead now, this may be accomplished.

In an editorial in our last paper, the issue of decorating the snack bar and juke box room was raised and directed toward the administration for consideration. Expecting very little to come from this, I had intended to file it in the card catalog for the "Elephants' Graveyard" and bring the subject up later in the semester. However, in a stunning and unprecedented move, the administration took direct action on the matter and, readily consenting to it, handed it back to the students so quickly that most of us were caught off guard.

In assembly Tuesday (Jan. 5) the student body was given cards on which there were over a half dozen "suggested" names for the snack bar, plus space to suggest names of our own. These names were but suggestions—an attempt to introduce a stimulus into the student body to take pride in heir S.U. building and to suggest a name for the snack bar. Perhaps the importance of a name for this room isn't fully realized, so I shall attempt to show why it is so vitally important.

I have been informed by the business office that the decoration of this room will be no haphazard undertaking. In order to decorate the room a professional designer will be called in and high-quality materials are to be used. However, before this happens the room should; must have a name in order to provide a theme with which the decorator can work. For instance, if the room were named the "Sir Walter" (this is purely random), then the theme would perhaps center around an early colonial theme with coats of arms, scenes of Roanoke Island Indians, an early colonial stockade or any of a number of such lines. Since we are so close to the first settlement in America, and since our general architectural design is colonial, perhaps such a theme isn't too far out. In this case, however, it serves only to point out the necessity first, of have a name, and second, that of having a name which would tie in with the campus, its location, or its ideals.

I urge you to give this serious consideration in order that we may may sooner reap the benefits offered.

New York College Drops Religious Requirement For Men

Geneva, N. Y.--Calling the decision to drop the religious requirement for men students a step forward, the Rev. R. Channing Johnson, chaplain of Hobart College said, "I think it will help us work positively toward being a church related college in the best sense of the word."

The resolution, adopted by the faculty last year and approved by the Board of Trustees, called

for dropping the compulsory worship in chapel or in local churches "on the grounds that it does not achieve its purpose; tends to create attitudes that block real religious work, and is not essential to the nature of a church related college."

It is interesting to note that those faculty and administrators most directly involved in the religious life on campus were unanimous in asking that the

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"THEY SCHEDULED HIM TO TAKE THREE FINALS TODAY."

Letters To The Editor

I realize that this is far in the past but I feel that some comment should be made concerning it.

The Sunday before Christmas vacation, the freshmen girls adopted some Seasonal spirit and went Christmas caroling on campus. Being well received by the male population of the student community, we then proceeded to President Collins' home to extend our Christmas greetings.

I feel that for the first time on this campus, we experienced the unity that all of us have been complaining about. I can't say if it was just because we were having fun, but in some ways, I feel this unity can be attributed to the emotions of the season and the joy of what we were doing.

While leaving President Collins', we found ourselves amidst a water fight started by the upperclass girls. Why? Is it because they were basically jealous of what we were doing or just because they enjoy ruining a perfectly good evening? Did they sense our feeling of unity?

Don't get me wrong--I enjoy a good water fight as well as anyone else, but why at that time?

Grow up you mature girls! To add to the destruction of our evening, Nash Hall's parlor was thoroughly flooded--enough to ruin our dorm Christmas party. What's the matter girls--

DON'T FORGET—We vote Jan. 19 on having or not having a Spring Formal. Be sure to familiarize yourselves with the issues on both sides.

didn't anyone ever teach you how to behave? You continually plead maturity--then you act as you did that night. GROW UP!!!!!! CSM

Ed. Note:

Sadly enough, you have experienced one of the paradoxes which truly keeps the student body from becoming a potent force--idealism in words contrasted by unbecoming actions.

... just a few words

By Melvin Dowdy

The seriousness of some people towards Christianity has as much weight on worship services as a hog stuck in the churchyard. Evidenced by last Thursday's chapel (Jan. 7), most people are like the hog--stuck. They are stuck with the covenants they made with God without considering the obligations. If some good modern author had been present he would have found excellent material for a new "Vanity Fair". Some people prayed like a jack-

rabbit eating cabbage. In the midst of the sneers, the empty words, and the "I have God fooled" attitudes, the Lord must have laughed in pity. He knows the heart before the mouth speaks. He doesn't want our lies, He wants our lives. It would take an insane man to make a running jump into Hell, but that's what we do when we joke with God. This article makes no judgement, but calls for our self-evaluation. Isaiah 1:13 "Bring no more vain obligations."

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