

On the front page of this issue is a story dealing with the current student problem concerning the cashing of checks in the business office. This story contains many quotes by W. Jasper Smith, college comptroller and holder of the purse-strings.

The Decree understands Mr. Smith's position of the cashing of checks in the snack bar and book store, and agrees with him that the troubles of the past have made it necessary to discontinue such transactions in the Student Union.

We do not, however, understand or agree with his assertion that cashing checks during all the hours the business office is open is expensive and beyond the bounds of what the college should offer in the way of services.

We take issue with Mr. Smith's position that cashing checks at anytime in the business office will cost around \$3000 a year. This seems to be a gross over-estimation of the possible cost and also a rather weak attempt to defend what is obviously a very unpopular policy.

Mr. Smith's statement that the chosen hours for withdrawals was determined after conferences with "groups of students" gives rise to the question as to just who the students were.

A check with the SGA officials for summer school and also regular session reveals that none of the students so consulted came from this body. In an action so vastly affecting the student body, it seems to us that common decency would have led to talks with the SGA officials.

We most definitely take issue with Mr. Smith's contention that the college does not have to offer such a checking service to the students.

The location of Wesleyan makes it most difficult for students to get into town to cash checks. A ten mile trip seems most unnecessary when there is a business office only steps away.

It is the position of this newspaper that so long as no banking service by a reputable firm is offered on or near this campus, that it is the responsibility of the college to provide such service in the best interests of the students.

The Decree certainly hopes that the desires of the student body will be made crystal clear to Mr. Smith and the business office by constructive letters to the editor in the next issue.

—Tom Davis

### A Little Too Long?

They put on their beanies, said "yes sir" and "no sir" and, most important, seemed to enjoy this orientation. Enthusiastically they carried trays, sang off-key and shined shoes. But slowly the enthusiasm faded and the "sirs" and "ma'ams" disappeared. If a tray was carried, it was due to much perseverance by an upperclassman. It seemed that Wesleyan's junior citizens had grown tired of orientation. Nowhere was this attitude more apparent than at the recent "Embers" dance. Beanies and name tags suddenly disappeared and "Garb Day" apparel was striking by its absence; and perhaps more important, none of the upperclassmen seemed particularly distressed by the occurrence.

There is such a thing as over-orientation and it would appear that this was the case at Wesleyan. Dean Frye recently stated the objectives of orientation to be unification of the Freshmen and the development of cooperation among the class members. When the program is stretched out over too long a period, cooperation becomes rebellion and unification becomes dissension. In several cases last year hostility between freshmen and upperclassmen resulted and remained long after the official freshman program ended.

Two suggestions might be made to remedy this situation. First, perhaps a one week orientation would be more suitable; a "hell-week" during which all orientation rules would be stringently enforced. For two or three weeks afterward only beanie wear would be required.

Second, as an alternate plan, orientation could be shortened to two weeks instead of the present three. One day of orientation might be more appropriate than the present week for unfortunate freshman classes who lose at field day, or perhaps a week during which all rules were lifted except beanies worn.

Orientation should make the student want to belong to the college community, not make him wish he didn't belong. It would seem that changes in the orientation procedure are dictated in order to make the freshman a better citizen in the college community.

—RCK

### FAULTS TELLING

by King Fun Ho

They came last night, my child.  
To tell your faults to me.  
"Such and such," whispered they.  
"So and so," they spurted out loud.

I laughed outright when they were done.  
I know your faults only too well, my child.  
"My! How embarrassed they will be," muse I.  
"If they could only know the truth."

They are blind, yea! too blind to see—  
that your faults only endear you more to me.

## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"TH' DOLL IN THE BLACK SWEATER—FIRST DATE—A WILD TIGRESS"

"TH' BOY WITH HIS BACK TO US... SO NERVOUS & SHY HE TOOK ME RIGHT HOME—"

## Letters To The Editor

Editor, The Decree:

In response to Miss Monroe's letter in the last issue of the Decree, I have several points which I feel ought to be considered.

First of all, I agree with Miss Monroe's feeling that the popular "Amen" sung at Chapel on Thursday, September 23, was not the most appropriate benediction response. I also know that Miss Monroe is not alone in her opinion.

But in keeping with the religious aspects of a Christian education, I feel that all of us should "first cast out the beam out of our own eye; and then we shall see clearly to cast out the mote out of our brother's eye." (Matt. 7:5).

One question arises in my mind that each student should ask of himself: What do YOU do during the Chapel services? Perhaps I can help you answer this. Some daydream with their minds about two million miles away. Some study the lessons they never manage to finish the night before. A number of people catch an extra hour's sleep. Others play cards—bridge, old maid using the attendance cards and uttering a few profane statements when they lose, gin rummy, etc. Still others talk to their friends, pass notes, giggle, and otherwise create a disturbance. Some few use the Chapel hour to romantic advantage.

Certainly, all will agree that these activities are not in keeping with a religious attitude. As a matter of fact, these activities are disrespectful to God, to the person who is speaking, and to those around us.

From the vantage point of the Chapel Choir, I see only a small number of persons who actually use the Chapel hour as it should be used—an hour of communion and meditation with God. And these are not the ones who are raising objections to the benediction response.

So I repeat a point I made earlier—Cast the beam out of your own eye before casting the mote out of someone else's. When the entire Chapel congregation attains an attitude of reverence and Godly fear, then—and only then—will Miss Monroe's com-

plaint be worthy of consideration.

Jane Leslie Stone

Editor's Note:

I agree with Miss Stone in her statement that although the song was inappropriate, so were the actions of the student body as a whole.

Here again, we can go back to the question of the validity and usefulness of mandatory Chapel. Can the "inappropriate" actions of the students be a means of rebellion to chapel? The question is still unanswered.

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