

Editorials . . . Guy Turner

--A Tribute

The academic year has ended and with its close, comes the time to honor those students who have done outstanding work for the benefit of this college community. Undoubtedly, the Honors Convocation held recently has named some of those students, but special recognition must go to one young man in particular who, as President of the Student Government Association, has done more for this college than many of his predecessors.

Guy Turner as the student leader has done outstanding work in the field of student government in an effort to further the benefits and privileges of the student on this campus. As President, he, with his well-organized and effectively working associates has put into effect the Sportswear Ruling, Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, the change of many rules and regulations, the establishment of procedural guidelines, plans for decorating the Snack Bar, the entrance of the student voice in the future of this college in the Long Range Planning Commission, and the effect workings of all Commission under the S.G.A.

It is young men like Guy Turner who will some day make this college great. He is a man who can be respected in every phase of his work here, a man to be regarded with pride and the knowledge that he has done a job unmatched in the past, and difficult to equal in the future.

On behalf of the Decree and speaking for the student body, we congratulate him on his coming graduation and a sincere thanks for his work this year as President of the Student Government Association and a true "student leader."

Such Spirited Elections!

In the recent class officer elections there was, as most students probably noticed, very little competition for the twelve positions involved. In fact, eight of the twelve candidates were unopposed and one of these was a write-in candidate.

Some students have blamed this failure on the system of nominations now being used in most elective positions. A student who wishes to be nominated must present a petition for office in which he gains the signatures of five per cent of their class for any position. They contend that this procedure keeps the number of nominations very low. The obvious reply to this remark is that if a student is too lazy to go to the trouble of presenting a petition then he is too lazy to get the office. In fact, the present system seems to be a very good one for it certainly cuts down on the chances of having every election turn into a popularity contest.

Unfortunately, the only answer to this dilemma seems to be that the students just don't care. And this is an answer that seems to come up over and over again. What is wrong with Wesleyan! Must there always be a very small group of students who do all the work and another who sit on their behinds and do only one thing, complain about what that small group does! How can anyone ever expect the students of the college to gain any liberalization of the college regulations as long as the only thing the students do is "gripe, gripe, gripe."

Will the situation ever become better? It doesn't appear to have done so this year. In fact the student interest in campus activities seems to be on a steady path downward. Witness the recent announcement that the inter-collegiate baseball program will be discontinued. Bad news, isn't it? Or maybe it isn't bad at all because nobody just doesn't give a damn. Do you care what happens to your college?

It Is Not Required

While walking toward the gymnasium to attend the Honors Award Convocation, I noticed students walking in all directions—away from the gymnasium. One young man walking rapidly toward the gymnasium was interrupted in his travel by a fellow student who announced in a loud voice, "They're not taking attendance—it's not required." The implication of this revelation had its immediate affect upon the uninformed student, and he promptly changed direction, guided now by this new and wonderful knowledge.

After listening carefully to Dr. James prose-poetry about man's history and present predicament, and particularly his incisive comment on childing thinking, I thought about the young man who was so easily turned away. What a pity! How sad to be moved only by that which is required! How shallow and empty life would be if the limits of action for all men would be only that which is required! The heroes of our history did not achieve their honors because their actions were required. Friendship is not required. Love is not required. Learning, beyond a very minimal level, is not required. Going to college is not required. Life itself has meaning only to those who function beyond the meager limits of that which is required.

I weep for the young man who turned away.

Dr. Allen F. Cordts

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"OF COURSE I CAN READ IT, DAD, BUT IT'LL TAKE ME A LITTLE TIME TO MAKE OUT THIS FUNNY KIND OF PRINTING."

ARE YOU PROUD?

In a recent Assembly, Guy Turner, President of the S.G.A., spoke of the Apathy on this campus on two different levels. The first is the Apathy which exists when the study simply does not care and the second, is the Apathy when the student knows what exists, cares to a degree yet will fail to take any action in an area which will remedy the situation.

The second form is primarily what exists on Wesleyan's campus and recent occurrences back this up 100%. The Junior Class sponsored the Spring Blow-Out recently as one of the biggest events on campus. Yet, the turn out for the dance was pitiful. The student body as a whole failed to attend nor even bother to stay on campus. The majority in attendance at the dance were high school students from town. Furthermore, as tradition dictates, a carnival is to precede the dance in which all clubs are to enter a concession stand. This year, because of the failure of campus organizations to participate, the carnival was cancelled. Here again, a definite lack of student action.

The Apathy of inaction is prevalent here. Did you know that nine campus clubs are at a standstill? The Young Democrats Club, The Young Republicans, Phi Kappa Epsilon, The Bruits, The Delta Club, The Monogram Club, APO, W.R.A. and The Economics clubs are virtually doing nothing? Why? Because of the lack of student participation or more specifically, the lack of student action.

And to further the point, the baseball team has been officially dissolved. Rumor has it that because of attendance at the last game there will be a chance to reinstate the team for next year. This is impossible. The baseball team has been officially removed from the budget.

This is your college—are you proud? Proud because you as the student, the life of the campus, are inactive? And what is the future to be—a continuation of this inactivity This is the prospect—are you proud?

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Sir:

Due to the overwhelming interest that has been given to the baseball program, it has been decided by the coaches and the administration that the six-year tenure of baseball here on the Wesleyan campus has come to an end.

The number of people trying out for the team the last few years has diminished. Last season, the candidates for baseball uniforms were tremendous. In fact, there were so many people interested that the last few remaining games of the season had to be canceled. Before this point was reached, however, an appeal was even made to the student body calling for some bodies in order to complete the season, but this failed to arouse any support.

Why is this the case? Is baseball losing its color or are we too busy or are we unwilling to accept the responsibility of practicing every day?

There are students interested in playing ball. There is proof of this by the number of people who turn out for the sandlot games. In fact, the day we beat R.P.L., there were many more people playing and watching the softball game than there were witnessing our victory. True, we didn't win many games; but with the support we received, what would one expect.

When Coach Bauer informed the team that this was the last season of baseball at Wesleyan, the team was sickened at the thought. As for myself, it was the object of my longing each year. I cannot help but feel pity for the underclassmen who love the game and will not be able to participate here anymore. A school without baseball is a school without----.

What will be the next sport to go? Will it be tennis, wrestling, or cross country, or will we suddenly take a turn for the better and begin to show an interest in supporting our teams? If we cannot participate physically, at least we can emotionally by our attendance. Who knows, we might even enjoy it!

Rusty Lancaster

TO THE EDITOR

SEVEN POINTS OF CONCERN

1. Why is there a sudden concern on the part of Dean Fry pertaining to disciplinary problems?

2. Does the pressure asserted by the administrative hierarchy account for Dean Fry's concern for immediate justice during the closing weeks of the semester?

3. Does Dean Fry feel that his job as State Executioner is in jeopardy?

4. Are the students in Edgecombe Dormitory psychological guinea pigs for the College Hoodlum?

5. Is Dean Fry trying still further to lower the enrollment at Wesleyan?

6. Do the students come to college to get an education, or to spend all their time at S.L.A. hearings?

7. With the constant fear of expulsion, how can one expect to pass the coming semester finals?

Concerned,
Herbert F. Hall

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