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## Blackman Looks Back

BY MARSHA WHITE

The administration of Jess Blackman as SGA president could be characteristically called the "administration of the loner." Because Jess chose to be a loner during his term of office, no judgement about his job based upon concrete accomplishments could be fairly made. These accomplishments, although seemingly small in number, clearly outweigh their number in their importance to the student body.

As Jess talked about his past administration, he noted that his goals for this year pertained to three areas which need-

ed attention: food service, house cleaning, and maintenance.

He stated that when he took office, he had noticed situations which existed in these areas which needed attention and had to be eliminated before the SGA could function effectively and the students participate wholeheartedly.

Although Jess was of the opinion that little progress has been made in these areas, he knew that the attention of the members of the administration who could initiate change in these areas has been focused upon these situations. Furthermore, after hours of confrontation, Jess has stirred the administration to the realization that students want change.

Working alone, Jess stated that he had reached reasonable compromise with the administration by using a method which eliminated bad publicity for the college; yet, probably created basis for the apathy of students during the year. When Jess began working this year, he noted that "generally, student concerns did not seem (Continued on page 2)



SGA President Jess Blackman

## Library Gains Reader

A compact microfilm reader which will accommodate both 16mm and 35mm microfilm has been ordered for the Wesleyan College Library and is expected to be ready for use by May 1.

The Model 1414 reader, manufactured by University Microfilms of Ann Arbor, Michigan, uses a long-life quartz-halogen lamp adjustable to suit room illumination. The reader can be threaded while the user is seated. The size of the screen is ideal for viewing newspapers as well as periodicals. An adapter Kit for viewing microfiche has also been ordered. Precision built, the reader requires virtually no maintenance.

Acquisition of this compact reader will give the library two microfilm readers for use by students and faculty. The library has had a Recordak reader for several years.

## COLLINS REAFFIRMS RIGHTS; CALLS SPECIAL CONVOCATION



PRESIDENT THOMAS COLLINS

## Faculty Cuts Classes

Dean Moore announced last Saturday that the Wesleyan faculty and administration had approved for the next academic year a schedule which will abolish Saturday classes.

Under the new schedule, a copy of which can be obtained from Dean Moore's office, classes will be "scrambled" instead of having "long" Tuesday, Thursday classes.

The faculty voted 16

to 4 (6 abstaining) to eliminate Saturday classes, but voted 14 to 8 (4 abstaining) to have "long"

Tuesday, Thursday classes instead of the "Scrambled" schedule. These recommendations, however, were straw votes, according to Dean Wilde.

The revised schedule was set up by the Academic Dean in consultation with the Division Chairmen, according to Dean Moore.

In a meeting with student leaders last week, Wesleyan President Collins agreed to call a special convocations meeting "to re-open lines of communication between students and administration."

The April 10 evening meeting, he said, will be held in the Wesleyan Student Union Building. He indicated that at the meeting all major administrative officers (including the President, the Comptroller, the Academic Dean, and the Dean of Students) will answer students' questions about college positions, policies, and plans.

President Collins told the DECREE that his calling the special meeting was proof in action of the continuing Wesleyan tradition that students are to be "treated and respected as responsible, adult members of the college community."

The decision to call the special convocations meeting was reached, President Collins said, in a meeting with Ed Smith, Robin Rawlings, Glenn Rhodes, Elia Harrell, and Bruce Harris, on April 3.

These students told the DECREE that, on the basis of the President's decision, they were no longer supporting a student demonstration previously scheduled for April 4. The special convocations meeting, they said, "would give the campus community an ample chance to discuss its problems in private, rather than in public." At press time these students expected no public demonstration.

## Lubeck Chorus Visits NCW

The municipal chorus of Lübeck, Germany, performed at Wesleyan last week. Their appearance here is part of a three-week tour of eastern United States which will take them to Florida this week and later on back up the seaboard to West Virginia.

The Lübeck Chorus includes in its repertoire programs of sacred, popular, and folk music from many lands.

Under the direction of Herr Klohs, they sang songs of their home town, American folk songs, and comedy numbers, con-

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## Rusk Appears Here

BY ED SMITH

Dean Rusk, former Secretary of State for the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, spoke in the final Convocations program of the 1968-69 school year last week.

Emphasizing that he spoke from the opinion-making, not from the decision-making, point of view, Mr. Rusk warned against what he sees as a revival of isolationism by the Nixon administration, pointing to the bitter experiences that, he said, always follow isolationistic policies-- experiences of only yesterday: "If you smile when I say 'only yesterday,' ...you will know that I mean tomorrow."

Advocating a foreign policy that is a mixture of retaining defensive alliances and the maxim, 'live and let live,' he said, "The survival of man is now an operational problem facing the governments of the world." Accept that fact, he continued, and then have a lively debate as to how to work with it. "It is simply too late in history

to pursue an attitude of total hostility."

He said, however, "I am confident in the long run...that man is accurately called homo sapiens."

Mr. Rusk concluded, "I don't sell short the American people." Denying on the basis of his experience the truth of the maxim about power's corrupting, he added, "I do not believe that power has corrupted the American people."

Mr. Rusk spoke also at a meeting following the convocations program.



DEAN RUSK

## Wayfarers Sing Tonight

The Social Commission completes its schedule of concerts tonight with the presentation of "The Wayfarers," a folk group, in Wesleyan's Everette Gymnasium.

"The Wayfarers" first premiered in San Francisco in 1963. They are Ray Bleuin, Corky Hart, and David Hull. Their recordings are put out by RCA.

If folk music is the "word" of our times-- a times getting to know its sources, its future, and itself--then "The Wayfarers" may well be its voice. Blending the past, present, and future, the comic and the tragic, the specific and the universal, into a wholly new vision of what folk

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