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Students Protest Policy;

Smith States Reasons

A financial policy instituted by the college business office during the summer has brought on a mild protest from the Wesleyan student body.

General student opinion appears to find the new withdrawal system set by the business office to be unfair. Fritz Smith, S. L. A. chairman, commented, "I think it's ridiculous! The hours offered are not banking hours." Linda Preston summed up a prevalent student gripe with the statement that "I had to go all the way uptown to cash a check because they wouldn't do it here."

The new policy states in part that "Checks, including withdrawal slips, may be cashed at the Business Office at designated hours---10:20 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each morning and 3:15 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. each afternoon (except Saturday afternoon)." Checks or withdrawal slips may not be cashed any other place on campus or at any other time, although the book store will accept checks for the amount of purchases.

Some students have reported a lack of civility on the part of the business office staff. One such report related that a student was ordered out of the office when he arrived five minutes before the stated check-cashing time.

Members of the student body who place their money in a withdrawal account with the college have indicated dissatisfaction in not being allowed to withdraw money the college holds for them.

College comptroller W. Jasper Smith, when asked by the Decree for reasons behind the new system, replied, "It's basically economics." He stated that for the business office to offer a checking service full time would cost an estimated \$3000 a year.

"We cannot be disturbed all day," Smith said, indicating that the cashing of checks definitely interferes with the normal workings of the office. "If we were required to offer this service all the time, we'd have to stop it completely," he said.

The comptroller commented that the college is not obligated to provide the checking service. "We are offering far more than any other school in providing this service to the students," Smith reported.

A report that a rash of bad checks last year might have brought on the policy change was squelched by Mr. Smith. He stated that the "danger of robbery and burglary" in the snack bar and the large numbers of checks previously cashed their necessitated the stoppage.

"We must operate on an economical basis," Smith re-emphasized. He added that when more dorms were built and more students attended Wesleyan, a cooperative banking service would probably be offered on campus by the banks in Rocky Mount.

Comptroller Smith also remarked that he felt it was one of the purposes of the college to help students learn the value

of planning ahead, referring to complaints that students wishing to cash checks couldn't get to the business office during the stated hours.

The hours selected for check cashing were determined, Smith said by "groups of students" conferring with him last year and during the summer. If the hours now used are unacceptable to the student body at large, Smith indicated that hours more favorable could perhaps be arranged.

"Little Foxes" To Be Presented

Dr. David Batchelor recently announced that the Wesleyan Players will feature Hellman's "The Little Foxes" as their next production, which will be opened on November 11th for a three day run.

The cast for this production is as follows: Matt Gaffney, Buster McLennan, Betty Bridges, Brenda Lewis, Cliff Seyler, Pamela Gibbs, Ray O'Kelley, Bill Barto, Donald Dare, and Joan Bass.

Behind the scenes will be: Tom Hinte, stage manager; Allen Ragsdale, bookholder; Eugene Stowell, stage carpenter; Tom Butler, electrician; Dale Ramey, sound technician; Jane Stone, properties mistress; Ginny Breitenbach, costume mistress; Edith Nurse, make-up artist; Al Stallings, business manager; and Sally Andrews, publicity manager.

HELP

Help us if you can . . . ! ASPECTS, the literary magazine of Wesleyan College, will be struggling this year to achieve excellence. In such an attempt the contributions of students are vital. The staff of ASPECTS announced that an extension of time has been allowed on the deadline for printing our first of two issues this year.

If you have a contribution, please don't be tardy. ASPECTS is interested particularly in poems, art work, essays, and even old term papers - almost any literary attempt of some merit.

Submit your manuscripts (typed if possible, please) to the ASPECTS adviser, Mr. Mizelle (Horne 110-b) no later than October 20.

The President and Vice President of the S. G. A., Guy Turner and Melvin Gay respectively, plus four women students representing each class, attended the Nash County Harvest Festival Parade on October 11, in Nashville, N. C.



Standing, from left to right are: Sandra Young, Jeanne Ward, Anna Grey, and Arlene Fry. Kneeling are Marilyn Shepard, Kay Lipscomb, Barbara Nelson, and Judy Addison. Not pictured, Nancy Grider. Photo by Boothe

Cheerleaders Selected

The N. C. W. C. cheerleading squad was chosen Thursday October 7 by the chairman of the Athletic Commission, Gil Wiley, the President of the S. G. A., Guy Turner, Senior Class President, Carl Alderman, Junior Class President, Blaine Adams, and Richard O'Neal, President of the Sophomore Class.

