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## Life at Wesleyan what you make it

The most disturbing phrases we hear on campus often and from many students are "I'm so bored. There's never anything to do" and "This school is so small, I'm transferring to a bigger school so I can have an easier and better education." These statements are both untrue and unjustified.

First of all, there is something to do here. You simply have to look around. There are more than 15 clubs and organizations on campus. There are four fraternities and two sororities. Intramurals are played almost every day. Our soccer and volleyball teams each have home games at least once a week, and basketball season starts in just a couple of weeks. Or how about even getting a job on campus?

Understandably, we do realize the problem many students might have with getting involved in any such organizations. Yes, you do have to get out of bed or turn off your Nintendo games or put your beer down and actually attempt to find something going on. Although this may be a difficult task, it is a necessary step.

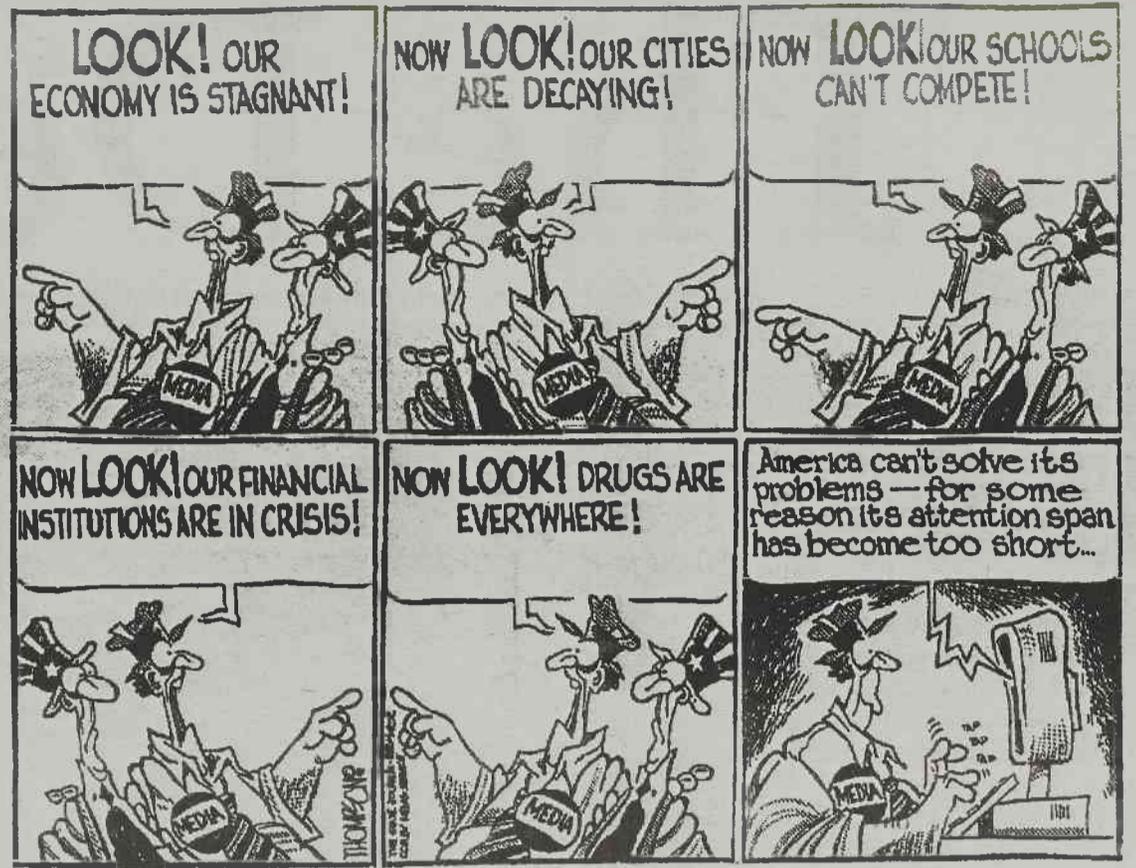
And after an exhaustive search for something to do that interests you and you still remain bored, then start something up yourself. Once again we realize that this calls for some initiative on your part, but this is a very easy

process. The Director of Student Activities, Pam Gourley, is always ready and willing to help anyone get an idea organized. The Student Government Association is a very useful tool in aiding anyone who wishes or needs help.

Second, to all those people who think that they are going to transfer to a bigger school in order to get a better or easier education, good luck, because you'll have a hard time finding one. The "small" number of students attending Wesleyan makes it unique and more appealing. Although a larger school may have more to offer course-wise, Wesleyan makes that up in offering a more involved and intense class.

Professors at Wesleyan go out of their way to make sure they know each of their students and they also give an extraordinary amount of time to go over problems which might occur, where in most other schools professors couldn't care less. Students don't realize the many benefits that are offered at our school that would be lost if they attend another school.

So remember, it is only the lazy and ignorant who complain about not having something to do here. Go to the Student Life Center and find out what's going on. Get involved. Learn to love Wesleyan, and try to make it better.



### Senate was manipulated

## Thomas used symbols to win

By DR. STEVE FEREBEE

Each of us develops symbols from our particular experience which can help others understand us.

I, for instance, hate winter, so I look in my garden for images of other seasons. When I find crocuses, I know spring will soon allow daylilies to announce early summer; the sultry scent of moon flowers to signal mid-summer; Mexican sage blooms to herald summer's end. Even a picture of these plants reminds me of these seasons. They have become personal symbols.

Since Judge Thomas used "high-tech lynching" to describe the Senate Judiciary Committee's treatment of him after Professor Hill's allegations, I have been wondering about our national symbols.

### Dr. Steve Muses

That we all understood what image Thomas referred to probably humiliates us. I thought of the Faulkner story about a lynching in which sex and violence are inextricably coupled. And then I remembered Lester Maddox, running for governor of Georgia, holding aloft a pickaxe handle as a campaign image. Thomas had successfully diverted my attention from Hill's charges.

Symbols work. An image takes on added meanings until it becomes symbolic; and one symbol leads to another. That's why artists like symbols. Think of the velvety but thorny rose; of the

comforting and eternal but awesome and metamorphosing ocean. Artists' symbols generate meanings beyond the lines on the page or on the canvas. The symbol in art liberates rather than manipulates.

Because symbolism is a powerful tool, we should not let our politicians (or our artists) use them when they are unwarranted. And make no mistake about it, Clarence Thomas is a politician, not a judge. He has spent most of his professional life working as a politically-appointed bureaucrat and very little of it judging without direction from a White House staff.

In order to ensure his position on the Court he used an incendiary national symbol. He drove a wedge between the people who

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## Alcohol policy is dangerous

By JOHN HEARNE

In December of 1917, the Congress of the United States passed the 18th amendment making the manufacture, distribution, and sale of alcohol illegal. What followed were some of the bloodiest days in American history as this badly conceived law gave rise to organized crime and the associated bloodshed as rival gangs battled for territory.

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Finally, in February of 1933, Prohibition was repealed as a complete policy failure.

Starting in September of 1991, the administration of this college began a policy of de facto prohibition. The Office of Student Life has severely limited the con-

sumption of alcohol by all of its students, in some cases even those who are over the legal drinking age.

Just as the original Prohibition produced bloodshed by gang wars, this prohibition will produce bloodshed as students begin to drink and drive in increasing numbers.

At the beginning of this school

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