

A Little Consideration, Please

Required chapel at Wesleyan is a subject that has probably caused more student opposition with administrative policy than any other college regulation. **THE DECREE** has always been an outspoken critic of the mandatory service and will continue to do so until some more satisfactory arrangement is made.

But it must be admitted that the student who elects to enter Wesleyan knows that he will be required to attend chapel at the college. When he accepts admission to the college he accepts the college rules for better or worse. Certainly, each student still has the right to criticize the present policy. In fact, he may choose to do his homework in chapel or to sleep in chapel; that is his privilege. However, when a student causes such a ruckus during a chapel service that it becomes extremely difficult for others to hear the speaker this person has exceeded his own rights and is infringing on the rights of others.

When a speaker or a group has gone to the trouble of preparing a program they deserve a certain amount of common courtesy. One doesn't have to listen to the program, but when he makes so much noise that others cannot hear, and the speaker is distracted, then there is a complete lack of common courtesy.

In particular, reference could be made to the recent speech by the missionary on her work. It was obvious that the woman was bothered by the large amount of noise and it was very difficult for many students to hear her. It might be interesting to get this woman's impression of the Wesleyan student body. She probably felt she would have found a more civilized audience if she went to darkest Africa as a missionary. Unfortunately the impression she got will reflect on the entire student body, not just a few noisemakers. The Wesleyan community in its entirety is credited with a lack of any consideration.

Most of the students at Wesleyan demonstrate the ability to act civilized and most of the students do not wish to be classed with those few who continually act like children.

To those who DO act mature and courteous read no further. To those who persist in acting as if they were still in high school these lines are addressed.

Your behavior embarrasses the rest of the college community. At chapel, at the college social functions, in the dormitories, you act the same way. You do not deserve to be a part of the college community. Were it not for your irresponsible attitudes, many of the ridiculous regulations at Wesleyan would not be necessary. In short, the rest of the college is being penalized for your asinine behavior. Why don't you "shape up or ship out" because if you are going to act like a child Wesleyan doesn't need or want you.

Decree Adopts Policy

The **DECREE** has adopted a new policy which states: We, the **DECREE**, official student newspaper of N. C. Wesleyan College have hereby adopted the policy that we shall hereafter take the attitude that we, as a working body, do not and will not again, care whether this newspaper is written and published. We adopt the attitude that it doesn't really matter to the staff whether the student wants the paper or not. We adopt the attitude that we can be just as spineless, lazy and unconcerned as the majority of the student body on this campus. Therefore, the publication of the **DECREE** hereafter shall be erratic, inconsistent and noncommittal.

We sincerely hope that this is pleasing to the student community as it seems to be the general attitude of such and we want only to express their attitudes. This is our job and we wish to extend our sincerest apologies that such has not been our policy in the past.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"WHY CAN'T YOU BE LIKE SOME OF THE OTHER FACULTY AND JUST TAKE TRANQUILIZERS."

Wesleyan

As I See It

By Duffie Monroe

I have tried, in the past, not to make this column my personal gripe section although, to the readers, it may have seemed as such. You can stop reading now if you prefer, because I have every intention of doing just that.

My main concern on this campus is the **DECREE**, its operation and production capabilities. The past semester and a half has not been easy. The work has been continuous and without help. The staff, what there is, is put together of a few people who have enough spunk to come in the office and work continuously while others drift in and out, contributing when the urge happens to hit them. All in all, it would be my estimate that the staff is composed of six people, two of which do not write.

I may sound as if I am blowing my own horn on the subject but I am sincerely beginning to feel that if I don't, no one else will. The production job of this paper is not an easy one, there is copy to be written, numerous trips to the printer, paste-up to be done and a general all-around job. Few people on this campus realize the exact amount of work that goes into even the production of a single four-page issue, much less an eight-page, and few will ever take the opportunity to find out. Why?

