

# Editorials . . .

## Let's Clean Ourselves Up

Recently it has come to our attention that certain individuals in the women's residence halls have been displaying some rather unladylike behavior in the parlors which borders on being of a passionate nature. Couples have actually stooped to indulging in certain affectionate actions which as we all know, have certain overtones and connotations of sexual immorality. It is indeed a shame that individuals cannot force themselves to cast aside such petty, public displays of passion and either devote themselves to the more serious intellectual pursuits of college life, or at least make an attempt to exercise their banal behavior in one the more secluded spots on campus, provided, of course, that the area is properly policed.

There are many members of this college community who are genuinely concerned over the moral state of these misdirected individuals who are doing all that is in their power to rectify the situation before it grows out of proportion and someone becomes hurt by the more vulgar aspects of reality. Remember the unofficial school motto: "We must shelter our students at all costs." One enterprising housemother has indeed become so shocked at this present state of affairs that she has requested the Dean of Students, a recognized authority on campus morals, to come to the resident hall to lecture on this very subject. How could we have allowed ourselves to be lured and seduced to such depths by the material world? And not is this morally dangerous, it also leaves a dark brown taste in the mouths of those innocents who have to witness uncontrolled actions. What would a member of the Rocky Mount community think, he or she be visiting the residence hall at 12:00 midnight on Friday or Saturday night. Indeed, what would they think should they ever happen to hear that such things go on out here! Students actually kissing each other—what a gross insult to our scholastic, intellectual goals! One faction of the fair city has already branded our psychology department as a Communist organization, therefore we simply can't allow the conditions to exist which would even suggest any other regrettable circumstances.

Let's clean our campus up! Let's remove the few remaining bushes, curtains, and trees on our campus which might even remotely be conducive to such goings-on. Let's pass a rule in true Wesleyan tradition stating that any couple seen kissing on campus will receive two warnings and then be suspended and three instances of holding hands will constitute one kiss, in order to give our rule some flexibility. Let's pass our own speaker ban law stating that anyone who has used vulgar language (such as "sex", "female", "male", "kiss", "make-out", will be immediately sentenced to read the entire works of James Fenimore Cooper. Let's include in our orientation program a plan to induce asexuality in the new students in order that in four years we may be rid of this nuisance once and for all.

Yes, friends, it can be done. We have already taken steps in the right direction, and with our firm foundation and proper legislation based on our principles we shall indeed overcome!

## Grubs On Our Campus

I have noticed, at first with amusement and then with annoyance, several editorial cartoons which have appeared in the Rocky Mount newspaper fairly recently depicting the apparent degeneration of good dress and appearance in college students. This (I hope) was intended to refer to college students on a national level, but while it does this it also contains undesirable local overtones. I would at this time like to point out to the cartoonist and staff several factors which should have been considered before such material was printed.

In the first place, what makes them think that such dress is entirely new to the American college scene and do they justify the sloppy, rough-shoulder appearance of how many citizens who are not in college? colleges have always had their share of individuals who did not dress in accepted conventional fashions (and here I could easily launch into a discussion of "convention," but I won't) and they always will. In the early 1950's there were complaints of students who attended classes in T-shirts and blue jeans and I shall refrain from even commenting on racoon coats and the like. No, gentlemen, this problem is not in any sense of the word new nor is any more intensified than it ever has been.

In the second place, you are falling victim (perhaps intentionally) to a method which is all too easy to make use of for any sort of propaganda: that of making ostensible the traits and habits of a group which represents, at best, a slim minority of those individuals involved. Your cartoons do not depict the general state of affairs of student appearance on this or any other campus and I, among others, resent such an analogy being drawn in the first place. It is not just and it is not good policy..

In closing I should like to challenge you or any other citizen of Rocky Mount to visit the NCWC campus (or the ECC campus, or the UNC campus, or the Duke campus, or ACC, or Louisburg, or Penn State etc. etc.3 and after doing so be able to say that they saw an unkept

## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE NO, WORTHAL — JUST THE UNDERWEAR!

appearance in over 5% of the student body. If you have no faith in the principles, morals, and good judgment of the future citizens of our country then I suggest that after taking a good look at the more mature individuals of our society, you begin a massive campus litter campaign to rectify the situation.

