

## Editorials . . .

## Ye Ol' Swimmin' Hole

Rejoice dear students, for we again have a place to enjoy the rays of Old Sol. Yes, Hal Orr's and Coral Court have let the students of Wesleyan again use their swimming pools. But it was not a decision that was easy to make. In fact, at one time it appeared that NCWC would not be offered the use of the pools. The large increase in the college enrollment and the corresponding increase in the crowds at the pool were cited as a reason not to offer the pool. The owners of the motels were afraid the crowds would scare off business.

However, they did finally decide to let us have the pool. And it was purely out of the goodness of their hearts, for regardless of what one may have heard, the owners of the pools do not get one red cent out of the 50c paid for the pool passes. The whole thing is just a good will gesture.

And now to the point. Since the owners of the two pools are being altruistic about the matter, those who avail themselves of the privilege should make all efforts to obey the pool regulations and not to make the pool area appear like a small scale Fort Lauderdale.

For if the regulations are not obeyed one and only one thing will happen: there just won't be any pool to use next year.

## So You Want to Study!

Most of the Wesleyan students realize that as a prerequisite to receiving a diploma it is necessary to do a certain amount of studying. Admittedly in some cases it is the second or third year before this painful fact becomes apparent. Nevertheless, studying is just one of those things, like death and taxes, that is impossible to escape.

Unfortunately, the NCWC administration does not appear to realize that the poor student must hit the books on occasion. Or perhaps they feel that in the "quiet, sound-proof," dorm rooms one could do all his studying. It's too bad that the only time the dorm is quiet is between 2:00 and 5:00 a.m. A member of the administration might reply that the college has a library where one may study. Alas, the library, as anyone who has attempted to study there knows, is not very quiet either, and if one is addicted to cigarettes he must be subjected to withdrawal pains if he avails himself of this facility.

What about all those big, quiet, air-conditioned classrooms? What about all those big, quiet, locked, air-conditioned classrooms? Why can't students use these for studying? If anyone has been privileged enough to gain access to one of these rooms, he also probably gained the attention of our eagle-eyed night watchman who asked the student to leave. And when the watchman received the query, "Why," he replied, "Because that's what my 'boss' says." What is the "boss" scared of? Would a student mess up those nice clean blackboards? Might he even learn something in the process?

The only conclusion one can reach is that the administration evidently is not very concerned or perhaps even scared of a student learning something. If the administration did care about its student body they would certainly take pains to provide all the study area possible; especially those big, quiet, air-conditioned classrooms.

## Letters To The Editor

## LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor:

I was under the assumption that young people from the ages of 18 to 22 know the difference between respect and rudeness. I am referring to the disgusting actions of a few of our "mature" young people who are always griping but can always be found sitting on the posteriors doing nothing. These "mature" young people are the most disgusting children that I've ever seen. What I am talking about really is the rudeness in our Chapel services. Even though I am against the required Chapel attendance, I feel that students should not show their disapproval through loud talking, yelling or rattling of newspapers.

On Thursday, April 28, I sat in Chapel trying to listen to Dr. James, Ed Lewis and Mel Gay talking about something that we as students can do to help both ourselves and the community of Rocky Mount. But there was so much disgusting displays of rudeness and self-righteousness that the people surrounding these "children" could not hear. I cannot find words that are strong enough to express my utter contempt and disgust at these

people, but I can say that you make me sick to my stomach and the sooner you leave Wesleyan the better off we will be. You are making fools of yourselves and you are degrading and causing people to lose respect for you. Remember you are the loser in the end, not us.

Sincerely,  
Tess Ledford

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

When asking a certain person if he would like for the DECREE to publish some of his works, I found out several reasons why students will not submit their works to the paper.

In this particular case, the writer said he would not submit his works to the DECREE because he could not gain any recognition by doing so. He said the campus population consisted of a large group of misfits. He went on to say that his works were not worth this small paper. He did not think he could get a start in creative writing by merely letting the college newspaper print his works.

