



New Editor Comments

Upon obtaining position as editor of the Wayne Communique through the procedures of the New Selection Policy, I have been confronted with the various problems and conflicts facing one who achieves such a position. Probably one of the first and most serious of these problems is one of constant conflict in almost any organization, that of gaining participation and support.

I believe that the paper is yours and should not rest fully, concerning the responsibility and participation involved, on a few, but rather should be the interest and concern of all. The paper is and should be an outlet through which the student should feel free to express his views upon the many issues and problems facing us today—the "News-Box" placed in the student union should serve such a purpose. It's there for you—if you have an idea, issues, articles, or other facts which you feel would be of interest to others, don't hesitate to drop it in the box. The only restriction that will be placed upon these articles will be on those which hold no specific relevance to the paper or those which slander or unconstructively criticize an issue. If a change is needed it's up to you to get it done—your solution may be needed, so don't hesitate to offer it. Many gripes can be overheard daily about such things as a "Robot Cafeteria," but nothing has been done on issues of this type due to the

fact that not many people take the time to organize their gripes into constructive criticism and offer a possible solution. Let it be known how you feel through the paper!

The continual existence of the paper depends upon your support and participation. No journalism experience is required for one to work on the paper staff and one does not have to take a journalism class in order to work on the paper. Even though the paper and The Journalism classes here at WCC have been separated, they are still somewhat dependent upon each other as sources of knowledge, basis for co-operation, and a means of support. However, if you have had previous journalism experience, or are willing to learn on the job, the paper has a place for you.

How would you feel if there was no paper? Surely at one time or another the paper has held some aspect of value to you. You are a student and it is your paper, so keep it alive by giving your support and participation! If you feel the paper has no value, it's articles are dull, or it doesn't meet the students' needs, now is the time to do something about it—help publish it and then see how much it means to you, because then it becomes a part of you. The paper can really be great, but only with YOUR help! Act now, let the paper be a part of you.

JOHN BARDEN

Why Questionnaires?

Are They Useful?

By TONI HERMANN

In an effort—
To quench their unending thirst for knowledge, colleges periodically require their students to fill out questionnaires.

These must be of great value since a portion of class time is devoted to answering them. At the end of the period the questionnaires are gathered and disappear in the mysterious depths of the Dean of Students office never to be heard of again. However, three weeks later they will be followed by yet another set of questions which as usual, begin with:

Name? invariably followed by age? then sex? The dean of students is evidently not aware that Stanley Krakourtz is a male, and Daisy Mae Smith is a girl. However, some truthful students answer that with a simple yes or a regretful no.

This is followed by name and address of student's parents and or guardian — this creates a dilemma for the 40 year old father of four who will now have to explain to his 80 year old mother why she is receiving his report card, why he failed trigonometry and why he wrote yes after sex. The following are a sampling

of the vital questions addressed to the students and some of the answers the dean deserved.

—Have you ever experienced a complete lack of memory?

Yes — see above under age.

—Are you likely to be afraid in the dark?

Depends on whom I am in the dark with.

—Why did you enroll in the college transfer program?

I thought I might learn something.

I also enjoy filling out questionnaires.

WCC Sports

Coming in the next issue — a complete rundown on WCC's basketball team... an interview with Coach Horner... and more pertinent information about sports at WCC.

Teeth

The three simple rules for strong, healthy teeth that will last a lifetime are as follows:

- 1 — Brush your teeth at least twice a day.
- 2 — Visit your dentist at least twice a year.
- 3 — Mind your own business all the time.

Constant Change

By BARBARA BEST

The world goes on spinning
A new day dawns, another day ends.

Important events have taken place

But the earth stands still for nothing.

Day and night and the earth.
These are the only things that are certain

Will this always be,
Or will they meet destiny also?

There is security in knowing.

In knowing some things are stable.

We have foundations to build on

Foundations of life that alter each day.

BARBARA BEST

Sweet Dripping

By ALICE CREECH

We are so far away from our friends. It's hard for us to say "Good Day", and really mean it. We find it hard to be honest with each other, when the highest form of friendship is honesty.

People have so much potential to be shared. But most of the time it just rides away with them at the end of the day, without being un-

covered. It's such a waste to know that they aren't a part of us.

