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Wesleyan slogan little but rhetoric

At an ever-increasing rate, students at Wesleyan College are finding out the true meaning of the official catch phrase of the college, "Where the student comes first." From the availability of parking to the lack of courses being offered, students are making their own personal judgments on the validity of this statement. However questionable the statement may be, what is most disturbing is how this slogan is being used by the college.

Lately it appears that "Where the student comes first" is being used as a disguise to hide the failings of the college. Even though we are small, offer limited classes, provide little recreational activities for students, and any other shortcomings we can think of, that's fine because the student comes first. Regardless of how lacking the college may be, you should still attend Wesleyan because by some seemingly divine power, at Wesleyan the student comes first. There is only one problem. A cute catch phrase designed by someone to attract students

has no benefit to the students already here.

No matter how much the college would like to think that students come first, the actions of the school prove the opposite. The problems of students are addressed, but no solutions are sought. Every student has a personal list of examples so there is no need to waste space citing a list of examples that no matter how long would still regrettably be incomplete. Problems at Wesleyan are too often addressed with promises, hollow phrases, and rhetoric. It is safe to assume that rhetoric has never solved a problem at Wesleyan.

The college should place its attention on substance, not on hollow advertising slogans. Students are not asking for much, only for the college to live up to the potential it is presently squandering away. The last thing needed is a meaningless phrase that only serves as a facade to conceal the problems of the college.

If the student did actually come first at Wesleyan, we would not need a slogan to be reminded of it.

"A storm in a teacup."

— William Bayle Bernard



Signs of the times

If only posters could talk

By DR. STEVE FEREBEE

Have you ever wondered what happens to those campaign yard signs once the election is over? Probably not, but that's why we need the columnist. We worry about these issues.

On the morning of the election I noticed that a yard near me had 27 signs, all for Republican candidates except for a local Democratic judge. The next day I looked to see how the family was doing. Each sign was neatly torn in half and lying stacked in the gutter: the stakes were also neatly broken in half and tied together. In the recycling bin lay one empty Jack Daniels bottle.

While I was waiting at a traf-

Dr. Steve Muses

fic light later that day, I saw a well-dressed man leap out of a Cadillac, rush over to a Clinton/Gore sign, kick it expertly into the air, and whirl around looking for more. I left.

I then saw an old man driving a truck with Gardner and Bush/Quayle signs flapping around in the back. I decided he was taking them out to dump them in the graveyard for campaign signs. I began to wonder what such a place would be like the night af-

ter the election.

The Hunt signs, of course, are listening in on the Gardner signs, which, in turn, are trying to obscure the Hunt signs. A Libertarian candidate's sign occasionally blows over, but no one can read its name, so a couple of local Republicans cover it with red, white, and blue.

In the meantime, the Bush/Quayle signs desperately try to re-surface after being dumped underneath a load of used bumper stickers calling for voters to annoy the media. A light rain does not affect the permanent dyes and plastic-coated cardboard. As the night wears on, the Quayle side

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Judicial Board does its best

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the letters to the editor in the Oct. 23 issue regarding the Campus Judicial System. For those students who may not know the purpose of the Judicial Board, I wish to explain.

This board is designed to hear level two violations (Student Handbook, 1992-93) and controversial cases that the Judicial Coordinator deems necessary to be heard. Furthermore, the board's main purpose is to hear a case, then try to determine whether or not one is guilty based on the particular case brought before us. However, do not let this lead you

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to believe it is a court or that our duty is to punish the students. Instead of sentences, the group imposes sanctions that will hopefully be most beneficial to the students and allow them to succeed in the college community.

The board was enacted for the students and to ensure their due process afforded to them and determine the validity of an accusation against them. However, none

of the people that serve on the board (three elected students, one faculty member, and one Student Life member) have extensive law experience. The student representatives are like everyone else but were chosen by the student body to do a duty. Moreover, we deal with the cases as professionally as possible without a set code of formal conduct other than common courtesy and mutual respect.

We highly respect and honor our positions and take them very seriously. All of us realize that our sanctions affect people, and this is something not one of us

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