Letters To The Editor

(Continued from Page 2) would spotlight a student a week, which was a good idea. But instead of concentrating on the well-known Wesleyan figures, such as SGA officials, class officers, etc., couldn't you discover some students who may be less conspicuous, but maybe more deserving of recognition? Personally, I get tired of seeing the same names and faces in print. There are many students here who are now undertaking worthwhile projects that haven't been publicized. For example, two senior girls are collecting empty cigarette packages for a blind girl who needs 16 pounds of them to obtain a free seeing-eye dog. Perhaps if our paper publicized things such as this, the student body would show a greater response to such worthy projects. Can't your staff see further than the people in its office and the organizations to which these people belong?

Also, there is a continual discussion of the Vietnam War in the Decree, which, I agree, stimulates interest in current problems. But couldn't the DE-CREE also discuss more campus controversies? Among these (and there are many) might be the discussion of the quite drastic raise of tuition, the academic value of mini-mester, the lack of publication of important events such as selection of cheerleaders, athletic functions, the selection of offered courses, and perhaps the gross inefficiencies of the Registrar's office and Business Office. These are just a few of the topics that might be approached in the DECREE.

Granted, there are many problems in our world today with which we ought to be concerned. But shouldn't some emphasis be placed on the problems

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that face us at Wesleyan College and some attempt be made to accelerate the necessary improvements.

Another point that should be made is the obvious biasness of the Decree Staff. Perhaps the staff might be objective in presenting pertinent issues, such as the "dispute" over the elections in South Hall. Only one side was presented and this was in favor of APO. Those who were not present on the night of September 25 are not able to form an opinion on this issue because they were not presented with both sides of the story. More than likely, APO was right in their position, but a reader prefers to make his own decision of the basis of his own knowledge of the incident. Why not present both sides of an issue and then use your editorial to state YOUR opinion?

In conclusion, I feel the idea of publishing a school paper is worthwhile, but the DECREE does not satisfy the need of the Wesleyan Student to be informed. Many people on this campus do not read your publication at all because of its lack of pertinence to the average student on Wesleyan's campus. Perhaps the addition of new features such as spotlighting people with talents or interesting hobbies, student polls or opinions on campus controversies, the announcement of social, fraternal, political, and athletic activities, presentation of all sides of an issue--be it a national, local, of school issue-and just an over-all appraisal and discussion of what life at Wesleyan College is REALLY like. I suggest that with some renovations, the DECREE could bring about an awareness of Wesleyan students -- an awareness of fellow students, of the organizations on campus, of the problems facing the school, and above all, an awareness of what the student can contribute to unify the student body.

> Sincerely, A student who cares!

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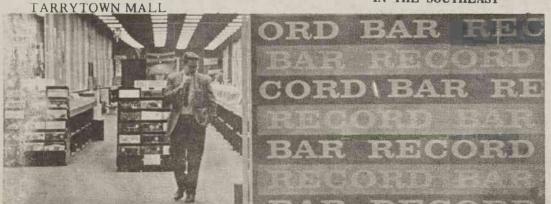
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