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President Collins Addresses Faculty

Editor's Note: President Collins' message to the assembled faculty last week seems particularly appropriate as the academic year ends. We would like to share his comments with the student body.

With Will Rogers, North Carolina Wesleyan College can reply, "The reports of our death are greatly exaggerated." Dr. Cameron West did not say we are dead . . . or necessarily dying. He did say, "If you do not change, you will die."

Let me recite three simple statements: Now, as always (1) Change will come. As usual (2) Those best qualified to change resist it. Therefore, as usual (3) Those less well qualified may be forced to cause change to occur.

Talk of downgrading any program at Wesleyan is nonsense. You, the Faculty, are depressing the students wrongly. The determiner of quality is not what requirements we offer, but quality of teachers we have in classrooms, books in library, students we can attract to share

in excitement of learning. We think these should convince student associates.

I believe there is still time for you, the faculty, most able to create beneficial change, before it is made by those less well qualified in terms of numbers enrolled, cost of utilization, and availability of resources.

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Activists Make Old President

At the last meeting of the Wesleyan Activists, Marshall Old was elected President. Activists is an honorary organization that is trying to affiliate itself with a national honor fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa. Also elected with Old were Dennis Hayek, vice-president, and Bruce Wright, secretary-treasurer. If everything in their present application is approved, the Activists may become ODK next fall.

Wesleyan SGA Releases First Faculty Evaluation

By BRUCE WRIGHT

After months of preparation, the Student Government Association has finally published the first full report on "Student Evaluation of the Faculty." The project was begun on January by a sub-committee appointed by the student Senate

under the joint leadership of Ed Gunter, S. G. A. Vice-President, and Dr. Cordts, Dean of Students. Other persons on the committee included Barbara Brown, Dennis Hayek, Doug Kozlowski, Lynda Land, Bruce Miller, Howard Payne, Beth Speake, Helen Steiner, Allen Winter, and Bruce Wright.

After several preliminary meetings, the Committee finally agreed upon the Harvard form as the most concise method of evaluation both the instructor and the course. These forms were distributed to all students and the response was quite favorable. The forms were then grouped for each professor and the tabulation began. The mathematical computation was easy but the condensing of the open-ended parts of the form calling for comments concerning the course and the instructor was generally considered to be the hardest stage of the project by the Committee members.

The purpose of the evaluation is stated in the introduction to the report: "This is by no means the end of this project, but the beginning of what should be the most important committee report available to the student . . . It will be up to the committees of successive years to perpetuate the precedent we have this year established."

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Ruth Smith Named NCW Best Professor

Mrs. Ruth Smith, member of the English faculty, was awarded the third "Nu Gamma Phi Best Professor Award" in the Honors Convocation last week. Mrs. Smith, after receiving a standing ovation, thanked the student body on whose vote the award had been made. Dr. Allen Cordts presided over the awards presentation presenting some twenty different awards to Wesleyan students.

The science fraternity, Chi Beta Phi, presented an award in math to Shirley Clay, and award in physics to Mert Phelps, and an award in psychology to Frank Matthews. Rebecca Pittman received the Chi Beta Phi key for service to the club. Other members of the

Science Division who were recognized for academic merit were John Sutton (math), Cathy Lawton (chemistry), and Paul Leeland (psychology).

The Compass Club presented Raye Suitt with their award for greatest participation in club work.

Jeff Harris was given the Peoples Bank and Trust Company's Outstanding Economics Major Award while David Saunders received the achievement in economics prize.

The Student Music Educators National Conference presented Chris Scot with a one year scholarship for the study of applied music. From the French department, Dorothy

Williams received the Pharris - Strickland Award for excellence in French. Mrs. Sarah Alexandar, continuing her practice begun last year of giving a special award, did so this year. The recipient of this award was Don Papke. Dean Cordts recognized those students that had been named to Who's Who; they are Bill Brantley, Gary Christopher, Jean Farrish, Ed Gunter, John Hornday, Bob Leyda, Marshall Old, Julia Robinson, Roland Shaw, Helen Steiner, Allen Winter, and Bruce Wright. Roland Shaw received an award from First Presbyterian Church for outstanding achievement in music. Martha Moore was presented with the Freshman Writing Award sponsored by the Rocky Mount Rotary Club. Shelia Glover was selected by Wesleyan Players for their award. The John Paul Jones History Award which sponsored by the Nash County Colonial Dames was presented to Jeannie Farrish. Mrs. Barbara Brown was recognized for her position as senior with the highest academic average.

Circle, K selected by a vote of the Inter-Club Council as the organization that has contributed the most to Wesleyan, was given the Dean of Students' Award. Helen Steiner was awarded the Leadership and Service Award for Women which was sponsored by the Pilot Club while Ed Gunter received the same award for men (sponsored by the college chaplain). Roland Shaw received the President's Cup for the attitude which he has conveyed. After these awards were presented the meeting was ended.



Nu Gamma Phi President Ken Carter presents Mrs. Ruth Smith the best professor award.

1970-1971 Year-End Review: Even Flounders Took Sides

By MARSHALL R. OLD

" . . . And high above the pines that gently sway, salute thee for the riches you impart . . ." Again we sang those words which for three years have signaled the opening and the closing Convocation; apt words they are for a conclusion for we must try to leave remembering those riches that have been imparted--even those riches that were imparted painfully. Wesleyan's 12th year has been a year of conflict, contention, and change; moreover, the issues that have often split the school were those issues that could have brought all of us together. One of my professors said in a class re-

cently, "Even a flounder must take sides sometimes." Tragically during the current year, many of us like flounders have had our eyes on the same sides of our heads and have been swimming through the waters of this institution without the advantage of clear vision. We have taken sides and squared off against our foes, but the question remains, what good has been done in 1970-71?

Though the word good is a relative term, the assumption is made that anything that has benefited the school in general has been good. For example, two campus service organizations in co-operation with the American Red Cross and

the Wesleyan Administration directed the first campus blood drive in more than four years, collecting 206 pints in a single day. Due credit must be given to Circle K and Activists. The Wesleyan Student Government Association in a burst of creativity planned an outdoor patio, increased student interest in elections, and developed and published the first evaluation of the faculty. Without the aid of an organizational backbone to sustain their efforts, many Wesleyan students worked together to produce a student recruitment service which fanned out during the breaks (and hopefully during the

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