We need each other to make our lives fuller; more important. It may be hard to mean what we say and be honest; but it's so much more fun to be warm with each other. We can be needed and appreciated. At this season of giving thanks and gifts the best gift is from within.

Religion In Schools

By CATHY CLEAR

"Theoretically, religion is not to be taught in our public schools. So be it. But we recall a little anecdote which was written years ago: A visitor to a school asked the principal, 'When in your time schedule do you teach religion?' and the reply was, 'We teach it all day long. We teach it in arithmetic, by accuracy. We teach it in language, by learning to say what we mean. We teach it in history, by humanity. We teach it in geography, by breadth of mind. We teach it in handicraft, by thoroughness. We teach it in astronomy, by reverence. We teach it on the playground, by fair play. We teach it to animals, by kindness. We teach it in the lunchroom, by courtesy to servants, by good manners to one another, and by helpfulness in all things. We teach it by showing the young that we, their elders, are their friends.'" — The Methodist Messenger, The First United Methodist Church, Mount Olive, N. C.

How about you? Do you practice your beliefs, whatever they may be, in some small way every day?

Is The Draft Fair?

Imagine a young man eighteen or nineteen years old and you think of a young fellow going to school or just beginning his adult life.

Think of the men in Vietnam. Most of them are only eighteen or nineteen years old, and are still considered boys by the majority of the people.

Yet they have to know how to kill, to live with fear, to witness and bear pain and suffering. These young men are going through more agony than most people imagine.

Is it fair to send them to an unfriendly country where they will face the threat of death and crippling every day?

Yet, like a relentless disease, the draft continues to condemn them to such a fate. It must be stopped before it strikes another person.

The young men of our generation are submitted to a lot of pressure. We can at least spare them the threat of death in the festering jungles of South East Asia.

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Safe Driving Is No Gag

By JOHN BARDEN

The Christmas Holidays are near and students will be glad to tuck away their books for awhile and enjoy the Christmas season with their families. For many, this will mean driving long distances over our nation's highways which are extremely dangerous during this holiday season. Careful and defensive driving should be used, in order that we might help to decrease traffic fatalities and injuries sustained during this period. Don't end up a statistic.

Statistics are very impersonal. They don't have names... just numbers. But they can be translated... into grim headlines. "Tragedy Mars Family Reunion," "Drunken Driver Kills Child," "Collision Wipes Out Family." Somehow, Statistics seem to gain something in the translation. They gain personality... and an ugly twist. Numbers become names. Names become people. All of a sudden, people become statistics. Two long holiday weekends are ahead. Lots of statistics are in the making. Don't be one. Drive carefully.

Do you care? Are you willing to take driving seriously? If you think safe driving is a gag or a put-on, you should consider this—

Like to speed? Gives you a thrill, doesn't it?

I liked to speed, too, once, but look at me now—a ghost of the past!

I think I'll tell you my story—

Autumn's gay colors were flashing around us and the brisk wind was a challenge. It whistled, "Speed, step on the gas" — I did.

I vividly remember how beautiful and colorful life was as I tried to round that curve. The four of us were so joyfully singing happy-go-lucky tunes.

That was the last happy moment I had. It was then that I realized that the course of my car was due over a hill — straight ahead.

With my nerves paralyzed, eyes tightly shut, screams surrounded me, we plunged, rolled and struck!

The suffering of my three companions!

Latest reports say that the one girl will never be able to use her arms or legs and for the rest of her life will have to live in a cast because of her broken back. The other one cannot live. Her chest is crushed and her collar bone broken. The third was blinded because of shattered glass. And this because of speeding!

"I got by lucky — I died." This story, an editorial which won the Quill and Scroll Scholastic writing contest, should serve as a reminder to us in stressing the importance of safe driving.

If you drive, don't drink, not if you want to make it into '73! That slightly out-of-focus vision, that not-quite-perfect coordination can get a lot of laughs at a party. Out on the road it brings tears.

Drunken drivers aren't the only staggering figures. The statistics on car accidents caused by them are pretty staggering, too. And, a lot of people become statistics... courtesy of that chap who had to have just one more for the road.