I don't think that it is possible to really answer the question without coming around to the old tried and true problem of apathy. Actually, few people on this campus are interested in the Decree in any form that it may appear. Surely, there are those who are interested and they are the ones who come to me with praise or complaints, but they make up a small portion of this campus population. Then I ask myself, "Why bother?"

I could say because the newspaper business is something that I would like to continue in after college but that is only part of the reason. I work here because this college needs a newspaper, speaking from and by the student. The only problem: No one cares to produce such a product.

And therefore, I have done what I feel would stir the students into action. I have threatened to stop publication and gone so far as to leave a portion of a page blank because certain "so-called" staff members neglected to turn in their assignments. And such a campaign will continue if I must leave an entire newspaper blank, and that is my next move. I will not fight this battle with three people, it is impossible and ridiculous to even consider.

If the students want a newspaper on this campus they damn well better start working to help it. The Decree has made tremendous strides in improvement over the past semester -- even you cannot deny it. It is a paper for you, the student, to have the specific purpose of expressing your opinions, on matters concerning only you, plus featuring the news which affects you.

You may not think much of Wesleyan, but believe me you will think less of it if this paper is forced to stop publication. It will be a pretty poor thing that Wesleyan cannot even support a student newspaper, but believe me, when it happens, and it will, you will have deserved it. If you have any feeling for this college whatsoever, you will regret it. I only hope you have that much guts in you to even feel regret.

S. L. A.

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cil of the S.G.A. and shall have original jurisdiction only in cases of a more serious nature than would be handled by the other judiciary councils." It shall be composed of a chairman and two other members plus the Dean of Students or his appointed representative.

It shall have the power to interpret the constitution of the S.G.A. and determine action to take concerning a student found guilty.

Those seven candidates for the S.L.A. as nominated by the Senate were:

Ronnie Cronshaw, Tommy Cheshire, Warren Blanchard, Quinton White, Allen Ragsdale, Tim Issacs, John Porter.

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By Doug Groseclose

Although I am sure what I am about to write about may seem quite unimportant to many people it is important to me. I also would like to make it clear that I am not trying to find fault with President Johnson just for the sake of finding fault; I think what I am writing about is a legitimate criticism of Mr. Johnson.

The Washington Senators opened the baseball season last week on the traditional way with the throwing out of the first ball. The only departure from tradition was the fact that President Johnson did not throw out the ball, Vice-President Humphrey did. This certainly seems to be very unimportant, but is it? It has been the President's job for many years to act as both Head of State and Head of Government for the United States, is President Johnson attempting to change this tradition?

This week the Cherry-Blossom Festival will commence in Washington, D. C. and again it is traditional for the President to preside at this pageant. Where will Mr. Johnson be? He will be at that ol' Texas White House outside of Austin. Again Vice-President Humphrey will assume the responsibilities of the Chief Executive.

Do these deviations from protocol mean that the President is trying to establish the Vice-President as the Head of State? Last week a plan was approved by Congress to build the Vice-President a permanent and official residence in Northwest Washington. It would appear that President Johnson is starting a definite trend toward making the Vice-President the Head of State and the President, Head of Government. I don't really know whether this is good or bad, but we will probably be able to see in ten years just how effective this division of responsibilities is.

MISERY IS

The Confucian sages of third floor Babcock A, with four years of vast experience of various varieties, easily concocted a list of the miseries of a coed. The only one missing, other than the unprintables, is the dateless Saturday night. But dateless Saturday nights provide opportunities to decide what misery is.

Misery is having time to find out what misery is.

Misery is being 22 and still asked for your ID when you visit the alphabet store...

Misery is being 24 and still a freshman...

Misery is finding out your boyfriend has mono...

Misery is finding out that you gave your boyfriend mono...

Misery is having to wear Buster Browns when everyone else is wearing Weejuns.

Misery is the way you feel after your 369th cigarette of the day...

Misery is watching Saturday Night at the Movies, with the girls...

Misery is when you've spent your last 35¢ for a tall Bud and you knock it off the table..

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