



Dispute, Agreement Discussed At Student Assembly Here

By JULIE ROBINSON

In an open forum assembly last Tuesday, John Roberts, SGA President, and Ed Smith, Editor of THE DECREE, addressed members of the student body, in an effort to explain the

basis of the dispute between the SGA and THE DECREE.

John Roberts spoke first and explained why he suspended the DECREE funds. Said Roberts, "A college newspaper has a responsibility to the students; it is not independent." According

to him, the DECREE's usage of certain four letter words, the misrepresentation of facts in the elections, and its biased opinions, constituted reason for the suspension of operating funds. This then led to the controversy between THE DECREE and The SGA.

John said there were two sessions with Dean Wilde - both being efforts to settle the dispute. "The first one accomplished nothing. In the second session, with a representative from THE DECREE, a representative from the SGA, and the faculty advisor of THE DECREE, Mr. Mottershead, pre-

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Moratorium

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Senator Charles A. Percy (R-ILL.) said the moratorium could be "an effective device" to illuminate public opinion on the conflict if it is used for constructive purposes.

Horoscope

Those whose birthdays fall between September 24 and October 23 are in the sign of Libra.

Libra, symbolized by the scales, is the sign of harmony and equality. Librans are intellectual, artistic, and temperate.

Although Libra natives give themselves good advice, they seldom follow it. If the Libran could separate his mind from his senses and combine his idealism with his ambition, the rest of the year could be very rewarding for him.--J.J.

NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Charles J. Waters was charged with violation of "Residence Regulations for Men", paragraph 3, on October 7, 1969, by the Supreme Court.

The defendant pleaded guilty. The verdict was a severe reprimand.

--James W. Gill, Attorney General.

Editorial

Moratorium

From polls of faculty, administration, and student opinion taken last week (see "Moratorium," page one), it seems clear that at least a large minority of Wesleyan students, if not a small majority, are going to turn out tomorrow to demonstrate their opposition to the Vietnam war.

THE DECREE's position on the Vietnam war is that it is an unforgivable waste of American power: a waste in economic, political, sociological, and spiritual terms. Thus we would like to see Wesleyan on the side of the angels, joining fervently in tomorrow's national demonstration of sincerely held opinion.

We do believe, however, that any demonstration should be non-violent, as constructive as possible, and as inoffensive as possible to those who do not agree with the demonstration's intent. One's emotions and convictions can be expressed succinctly, inoffensively, and persuasively; if they are expressed in any other way, the expression becomes pointless and useless.

The most constructive use of the moratorium would be a campus-wide open debate on the Vietnam war, we believe. Several students are now organizing such an open meeting, and it is our deep hope that Wesleyan students will take advantage of the meeting to argue their own views and hear the views of others.

Peace, Brothers

One sometimes resorts to cliches in order to establish communication, and that is what we are doing in addressing ourselves to the high school students of Rocky Mount: "Peace, brothers."

Some of us at Wesleyan are often called communist-hippie-radicals by our parents and elders, and we really don't fit under those labels, but perhaps we're close enough to you in feelings and hopes to offer you some advice.

Right now, no one--even the police--really knows exactly how many violent incidents have occurred among you at Rocky Mount Senior High. But what we at Wesleyan can tell you is that, no matter what your Cause is, the violence can ruin everything for everyone. You know what has happened in other cities when violence took over; hatred, fear, and more violence were the only results.

Racial equality means living together in fair competition, in kindness, and in love; it does not mean paying off old evils. Legally, there is racial equality in Rocky Mount. It is true that some, perhaps many, whites in Rocky Mount are not yet supporters of that racial equality. But the only factors that will make Christians out of Bigots are the good example that blacks can set for whites and an understanding of the whites' fear of change.

Still, the change must come, and it must come in human hearts. Such a change can come, however, only through love and understanding. What the whites must remember is that to the blacks the change will always seem too slow in coming, and what the blacks must remember is that to the whites the change will always seem too quick in coming.

Brothers, you've got to remember that Mayor Daley and pigs like him will always win fights in which guns are used, but that the pigs can never win a fight in which only love is used.

So fight with love and peace in your hearts, and they can't keep you down. If you ever use a knife or a gun on anyone, he has an excuse to use it on you; don't give him that excuse.

VET Fraternity Organized Here

Glenn A. Taylor, a transfer student at Wesleyan, announced last week that Dean Wilde has approved the idea of establishing a veterans' fraternity at Wesleyan.

The constitution for Alpha Sigma Mu, Taylor said, has been submitted to Dean Wilde. According to Taylor, the fraternity's purposes are: to help familiarize veterans with academic life; to help them in obtaining veterans' benefits for their education; to improve personal relationships between veterans and other students; to contribute to the improvement of campus life through group activities; and to discuss legislation and judicial decisions regarding the status of and affecting the lives of veterans.

As regards eligibility for membership in Alpha Sigma Mu, Taylor said, "If you re-

ceive the V. A. benefits for higher education you meet the requirements. There will be absolutely no hazing, since the D. I. did that to all of us already in boot camp."

Alpha Sigma Mu, Taylor said, is presently a local fraternity covering the state of New Jersey. "However," he said, "this year two chapters from New York and eight from Pennsylvania are applying for admittance into the federation. With the formation of a chapter here at Wesleyan, the fraternity will meet minimum national requirements and will apply for national status."

Alpha Sigma Mu's organizational activities are continuing, Taylor stated, adding that interested students should contact him at Campus Box 294, at Room 106 South Hall, or in the chemistry lab.

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Dear Sir:

I have just read, with consternation, shock, and disbelief the only editorial I was able to find in the first issue of the new academic year of THE DECREE, the college paper of Wesleyan College. By any reasonable interpretation of the meaning of the English language, you are castigating this great country of ours, its people and its government for not honoring North Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh, that country's "George Washington" who had "dedicated his life and sacrificed his comfort and security to the dream of freedom for his country". Any reasonable study will identify Ho Chi Minh as one of the most ruthless murderers of all time, his victims including hundreds of thousands of his own countrymen; a man whose only principle and driving force has been that of personal power through communistic control of as many people and as much

geographic space as possible, regardless of the cost in human life and suffering. You admire in him the devotion to those dreams that "we admire in ourselves". Speak for yourself, Mr. Editor, but I will label your infantile utterances from your "island of academic freedom" as being treasonous and in the realm of sedition.

My only son, just a few years older, perhaps, than you, gave his life in South Vietnam just this year trying to help preserve the freedom of a people fighting to avoid the tyranny of the "George Washington of North Vietnam". My son was representing YOU, also in this struggle.

You owe your fellow students, your college, this community and, in fact, this great country of ours and all its people the most sincere apology you are capable of uttering. Then, I would like to invite you to take advantage of my offer, hereby made, to bear the entire cost of a one-way ticket by the first and most comfortable means of transportation available for you to GO TO NORTH VIETNAM AND MOURN FOR HO CHI MINH TO YOUR COM-

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