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'Forum' Reviewed

By M. R. OLD

True to the words of the opening number, "Comedy Tonight," the members of Wesleyan College Theatre produced the comic atmosphere which enlived and quickened the audience. The depth of rapport between the cast and audience was visible from the moment the curtain opened, and as these feelings became more evident, the players put forth more effort.

Dan Shephard as Pseudolus, the slave with the desire for freedom in his heart and the craftiness to attain it in his mind, portrayed his character with a devilish spirit that captivated his onlookers. It must also be said, however, that Dan's vocal capacity was forced to the maximum limits by the sheer amount of movements made during his songs. For such talent Dan richly deserved the applause he received.

Hysterium, aptly portrayed by Jim Keeter, tried to act as a control valve for Pseudolus. In his portrayal of Hysterium, Jim interpreted the character's name into an appropriate act--hysteria. Throughout

the entire play, Jim accentuated this low keyed and highly controlled emotion in order to give his character the vividness and color that was desirable.

The dottering old man, Senex (Continued On Page 3)



Meeting each other on a busy Roman street Philia (Jeanne Johnson) discusses the matter of love with Hero (Scott Williams) and forms the basis of the action in 'Forum.'



Hysterium (Jim Keeter) listens patiently to his mistress Domina (Beverly Pett), as she gives the orders before her departure with Senex (Sean Moran), her dejected husband.

Language Requirement Dropped After Debate

By JULIE ROBINSON

After a long and heated meeting, the faculty voted to abolish

the foreign language requirement for graduation last Tuesday, March 30. The motion to abolish the requirement was made as a substitute for the committee motion and the ad hoc faculty lounge motion after two hours debate by the faculty.

The abolishment of the requirement will mean that Wesleyan degree candidates will not be required to take two years (11, 12, 21, 22) of a foreign language. Students who have completed the two years will be able to use one semester of the second year (21 or 22) as fulfillment of the humanities division requirement. The first year, or 11, 12, will be counted as elective credit hours toward graduation.

The motion that came from the faculty committee proposed to allow each student the option of completing the language requirement or four other courses in another area other than the major field. Each major area still would have had the option to require its students to complete the foreign language re-

quirement.

The second motion, the faculty lounge ad hoc motion proposed that each major department have the option of granting a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. The B.A. degree would require the two years of foreign language. The B.S. degree would not.

This motion was defeated after a lengthy discussion. Some faculty members objected to this motion because it would imply that the B.S. degree was inferior because it lacked the language requirement.

After discussion of these two motions, Dr. Sim Wilde, chairman of the education division proposed a motion that the language requirement be abolished altogether. The discussion following the motion was brief; most of the argument on both sides had already been presented.

The vote was taken, and the substitute proposal passed 22-20. Dean Jack Moore commented that he had hoped for a more substantial margin.

Library Friends Sponsor Contest

The Wesleyan College Chapter of the Friends of the Library have contributed \$50 to the establishment of awards for the best research papers. This award will be divided into the categories of upper level (\$20) and lower level (\$20). A runner-up award of \$10 will be given to either an upper-level paper or lower level paper that shows high merit. The judges will be the chairmans of the departments. This award will be granted during the Honors Convocation, April 8.

Wright Wins Run-Off; Class Officers Named

In a close run-off election last Wednesday, Bruce Wright defeated Jim Van Laan for the editorship of the Decree. With more than 50% of the student body voting, more interest was shown in this office than ever before. Jim Van Laan campaigned vigorously stating in S.U. posters that he thought he could save the DECREE from mediocrity. Wright, on the other hand, conducted a low-key campaign. Charlie Rogers was elected So-

phomore class President, and Bill Manson was elected Sophomore Vice-President. Wright, in candidate, Dave Walker, won the position of SGA treasure. An evident lack of interest appeared in the Junior class offices of President and Secretary as no one ran.

J. Allen Winter announced that the selection for Men and Women's Student Service Award would be made Tuesday, April 6.

Leyda Comments On Changes In Wesleyan's Requirements

It is my sincerest wish that these few sentences not be taken as praise or condemnation of anyone's actions but rather as words that might spark some mood of consideration and constructive action. I do not believe myself so imminently qualified as the jointly working minds of forty-two faculty members and then would hope that this not be taken as supertuous tripe written by an uppity, insolent student leader.

No action in the history of this college's faculty has caused such dichotomy and bitter

dispute amongst them as the question of dropping the language requirement. Perhaps I am mistaken but never in my short history here have I had the occasion to observe men and woman whom deeply admire and respect appear so volatile and devoid (momentarily) of the ability to reason. Such was the case immediately following the 20-22 decision of the faculty to drop the language requirement.

Such an action is not made lightly. Symbols are sacred things. The language requirement is or has been made a

symbol of a liberal arts education. To the faculty member who has devoted his life work to the liberal arts system, the abolition of it is a sacrilege, an unforgivable blasphemy to the system he believes to be the basis of academic life.

To another faculty member, the technocrat or modern thinker, the language requirement is also a symbol. Perhaps it is to his mind also a sacred thing but one that must be grown out of or away from in order to keep the liberal arts

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Barbara Brown Appears In Miss Black N. C. Contest



Barbara Brown models prior to her participation in the Miss Black N. C. Contest.

Barbara Regina Brown, a junior biology major at Wesleyan, is a contestant in the 1971 "Miss Black North Carolina Beauty Pageant." Miss Brown is representing Rocky Mount in the pageant which will be held May 19th-23rd in Greensboro, North Carolina at the Greensboro Coliseum. For her talent Barbara will perform a dramatic act. She is being sponsored by various businessmen in Rocky Mount.

All interested people are urged to see Miss Brown for further information concerning tickets, program advertising or patronage.