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Faculty attendance poor at Symposium

The Wesleyan Symposium was conducted on Feb. 12-13 and, on the whole, at least appeared well attended. Most sessions were almost filled and showed that there is a genuine interest in the affair. That is, a genuine interest among the students.

When many professors make it a requirement for students to attend a number of sessions on the basis that their attendance is necessary to learn about the "real world," it is a disappointment to find out these same professors feel that they need not attend.

How are students to believe that the Symposium is important when the faculty fail to show their enthusiasm for the event? When an average of 18 or 19 professors (including the business professors who were running the program) or less than 50 percent of the faculty attend, what kind of appreciation does this show to the speakers?

Admittedly, student participation was also very poor

and the students should feel ashamed. Many turned the Symposium into a five-day weekend and did not attend a session at all.

However, some students did attend one or two, failed to see their professors there, and said they felt the Symposium must not really be that important.

Perhaps the professors required their students to write papers on the Symposium in order to find out what they were going to miss.

Besides the fact of the poor participation of both faculty and students, the Wesleyan Symposium was a success and beneficial to those who attended. It brought about an improved perspective on global activity and our society's participation in the world.

Most people left the sessions feeling satisfied with what they had learned or at least with new ideas about themselves in the international world.

Bashing Japan no solution to U.S. problems

By KEN LEONARD

Typical of the nonsense normally associated with elementary school playgrounds and foreign affairs is the current bickering between the United States and Japan. It actually started several years ago, but was brought back into the limelight by recent events. Of all things, the Japanese didn't

apologize for bombing Pearl Harbor on the 50th anniversary.

Fifty years? As I recall, we already took care of an apology long ago, and made it all even. Are we going to toss 40 years of mutually beneficial trade down the toilet for a sneak attack launched half a century ago? It strikes me as odd that the same people who want to pick a fight

with our trading partner of 40 years are the same ones who want to pour untold billions into the former Soviet Union, which was our enemy for the same time as Japan was our friend. Very strange.

For some inexplicable reason, the trade deficit has suddenly become the hot issue in politics. The Japanese sell more to us than we

sell to them. When George Bush went over to Japan to try to talk about this, bringing the ultimate crybabies of American industry — notably Lee Iacocca — I had certain feelings about the trip. He expressed those quite well, although I would not have made them quite so clear at the dinner table.

Now, the press is telling us

everything any Japanese official says about American workers — as long as the comment is negative.

You have to watch the right shows to hear the Japanese report that indicates that the U.S. labor force is the more productive of the two involved, that our stan-

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"SEE ... AT HEART I'M REALLY JUST AN EDITOR."

Candidates need scrutiny

Voters failing responsibility

By DR. STEVE FEREBEE

How can President Bush have gone from 90 percent approval to 40 percent in one year? Is he a different man? Are his economic or political agendas any different? Now that many voters are waking up to what actually happened during the Reagan 80's, whom do they blame?

Say what you will about Ronald Reagan, at least he pretended to have an agenda. And the voters pretended to understand that agenda. Why do they now act bewildered about problems caused by defense build-ups without revenue increases, about problems arising because of deregulation?

If voters don't educate themselves about history and about contemporary circumstances, they cannot avoid part of the blame for their problems.

Putting aside Mr. Bush's plummeting polls for a moment (he will be able to soar back up

Dr. Steve Muses

without substantially changing his rhetoric), let's take a look at Gov. Clinton's two major issues. Or, I suppose I should say the media's two major issues.

Clinton, the media told us, was

the front runner, so we began treating him as the front runner. Then the media announced that he had had extra-marital affairs, and a woman stepped forward to say she was tired of the lies and would tell all — to the highest bidding media outlet.

Right after some ridiculously overblown sporting event or another, one of the networks gave

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