Those girls selected were: Marilyn Shepard, chief, Farmville, Va.; Judy Addison, Durham; Kay Lipscombe, Kinston; Nancy Grider, Annandale, Va.;

Arlene Fry, Edenton; Barbara Nelson, Rocky Mount; Sandra Young, Richmond, Va.; Anna Grey, Washington, D. C.; and Jeanne Ward, Norfolk, Va.

Selection of the cheerleaders was made on their personal appearance, personality, ability to cheer and academic standing (not on Academic Probation).

Each contestant was judged individually, performing one cheer: "Rip'em up, Tear'em up, Give'em Hell, Wesleyan."

S. L. A. Decision

Following the minor Freshman rebellion concerning the wearing of the Frosh beanie on September 27, the Orientation Committee met and concluded that some punishment must be imposed for the violation of the rules of Orientation.

The Orientation Committee, headed by Joe Boling, decided that the most effective punishment would be to impose room restriction on all the Frosh males. Boling returned this verdict to the Freshmen at a meeting on the evening of the 27th, and further explained that if the students responsible for the incident reported their activities to him, restriction would be lifted.

The instigators of the revolt turned themselves in that same night, and restriction was thus lifted.

Before the names of the "guilty parties" were turned over to the Student Life Association for judicial proceedings, SLA Attorney General Mike Pratt conducted a preliminary investigation.

Pratt's inquiries discovered that the reports which had led the Orientation Committee to impose room restriction had been erroneous. He also found that the committee's judicial powers were not clearly defined by the SGA constitution.

As a result of the attorney general's findings, the SLA, headed by Fritz Smith, was asked to make an interpretation.

After extensive investigation, the SLA found that the Orientation Committee did not in fact have the power to impose room restriction, and that there was no case for the prosecution.

Following its decision, the SLA recommended that the SGA make appropriate changes in policy so as to remedy the decision before the influx of the Class of '70.

Concerning the situation, SLA Chairman Smith stated that "everybody had been operating under a false assumption which was not discovered until much investigation was made. We have never run into this problem before and the Orientation Committee was forced to make a decision and it was necessary that the decision be made immediately."

Smith commented that the Orientation Committee's action coincided with assumptions made by many of the SGA officers and "it was unfortunate that the assumption was not proven false until things had gone so far." He indicated that he was sure the situation would be remedied before next year.

Smith concluded, "The constitution and system of student government under which we are now operating is new and has much room for improvement. The student government officials which have already been elected and appointed are conscientious.

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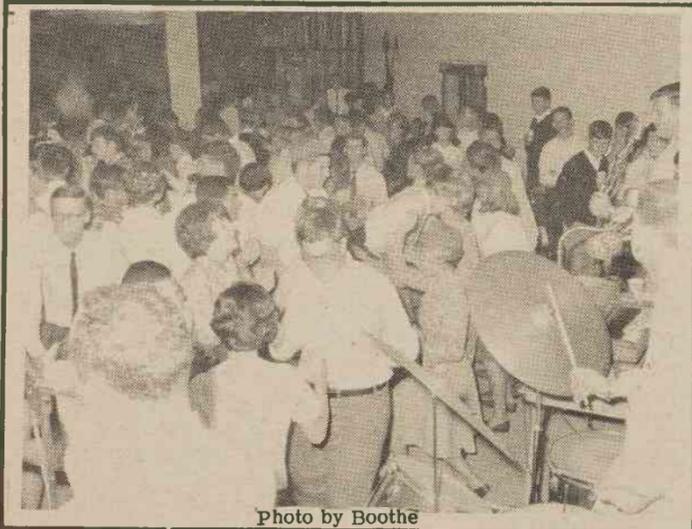


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Soph. Dance A Success

On Friday, October 1, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. the sophomore class of North Carolina Wesleyan College sponsored a dance featuring the Embers of the Embers' Club, Raleigh, N. C. The theme of the dance was "What's New, Pussycat?" Among the songs the Combo played were "Stubborn Kinda Fellow," "Hang On Sloopy," "Oop Poo Pah Doo"

and "Kidnapper." The dance was held in the Student Union and approximately 500 people attended. Thanks for a successful dance should be given to Richard O'Neal, Tess Ledford, Dianne Wood, Quinton White, Claire Anderson, Greg Tapson and those members of the sophomore class who sold tickets.