

## Editorials . . .

### TO OUR EDITOR

It is customary at this time of year to present an editorial tribute to the outgoing editor. This tribute is often loaded with trite phrases and platitudes. Such an editorial would not do justice to Edward B. Lewis.

Ed gave this newspaper strength. Along with his tiny staff, he stepped into a job about which he knew very little, and, before he was through, he made the student bod and the administration sit up and realize there really was a college newspaper.

Believing that lack of communication was the basic problem on the Wesleyan campus Ed used this newspaper to smack the students, and oftentimes the administration, between the eyes to get their attention. What would it take to make Wesleyan arise from its apathetic slumber? Questions of race, sex, and the like? If so, then Ed would use it if he thought it might make the people here think.

Straight editorials, satiric editorials, fables, and poems were printed in the *Decree*, and it was gratifying to see the minds of Wesleyan students begin to stir and brush away their cobwebs. The automatons started to read the paper, to question, and finally to demand answers from the administration which they had ignored in the past.

Ed also hoped to make the administration see that the *Decree* was no longer just a rag that came out now and again and said nothing. This he accomplished, by sincerely questioning policies which he felt the student body should understand. In doing so he may have opened a new era in understanding and better relations between the students and the administration.

To Ed this college owes a debt for making the *Decree* into an integral power for the students' best interests. To Ed the staff owes many thanks for his clear and steady thinking in our many hours of crisis. To Ed future classes at Wesleyan will owe their thanks for making this school much stronger.

We sincerely feel that the staff of next year's *Decree* will follow the examples set by Ed Lewis, and that in doing so we will add to the honor he has brought this newspaper.

TOM DAVIS

### Poverty And Discrimination

Poverty in our community is the theme of a feature story in the "*Decree*" this week. One looks at this headline, gazes at the picture of a dilapidated house, and then turns the page. And, that is often the way with us clean, "Christian" people, not just at Wesleyan, but Rocky Mount, eastern North Carolina, and in our "great" America as a whole. Few bother to ask why such poverty exists. Even fewer try to do something about it.

Admittedly, some emphasis has been put on this issue. Kennedy and Johnson saw fit to declare "war on poverty." A work corp was founded to give aid in depressed areas. Money is slowly being channeled to help the poor. But, by-in-large the process of reform has been a painfully slow one. The problem of poverty has been dismissed as either unimportant or too expensive by the majority of Americans. We, as a nation, deny the existence of "such things" in our fine land. "I'm not poor — why should I be concerned," one asks.

**Lets face the issue.** Lets really, honestly, declare "war on poverty." How can we do anything, one may ask? One very important answer would be another question. Why is there poverty? And a key to this answer is found if one examines the prejudices found in America. Yes, the prejudice placed against an individual because of his name, his religion, his color, or because of the way he parts his hair. The bigotry found is indeed one of the primary reasons for much poverty. How can one be expected to support himself decently when he has no opportunity.

Often in our society people with tremendous potential are completely stifled in attempts at self-betterment because of social prejudices. These same people end up in the shacks, the rat-infested hovels not fit for animal habitation, not because they haven't tried for better things, but because they haven't had an opportunity in education or employment.

Look again at the poverty story. Examine those pictures closely. Who knows, YOU might be living there if your color were different.

RCK

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### The Cafeteria, Revisited

As the school year at our beloved college comes to a conclusion, and as one reminisce about his school, thoughts of our wonderful cafeteria come to mind. Especially remembered is the protest that occurred earlier this year when the usually listless student body actually displayed great unity. Almost to a man they protested against the "so-called" food that was being served.

After the "strike" some improvements were made. A food service committee was organized to meet with Mrs. Vanderslice. As a result the quality and variety of the food did improve. The serving-line was more careful not to "drown" the food. Menus were posted and some of the dishes were labeled.

But one wonders how long this improvement continued. Admittedly one will grow tired of the day after day, eating in one place, regardless of how good the food is. However, it still appears that our cafeteria has again lapsed into the same attitude that existed before the protest. The servers, with the exception of a few, manage to mix the portions together so that the result is often both undesirable and undescribable. One can almost predict what will be served at a specified meal. A Sunday night meal still has only one entree, either Tuna Salad, hamburgers, or hotdogs. Often the same serving appears at two very close meals.

Suggestions to have meal tickets have been turned down for two reasons. First, it would be too expensive, and second, it would damage school spirit not to have a forced daily meeting place.

The first reason does have some merit. Perhaps it would cost a little more per meal eaten in the cafeteria with meal tickets. But since many students already pay for two meals oftentimes (the one not eaten at school and the one eaten somewhere else to get away from the "awful cafeteria") it would seem that in the long run it would be cheaper to have a meal ticket plan. To the second suggestion that the cafeteria "meeting-place" helps school spirit all that needs to be said is "BAH-HUMBUG".

Will the students have to demonstrate again? Or will by some miracle, the food improve without such drastic measures. It seems that the first possibility is more likely. It may not do any lasting good, but at least it shows that we, as students, care.

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## Letters To The Editor

The Administrative Council has been much too conservative in their standing concerning appropriate college apparel for Wesleyan students. We must consider that Wesleyan has a reputation to maintain while not forgetting that students at this institution must, at all times, dress appropriate to those standards established by the more prominent places of learning. It is my opinion that the Administration benefit the college community by adopting a number of resolutions which firmly establish proper college apparel. They are:

1. Proper school clothes may be worn in all areas of the college between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 11:57 p. m. during the months of the academic school year.

2. Clean socks may be worn from the first week in November to the last week in April. Such attire is still inappropriate for the remaining months of the year.

3. Proper sportswear and clean athletic attire may be worn only between the hours of 1:44 and 10:35 p. m. and when the temperature is above 75 degrees Fahrenheit and/or the humidity is greater than 70 percent cent.

4. Sweatshirts may be worn only Monday through Saturday during the academic school year. Only short sleeved sweatshirts or sweatshirts with the sleeves removed, will be allowed on Sunday and only between the hours of 6:04 a. m. and 9:32 a. m.

5. Blue Jeans are inappropriate on all areas of the college campus except the Decree office and the Retreat.

6. Athletic shoes may be worn only between the hours of 4:37 p.m. and 10:31 p. m., Monday through Friday, from the last week in September to the first week in June. Athletic shoes other than conoersc hummers are inappropriate. Only wingtips and weeguns will be allowed on Saturday and Sunday during the above mentioned months.

7. Only pajamas and "babydoll" (night gowns) may be worn between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a. m. Such attire is still inappropriate for all academic areas and the cafeteria.

8. Only coats and ties may be worn in the snack bar and juke box room Monday through Saturday between the hours of 6:00 a. m. and 11:00 p. m. Formal attire for men and long gowns for women must be worn on Sunday in these areas.

9. Bermuda shorts are forbidden on all areas of the campus, including the juke box room, the snack bar and the cafeteria on all days, no matter the temperature. Such attire is not permitted on any area of the campus unless the student is participating in an athletic activity. (See above rules for proper attire during such activities).

I strongly advise the Administrative Council to adopt the afore-mentioned regulations. They are certainly vital to the reputation of Wesleyan.

You most sincerely,

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It has been a long and harrowing season for the Wesleyan baseball nine (no pun intended), as indeed every season has been for every team ever fielded by Wesleyan College. Be that as it may,