

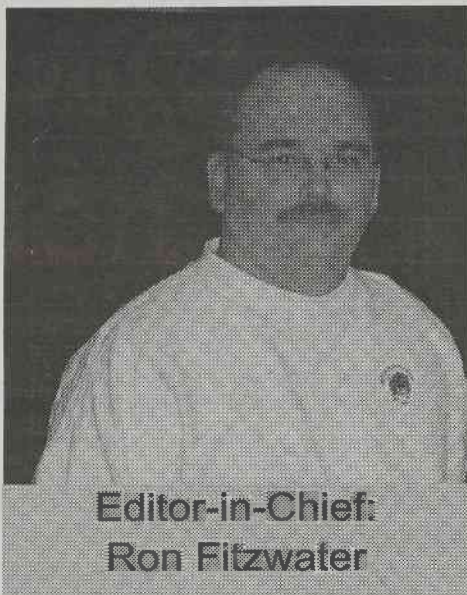
Editor's Corner

Dear Reader,

Please allow me to introduce myself: My name is Ron Fitzwater; I am a sophomore and an English Major. I am also a bit older than your "Traditional" Traditional Student. I mention this only to set you up for my up-coming sales pitch.

If you are a faithful reader of The Decree, you will see some very obvious changes over the next few issues. Not the least of which is the installation of yours truly as Editor-in-Chief, as well as some cosmetic and content changes. For those of you who are first-time readers, welcome. What you will not see is any decline in the objectivity, honesty and integrity for which we here at the paper pride ourselves.

Now to the old thing: As mentioned above I am older than most traditional students. I returned to school following a lengthy military career and now through Divine provenance, Karma, or just plain fate I find myself in this my present position as your Editor-in-Chief. I find in this job several problems unique to an older student, the main one being that I may not be in touch with the issues that affect you the traditional student.



Editor-in-Chief:
Ron Fitzwater

To solve this problem, I need you. I need your input, your opinions, and your time. I need to know what you find important, what you want to know about, and what you think is a waste of time to write about.

I ask that you send me e-mail about the topics you want to read about. Send me poetry, stories, shout outs, dedications, remembrances and anything else you feel is important for your fellow students to know.

In short, I want you to make this your paper, reporting the news you want to hear about, as it has always

been intended. Otherwise, you will be stuck reading about what the staff feels is important, and nothing more.

My promise to you, the reader, is that my staff and I will be fair in the presentation of the facts. I will not be biased in what gets printed, whether I agree with the point of view presented or not. You will not be force fed only one side of any issue. We will find ways to present various points of view. I will welcome any rebuttal or comment on any story that runs in the Decree. Please use tact and know your facts if you comment, because your comments will get printed.

It is my sincere hope that my tenure here, as the head of your school paper, will be found acceptable by you, the reader. I am here to work for you, so don't be shy--let me know what you think from time to time. Together we can keep the Decree, "of, by, and for the Wesleyan community".

Finally, I would like to thank Kim Noble for her hard work and her dedication to this publication. Her confident and professional style of leadership has left some big shoes to fill. It has been my distinct pleasure to work with her over the past year and I wish her all the best of possible futures. Thank you, Kim.

In closing, let me again extend a blanket invitation to the students and faculty to submit anything you feel important enough to print. Everything submitted will be given equal consideration for all upcoming issues.

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