

Editorials . . .

The "Bermuda Ban", Why?

Recently a petition, originating within the student body, has been proposed which would amend the present regulations concerning the wearing of sports attire on campus.

Three basic changes have been suggested in the petition. 1. There would be no set limits on the time of year in which bermudas, etc. are permitted instead of the present April 1-October 31 limits. 2. The hours for the wearing of such attire would be from 2:00 p.m. until the closing hours of the Student Union instead of from 2:00-5:00 as the regulations now stand. 3. Sports attire would be permitted in dormitory lounges in contrast to the present prohibition.

It would seem necessary to examine the petition in light of the present high student interest.

Presently the months of April 1 to October 31, as mentioned above, are set as arbitrary limits for casual dress. The regulations seem to imply that this is a guarantee of cold weather except in this period. Since the U. S. Weather Bureau cannot adequately predict weather for the entire year it would appear that the originators of the present law are stepping a little over their bounds. It would seem that if a student is intelligent enough to be accepted at NCWC then he certainly could judge for himself if it is warm enough to wear casual clothing.

Not content with deciding the months of the year the regulation then limits the time from 2:00-5:00 p.m. This present law presents an extreme inconvenience to the student. The beginning hour of 2:00 seems reasonable but what about the 5:00 p.m. deadline. If a student has been studying in his room at night, and to be comfortable has on bermudas, it is necessary for him to change clothing in order to go to the SU for a coke or sandwich. The present stand is that such attire is inappropriate. What attire is more appropriate for the purpose of relaxation and a break from studying than bermudas? The attire is accepted practically everywhere else, including one of our leading restaurants. why is it not appropriate at NCWC?

The third part of the present regulation which is being protested concerns the wearing of sports attire in dorm lounges. As the present regulation reads, this includes both the women and men's lounges. Obviously, the regulation is not being obeyed or enforced in the boy's lounges because of its complete farcical nature. In the girl's lounges, however; the housemothers do enforce the regulation and that is where the complaint lies. In the world at large, bermudas, etc., is considered acceptable and comfortable attire for mixed company. At Wesleyan the present rules omit dorm lounges from that world and as such make the rules a little "behind the times." Again, it would seem that oftentimes sports clothing is appropriate.

Finally, it would seem that general attitudes among students favor changing the regulations. The dormitory lounges, SU, and campus in general are supposedly the student's home. Should not the students decide how they can dress in their home?

RCK

Please — A Reading Day For NCWC

As the school year at NCWC approaches completion, all students, with the possible exception of a few Seniors, must face the inevitable period of testing known as final exams. From a glance at the schedule, classes end on Tuesday, the 25th and at 9:00 a.m. the following morning, the lucky student gets to take his first final. If he (the student) is lucky he can take another one that afternoon. Then, perhaps, after two the next day and one or two on Friday, this individual can go home perhaps never to return. And one of the reasons that he may not return is because he had no time to prepare for his finals.

With the present exam schedule there is absolutely no break between final classes meeting and exams. At the best, a student can have an afternoon and evening to prepare for a Wednesday final or finals. Exams count from 1/4 to 1/3 or more of the total grade in a course. Oftentimes they are the criteria by which passing or failing is determined. Yet, often a student has no more time or even less time to prepare for an exam than for an hour quiz. It would certainly be interesting to make a survey of exam grades as compared with previous grades. There is a strong possibility that the exam grade would show a substantial decline from previous grades. Really, with lack of preparation time, how could a student be expected to do well?

Unlike many problems found at Wesleyan, there is an adequate remedy for this problem of exam flunks. This remedy is provided by the establishment of a reading day; a day between the last day of classes and finals on which a student can study for his finals.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



At N. C. State, and at many other colleges and universities, a day for study has been set aside and has proved to be quite helpful. This idea has been mentioned among the faculty of NCWC but no results are evident. Some teachers have had the foresight to suspend classes on Monday and Tuesday, but it is not yet a policy of the school. The idea seems to have validity — hopefully it will see some actually practice in the future. Let us hope that in the near future we, as students, will see some relief from the present "class one day — exams the next" policy.

RCK

Warning: Wake up Youth of America

The most agonizing thing about the youth of today is that they either do what everyone else does or try so hard to be different that they fall into another, equally as nauseating, category of the "pseudo-non-conformist."

Ask an adult what teen-agers like and he will most likely say, "Pizza, cars, the Beatles, and records." There is the stereotype of a teen-ager; the girls in bushy hair, fantastic eye make-up, and a matching sweater and skirt; the boys in tight pants, bushy hair, and driving a terrifically noisy car.

Then there are the pseudo-non-conformist; boys who are smart but dress like crumbs, or who are not smart but still dress like crumbs, or who act superior, disclaiming all forms of society, and there girl counterparts who have long stringy hair and scuffy shoes.

Come on youth of America, wake up. Do you fall into these atrocious categories just because you haven't the courage to think for yourself? If you like classical music, do you slink off to concerts, afraid that someone will see you and laugh? Just because you care about your future and grades, are you afraid there's something wrong? with you and you'll be doomed to the rands of "real square?"

If you like a pony tail better than a rat's nest, a sport shirt and tie rather than a sweatshirt, and evening of bowling with a crowd rather than necking in a corner, speak up, stand up, be proud of the fact that you are an individual and not a sheep,

a person and not one of the look-alikes in "his" crowd or "her" crowd.

Above all, do your part to wipe out the universal teenage stereotype. Be yourself, have people recognize you as a young person of firm conviction-of ideals, knowing what you want and when you want it. Be John Jones or Suzy Smith, but don't let yourself take the easy way out and blend, unnoticed, into the vast realm of those of the "crowd".

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POEMS

By Troll

I
You can't ever get away
from an ocean breeze---
Here, here it is calm---
and nice.
The ocean---well, it is there,
Over that dune,
You must see it
Blue,
Clear,
Vast.

A thing that no one should ever
Miss seeing

II
I will bring you here someday--
To see the complete wonder
Of this place . . . The bushes,
The dunes, the sea
-----and the sky which
connects them all . . .
But the breeze --- Yes---
I can see it ruffling your
soft hair---
Making all this real
and
alive.

From the unreal
A promise I make to this place
To return--to return and take
in the magnificence of its simple
splendor--
Until then---
I am gone.

A field is like a though ---
With the border only at death,
Where the grass ends.
It continues, continues an
Beyond that long sloping hill
Where it only seems to end.
A gentle breeze ruffles the
Soft blades of hair
As I sit assured that
All is right.

POEMS

by Prometheus

THE FLIES

Green-eyed and noisy
They eat my decaying body;
Tiny feet upon my cornes
Pausing to chant and pray
While I curse them
Through bloated lips.
Yet, they are thankful to God
For providing opportunity
To serve
In the Plan of Creation
While they gorge in hallowed
reverence
On this my burial day.

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