



# FACULTY FORUM

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About a month ago a student told me he was thinking about entering the Peace Corps. After I expressed my hopes that he be accepted, he said he was concerned about his career following his tour of duty. He was not too excited about jobs relating to foreign affairs or international economics.

One observation I made was that in many cases the Peace Corps provides excellent experience for our own war on poverty. The problems in ghetto living and poverty farming in the United States are in many ways similar to the problems faced in underdeveloped countries. Moreover, a deep understanding of Ghana, Algeria, or Peru could prove invaluable in helping to solve the problems of our poor.

For example, in many cases it is the revolutionaries of the underdeveloped countries who really understand the nation's problem. In most cases, however, the United States and other

Western powers try to maintain privileged class in power, and fail to follow any meaningful policy which will relieve the economic burdens of masses. Likewise, ghetto or tenant farm leadership is ridiculed or rejected by the authority and very few meaningful reforms are enacted.

One of the main reasons for this hostility between reform and authority is the lack of understanding and communication between these two elements. The enormous cultural as well as economic gulf between the rich nations and poor nations is almost as great as that between the ghetto and Madison Avenue, or between the tenant farm and suburbia.

In addition there is the aspect of absentee domination. There is the hatred of and jealousy toward foreign ownership of industry, of oil fields, and even of their educational and technological know how. In the U. S.

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## COMPASS CLUB ORGANIZED

"Service is man's most honorable and profitable endeavor" is the motto of a girls service club newly formed on campus during the past few weeks. Under the leadership of President Susi Crawford, the Compass Club, the women's college organization of Pilot Club, International, now has forty members.

The other officers are: Vice-President, Marsha White; Secretary, Kathy Ball; and Treasurer, Isabelle Thompson. The

Board of Directors of the group are Sara Askew, Julie Robinson, and Johnnie Coughlan.

This weekend the Compass Club in co-operation of SAAB is beginning a campaign to collect pennies for its SAAB elevator's fund. Also they are sponsoring a booth in the carnival. More projects are planned for the remainder of the year.

The club has a dinner meeting each Tuesday evening at 5:30 in the Day students lounge.

### Hall

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Dean Moore stated that "Mr. Hall was not offered a contract for teaching next year because it was felt he was not the right person to teach on our English faculty."

Dr. Teagarden told us that the administrative procedure for recommending the renewal or non-renewal of a faculty contract begins with a recommendation by the faculty member's Department Head, which goes to his Division Chairman, which goes to Dean Moore, then to President Collins, and is finally decided by the Board of Trustees. At any point, he said, the recommendation can be reversed; his recommendation, he told us, was to renew Mr. Hall's contract. As his recommendation went directly to Dean Moore, we asked the Dean at what point the recommendation to the Board of Trustees had been reversed. He commented, "I don't think we should split the decision-making process," adding that, "There are many issues on this campus that the students can attack that will have better results than trying to appoint teachers."

"We are constantly striving to find the best faculty members for our educational program," Dean Moore related. "The primary consideration of hiring or rehiring any faculty member is his professional competence to meet our particular needs." There are many secondary considerations, such as the faculty member's background, his interest in student projects, the kind of team member the person makes in working with his colleagues, and the "image he would project in his local community," Dean Moore said.

Students' opinions play a part in the recommendations of faculty members also. "We never take anything at face value," Dean Moore said, telling us that the student who is making the incriminatory remarks is considered carefully.

When we asked him whether or not anyone had ever suggested students' dislike as a reason for his dismissal, Mr. Hall told us that all that he had heard was an informal remark from Dr. Teagarden that some student "complained that it was hard to catch me in my office."

Dean Moore responded negatively when asked what the reasons were for not renewing Mr. Hall's contract. He stated that professional ethics would not allow him to talk about any faculty member's competence, either to students or to other faculty members.

"To debate the question publicly would be very difficult," said Dean Moore, continuing, "He (Mr. Hall) would be pushed into a corner," and the results "would destroy

## Editorial

In the undercover controversy about Mr. Hall's dismissal among faculty, students, and administration members, we have been able to discover these facts: 1.) Dr. Teagarden, who should be able best to evaluate Mr. Hall's performance as a teacher, recommended that his contract be renewed; 2.), either Dean Moore or Dr. Collins reversed the recommendation to the Board of Trustees, which implemented the Administration's recommendation in its final form; 3.), when Dr. Collins notified Mr. Hall that his contract would not be renewed for the next academic year, no reason was given for the non-renewal; and 4.), the only official criticism that has been leveled at Mr. Hall has been for his participation in last fall's boycott of some Rocky Mount merchants.

As no one who has the facts is willing to give any more information to us, we must conclude from these facts that Mr. Hall did not dissatisfy either his faculty superiors or the administration in his teaching methods and that he was dismissed on account of his participation in the boycott.

We could not criticize such an administrative decision, especially in view of Wesleyan's precarious financial position, except for the fact that last fall the administration repeatedly pledged in public that no faculty members and no students would suffer at college hands for their participation in the boycott; the breaking of such a public pledge makes Mr. Hall's dismissal public business.

The DECREE and the Wesleyan Student body want to know why the college administration broke its public pledge and why it thinks that it can get away with it, and paternal double-talk and smiles will not serve as an explanation.

### Letter to the Editor

Contemplating the recent SGA Presidential campaign, allow me to say that I feel a great sense of pride over the conduct of the Wesleyan student body as a whole. Never have I seen such a display of both interest and enthusiasm with regard to any school issue. It became apparent that the majority of the students were deeply concerned with the future of the SGA as well as the college itself and, in that respect, openly gave their support to a candidate. Both Mr. Roberts and Mr. Cockrell made an effort to talk with their voters, individually as well as in groups, thus giving the

students ample opportunity to raise questions. There seemed to be a strong interest in the platform of each of the candidates in addition to the sincerity of both men. Although, to an extent, both office seekers were supported by their "friends," many students who were unfamiliar with the candidates actually took the time to think before choosing their man. In many cases even "friends" were divided, due to their sentiments. Issues such as qualifications, previous experience and performance, character, and academic standing were brought to the attention of

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him." The Administration, he said, will in this case therefore have to seem like the "bad guy", who is unjustly not renewing a faculty member's contract, and the reasons, he told us, must appear to be solely those of Mr. Hall's involvement in the boycott.

It is true, according to Dean Moore, that there has been much outside pressure demanding that Mr. Hall be fired for his participation in the boy-

cott and his racial views. However, he said, the college has refused the demands ever since they first began.

The boycott was discussed in the Wesleyan chapter of the American Association of University Professors. In the two-hour session, according to Dean Moore, no questions were answered which dealt with the professional ethics or competence of Mr. Hall.

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