



# Editorial

## THE SYSTEM

Throughout history man has created heroes, martyrs, and scapegoats to justify his irrationality. It is indeed a catastrophe when a man is sacrificed for a system, his academic achievements forbidden, and his humanity forgotten. Whatever happened to the inalienable rights of man declared in the Declaration of Independence? Sometime society and its members must learn to accept and judge a man on the value of his sincerity and character and not on whether his beliefs agree with yours and the majority opinion of the society.

All that can be said about Baxter Smith's suspension from Wesleyan is that the entire case is unfortunate. Let us hope that sometime in the future, the Administration will learn that a rule is only of worth when it does not interfere with the rights of the individual and that rules were made to protect the individual and not oppress him.

## DIRKSEN

Certainly a great figure has passed from the scene of the American political system with the passing of Everett Dirksen. Using the word sparingly and cautiously, it is still appropos to assign the adjective great to a man whose flare for getting things done with a minimum of red tape carried him thru one of the most illustrious careers of the American Congress.

Many things have been said about the man Dirksen, the politician Dirksen, and the statesman Dirksen, since his death. Mrs. Rose Kennedy, mother of the junior senator from Massachusetts recently praised Senator Dirksen for avoiding a petty squabble of personalities while openly reprimanding Edward Kennedy in the Senate. This was characteristic; his was an overwhelming ability for getting his point across without stooping to slander. His tendencies toward exaggeration were criticized when he moved for a higher salary, especially in the Judy Agnew dress statement, but even his critics and opponents lauded his style.

Serving one of the longest careers in the Senate, Ev Dirksen was a political giant of the fifties, as minority leader during the Eisenhower administration. He worked with John Kennedy in his administration to help get many bills through in the Democratic congress. One of his triumphs was the Civil Rights bill in 1964. He had worked with both Democratic Presidents Kennedy and Johnson to get the bill through.

Known chiefly as a liberal in his heyday, he had slipped from the liberal over to the conservative side since the beginning of the Nixon Administration. As Majority leader, his power declined, but his impact was still felt. Although his heyday was over before the era of the late sixties, he was still widely criticized and widely praised. Ev Dirksen was still watched.

## Expression And Fellowship To Begin New Season

"There is such a thing as a peace of soul approach to religion. It makes of God a gigantic Bayer aspirin . . . take God three times a day and you won't feel any pain."--John Powell, Incredible as it may seem, students have planned, and last semester, launched two programs to formulate and develop thought about God and man's relationship with God, a Christian Fellowship and THE EXPRESSION.

This semester finds Gary Christopher as co-ordinator of a discussion group -- A Christian Fellowship. Christopher has stated he wishes to have discussion on the social and spiritual implications of the teachings of Christ. A Christian Fellowship will try to dig, disturb, and penetrate the questions and problems that plague people and society. If this Fellowship is to succeed, all interested students must participate by attending meetings and contributing their thoughts.

THE EXPRESSION, directed by Marsh Old, will open

A revolution in thought will take place at Wesleyan this semester. Is God a Bayer aspirin to be taken in order that one "feel no pain"--wouldn't it be easiest to visit the ABC Store? A Christian Fellowship and THE EXPRESSION are not in business to give, or even sell, the answers to questions about God, Christ, the nature of our society, and its people. THE EXPRESSION and A CHRISTIAN will strive through the cooperative efforts of all interested students to find some answers. Join A Christian Fellowship and THE EXPRESSION--if you can think and live.

during the latter half of September. Plans call for student talent, faculty discussions, movies and cartoons. Coffee and tea will be sold to provide funds for THE EXPRESSION to continue to operate. It is the hope of THE EXPRESSION staff that all students will utilize THE EXPRESSION.

# FACULTY FORUM

By DR. ALLEN F. CORDTS

Work began early in the summer for a major fund-raising effort for our college. Most of the preliminary work is out of the way, and the campaign itself will get rolling during this fall. Our goal is to accumulate a minimum of \$2 million by April 30, 1973. This sum is above the usual annual efforts to raise operating funds which are needed to balance the budget each year. The \$2 million is intended to move us forward.

There are three major needs which we intend to meet with the proceeds of the campaign, in priority order:

1. Construction of a Fine Arts Center which will include a 1,200 seat auditorium and instructional facilities for the music and drama departments;
2. Elimination of indebtedness and establishment of a stabilization fund to keep our yearly budgets on an even keel;
3. Construction of a swimming pool.

Our Gymnasium has served as our auditorium for a number of years, and we all know

the drawbacks and inconveniences of this present arrangement. The proposed Fine Arts Center will be a fine asset for our campus and a great "boost" for all of our performing arts programs -- our own theatre and music presentations as well as the visiting artists, groups, and speakers which we schedule every year. As currently proposed, the Fine Arts Center will include, in addition to the main auditorium, an experimental theatre, a recital hall, practice rooms, and other space needs for the music and drama departments.

We have all been aware of the "dollar pinch" here at N. C. Wesleyan. As with your own families, inflation has compounded the problem and the pinch has become increasingly painful. It is some comfort to know that most private colleges are suffering from the same malady, but this doesn't lessen our need for funds. With this in mind, some of the campaign proceeds must be earmarked to assure the preservation of the college's

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## James Ranney And Gearhart Are Promoted

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college campus recently. Dr. Ralph E. James, Jr., was promoted from assistant to associate professor of religion and philosophy, and Dr. Jane E. Raney from assistant to associate professor of psychology.

Miss Sara A. Gearhart was promoted from instructor to assistant professor of German, and Frank P. Haggard from instructor to assistant professor of religion.

Tenure was granted to Dr. John E. Baxter, Lionel L. Bishop, William E. King, William O. Music, Corbitt B. Rushing and Rexford F. Tucker. All are assistant professors: Dr. Baxter of chemistry, Bishop of mathematics, King of history, Music of physical education, Rushing of political science and Tucker of sociology.

## Summary

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Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen, the Republican leader of the Senate died September seventh at Walter Reed Army Hospital. He was 73 years old. A hospital spokesman said the Illinois Senator died at 4:52 p.m., two hours after he "sustained a sudden cardiac and respiratory arrest." He was recovering from a three hour operation that removed a malignant tumor from his lung. He served in Congress since 1932 and was elected to the Senate in 1950 and became minority leader in January of 1959.

Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black announced that he was prepared to rule all schools in the South to be fully integrated but such a ruling could not be made until the full Supreme Court has made a joint decision.

The Senate is still in heated debate over the nomination of Clement Hainsworth to the Supreme Court.

# The Decree

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