Others that sided with him said the paper was no good and all the previous literature was

## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"ALL THESE 'F's ARE COMING IN AT A PARTICULARLY BAD TIME FOR YOU — RIGHT HERE AT THE END OF TH' TERM."

written upon request by the staff.

They stated the paper was no good. Now, how under God's heaven can any newspaper, magazine or any other periodical become good, if everyone criticizes it and no one helps to improve it? Sure, the DECREE is young and trying to progress into fields of greater recognition. How can a paper become any better if its readers will not submit their works? How can it gain recognition if in nearly every edition there are empty spaces that could be filled, but are not because the students think the DECREE should be as great as the "New York Times" before he should be obligated to submit his works?

Like the pacifistic attitude of N.C.W.C., I guess the attitude of the newspaper will have to stay the same since a newspaper is supposed to relate and display the actions and works of its readers. So, until the readers of the DECREE are willing to support it in an active manner, the DECREE will remain the "quiet" little paper of its inert readers.

## ED NOTE:

I would like to call your attention to a letter to the Editor this issue concerning a student who refused to offer his writings to the DECREE because in all actuality, it was not good enough for him or any other member of the college community.

Ordinarily, it would be in order to apologize to this student and offer my sincere regrets, on behalf of the newspaper, for not fulfilling his apparent qualifications of a college literary publication. I said ordinarily—but not in this case. I am sorry though, that the student is unsatisfied with the DECREE yet, I can say that my sorrow does not scratch the surface.

The student stated that he could receive no recognition for his writing in such a small paper which is read and published on a campus composed of misfits. His associates, involved in the discussion, stated that they felt the newspaper was plainly "no good."

I have one answer to these gentlemen residents of South Hall and it is: I am sorry you feel that the DECREE does not meet your specified standards, why then do you not offer your ap-

parent literary genius to improve it?

But, I shall excuse these gentlemen for their oversight and just say perhaps the "New York Times" will meet their standards more fully than the DECREE.

Although this one instance perhaps seems insignificant, I comprehend it to indicate a feeling on this campus that, in part, is responsible for associated ills which are prevalent here.

The DECREE is only part of the body which is afflicted and I feel, unjustly so. But until the student body in part or as a whole begins to care about the life, workings and existence here at Wesleyan, such comments as the literary genius shall continue to be said again and again and again. It is a difficult situation to face but prevalent just the same. The DECREE could be the New York Times for that matter, but unless the feeling of disregard for the college is stopped, the newspaper's quality or quantity will be of no importance.

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## Potpourri

By: Doug Groseclose

It is certainly funny how as short a span of time as eight hours can change the opinions of hundreds of people, isn't it? Before the trials, which the Student Life Association held Tuesday night, of the fourteen freshman and "Red" Gatehouse and Allen Barwick, the student body yelled about the inaction of the S.L.A., since that time they have yelled about the action.

It makes me sick to see the people at Wesleyan who have criticized the S.L.A. all year for its inaction, completely turn around and call it's members names because they were too harsh. Should they have patted these boys on the hands and said, "You were bad little boys, don't do it again." Is that not as much a travesty of justice as any harsh decision? Apparently many people are oblivious to the anarchical situation which has existed in Edgecombe Hall, particularly the first floor, all year? I think it is obvious that they are. As far as all the talk about pressure on the S.L.A. is concerned, do all of you who say the punishment was too harsh because of pressure know that, some of the sources of any such alleged pressure wanted to suspend all fourteen of the freshmen involved, regardless of past records or degrees of participation? This certainly would have been a severe punishment. Do you also know that this case did not have to go to the S.L.A. at all, that it was entirely within the jurisdiction of the Administration? The Administration gave these fourteen students a break by sending them to the S.L.A. and I think any one of the fourteen would tell you that they think the Administration would have been packing their bags by now.

I would also like to say that one of Dr. Frye's official duties is that of Advisor to the S.L.A. and in this capacity he has performed throughout this year. Dean Frye has no vote, and can influence the voting members of the S.L.A. only as far as they are willing to be influenced. They can, and have, in like manner influenced the Dean to change his opinion in matters before the S.L.A.

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