

EDITORIAL

It has been suggested that the dormitories give up one of their pay phones in return for a new system of intra-campus communication. This new system is to feature the installation of direct line phones connecting Nash and North to Edgecombe and South. The use of these phones will be free of charge but no outside calls can be made from them. The reason for this change is reported to be that the school is not making enough money off of the pay phones to warrant having two phones per dorm.

We think that it is not an absolutely necessity for everything in, on, or about this campus to serve as a funds raising organ. The phones were installed as a service to the students and not as a three slotted bandit to gather coins from them. It seems to us that the two phones, pay phones, are necessary.

Often times a long distance caller can not get through because someone is calling home, into town, to other campuses, as well as to the other dorms. Even with the two phones we now have it is often impossible to make a call at night.

We would suggest that Mr. Sawyer retain the phones he now has instead of putting in a whole new system. Perhaps he does not realize that once the dorms are inter-connected, he will lose all of those dimes students use to call their girls and to check on assignments. Why lose a good thing?

We would also like to know why the school does not replace the worn out washers and dryers in all of the dorms. It takes anywhere from twenty to forty cents to dry a load of clothes in a ten cent machine. Most often there is only one washer that works properly and when there is a replacement, as in the case of Edgecombe, the cost of one wash goes up from twenty cents to twenty-five. Why? We suppose it is the crying need for revenue. Wesleyan students must suffer while past mistakes are rectified and new sources of revenue can be found. However, dissatisfied students make poor alumni and small contributors. Again we are losing revenue!

MORE ON THE MINIMESTER

A major change in the academic calendar from a two-term to a three-term (4-4-1 month) college year, was adopted here recently by the N. C. Wesleyan Board of Trustees, according to Dr. Thomas A. Collins, college president.

A one-month special studies term devoted to travel or concentrated study of a single subject will conclude the college year. The first two terms will cover 14 weeks each rather than 16 as in the past. The new calendar along with major curriculum changes resulted from many months of study by the college faculty.

The fall term will open Sept. 2 and end Dec. 20, 1968. Examinations will thereby be completed before Christmas holidays. The winter term will run from Jan. 3 to April 23, 1969. With lengthened class periods, each term will afford the student an opportunity to earn 14 semester hours of credit.

The final special term, affording either 3 or 4 semester hours of credit, will begin April 28 and end May 23, 1969. Other colleges have interim short terms between semesters, but it is probable that this is the first time a college has adopted a concluding short term calendar.

Projected plans for this short term include such possibilities as studies of literature in England, government in Washington, the theater in New York, biology at marine laboratories at Morehead City and ecology

at Rose Hill, the 600-acre plantation recently given to the college. However, most of the small intensive study classes and the individual research projects will be conducted on campus.

In describing the new program, Dr. Jack W. Moore, academic dean, said, "Our purpose and philosophy is to develop a more mature, re-

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



COMMENTARY

BY MATT GAFFNEY

GOD DIED LATE YESTERDAY

ATLANTA, GA., March 12 -- God, creator of the universe, principal deity of the world's Jews, ultimate reality of Christians, and most eminent of all divinities, died late yesterday during major surgery undertaken to correct a massive diminishing influence. His exact age is not known, but close friends estimate that it greatly exceeded that of all other extant beings.

The cause of death could not be immediately determined,

but the deity's surgeon Thomas J. J. Altizer, 38, of Emory University in Atlanta, indicated possible cardiac insufficiency. Assisting Dr. Altizer in the unsuccessful surgery were Dr. Paul van Buren of Temple University, Philadelphia; Dr. William Hamilton of Colgate-Rochester, Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. Gabriel Vahanian of Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y., and Dr. Ralph James of N. C. Wesleyan, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Word of the death, long rumored, was officially disclosed to reporters at five minutes before midnight after a full day of mounting anxiety and the comings and goings of ecclesiastical dignitaries.

In Johnson City, Tex., President Johnson was described by aides as "profoundly upset." He at once directed that all flags should be at half-staff until after the funeral. The First Lady and the two Presidential daughters, Luci and Lynda, were understood to have wept openly. Both houses of Congress met in Washington at noon today and promptly adjourned after passing a joint resolution expressing "grief and great respect for the departed spiritual leader." Senator Wayne Morse, Democrat of Oregon, objected on the grounds that the resolution violated the principle of separation of church and state, but he was overruled by Vice President Hubert Humphrey, who remarked that "this is not a time for partisan politics."

Plans for the deity's funeral are incomplete. Reliable sources suggested that extensive negotiations may be necessary in order to select a church for the services and an appropriate liturgy. Dr. Wilhelm Pauck, theologian at Union Seminary in New York City, proposed this morning that it would be "fitting and seemly" to inter the remains in the ultimate ground of all being. Funerals for divinities, common in ancient times, have been exceedingly rare in recent centuries.

Reaction from the world's great and from the man in the street was uniformly incredulous. "At least he's out of

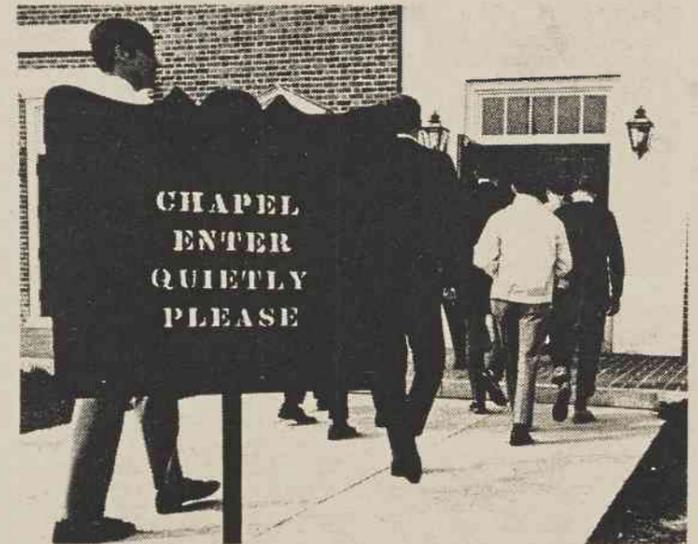
According to the laws of probability, it is safe to assume that among the six hundred and fifty Wesleyan students there is more than one opinion about the token resistance to chapel. A tendency to sympathize openly with the dissenters is inversely proportional to the fear of administrative reprisal. Understandably influenced by the administration are those students who are selected repeatedly to direct the chapel.

These student directors should not view resistance to chapel as an affront. The administration has hoodwinked these students into carrying out a task with which it will not bother itself. This situation has bothered the chapel directors' confidence in them-

gram is a student activity, which it is not.

The chapel program was conceived by the administration and, despite periodic objections, will be retained for one purpose: to lure potential donors. A great many people ease their consciences by donating to church related colleges, and derive several tax benefits too. God is a warm non-profit organization. Since any hint of this purpose would eliminate its effectiveness, the administration has assumed the role of a sophisticated Elmer Gantry. If this type policy continues unchecked, Wesleyan would become another Bob Jones University.

The Student directors should realize that it is their duty



selves and in the necessity and desirability of the chapel program. This type of bureaucratic thinking is nurtured by the administration because it helps to convince the student body that the chapel pro-

to eliminate the compulsory attendance rule, for the very essence of religious freedom is in question. No one can respect a religious view which abrogates freedom of conscience.

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