## Poems By Troll

Loneliness -- a state of being-or not-being - but more importantly, of mind  
Being in a room crowded with people or a subway---yet alone  
No-one knows--but you and I.  
So we laugh, in voices not heard  
Why?  
Who can tell? but loneliness itself,....  
If it could talk.

I Sit --  
As if a stranger in a new world sippint my beer  
And watching....  
The young waitress---  
With eyes like a soft breeze  
Over a faraway ocean  
The two in front--  
Proving that spring is here  
Spring?--Yes ,but  
Perhaps it will snow  
What difference? Slush, ice,  
but beauty...  
Beauty.....  
is it?

## Letters To The Editor

The Editor  
The Decree  
North Carolina Wesleyan College  
Rocky Mount, N. C.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Thank you very much for your editorial on the Dixie Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament held at North Carolina Wesleyan College. I agree with the first two paragraphs and hope that in the future we will be able to profit from past experience.

But I must take exception to much of the remainder of the editorial. In the first place, my own personal opinion is that the citizenry of Rocky Mount and the surrounding area do care about what goes on at the college. They show this not only through their annual support program, but also by the interest exhibited through attendance at the various activities sponsored by the college.

Secondly, I should like to answer some questions posed by you to which your reply was "...No- No, they did not!" "How many merchants were contacted to promote the tourney in town?" I do not know what you mean by "contacted to promote," but posters advertising the tournament were posted through Rocky

Mount, Pinetops, Red Oak, and even in Spring Hope. In addition, two Rocky Mount establishments handled an advanced ticket sale. "How much did you hear about the tourney on the local radio or TV stations?" All three local radio stations were contacted and all made announcements. Don Smith of Channel 9 Greenville and Nick Pond of Channel 5 Raleigh announced the tournament the Wednesday evening prior to the tournament, and Channel 9 gave the nightly results. "Did anyone contact the Chamber of Commerce, sent to each of the parmerce, or the Merchants Association?" I have in my office a copy of the letter Mr. Hugh Sawyer, present Executive Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce, sent to each of the participating colleges welcoming them to the community. In addition, programs sold by the junior class contained advertisements purchased by various Rocky Mount merchants.

Finally, we appreciate the efforts of The Decree to cover the sports events all year. In fact, the conference is most conscious of publicity. Several of the participating colleges had publicity people here who received

passes. The staff of The Decree received two passes (one photographer and one reporter) and The Annual photographer one pass. The local paper had a reporter present, the Raleigh paper was informed of the results each night, and the results were called in to the AP wire service nightly. To repeat myself, we are aware of free publicity.

Certain aspects of the tournament were apathetic but a clarification of certain facts, again in my opinion, reveals the apathy to be more within our college community than the surrounding community.

Sincerely,  
Raymond E. Bauer  
1965 D.I.A.C. Tournament Director..

Dear Dr. Bauer,

I greatly appreciate your letter and applaud the fact that at last someone has decided to challenge me on some of my views. Without criticism it is hard to assess exactly where you stand; this can lead to undesirable consequences---and once to which I myself have upon occasion, fallen astray.

As to the body of your letter, I must admit that I was a bit hasty in some accusations in the editorial. It was written in passionate disgust at what no one can claim was not a lamentable situation. Granted, most of the apathy in this situation does lie within the college community ( a thing against which I have fought all year, in vain), and I think I devoted no less than 1/3 of the editorial to the students themselves. Another 1/3 was directed to public relations and publicity aspects of the campus ( and in this area I admit I must recant), and a scant two lines to the citizens of Rocky Mount. Perhaps I was justified in doing this and perhaps not . However the fact remains that very few Rocky Mount citizens showed up. I fully realize that the school receives a generous annual sum from the Rocky Mount area but

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