Editorials

What Shall We Be?

We have come to college for many reasons: parties, marriage, vocational training, and some even desiring an education. In the admittance to an institution, each person accepts as his standards those standards of the college. Or does he? To one looking at some factions of Wesleyan's student body this would not seem to be true.

Since the beginning of the "Suspension" rule for overcutting Chapel has been enacted, two students have been suspended. The College's position concerning alcoholic beverages and its consumption has been practically ignored by many Wesleyan students. The student's responsibility to keep college property in good order has gone unpracticed in all the dorms and all other buildings on campus. Obedience to the rules and regulations of the college and dormitories in general go unheeded.

True there exist areas of Wesleyan's community life in which changes need to be evoked. But does this give us the right to ignore those rules now standing? No, until changes are enacted, everyone has the obligation to live by the now existing regulations.

Shall we allow a few to disrupt the totality of our daily life with what seems to be a better way and yet, what in the end only puts this few in undisputed power over us. If this makes little sense at present—look around, watch this few and read **Animal Farm.** Is this what Wesleyan will become?

Forget Past, Look Ahead!

If any of us were to write our autobiographies, we could fill them with instances where we thought we had been treated unjustly. But harping on it gets us nowhere—nowhere, that is, except into misery. Why do we keep rehurting ourselves with old injuries? A novelist has coined a phrase for people who keep talking and thinking about this. He calls them "the Injustice collectors." These are words for those who are enjoying being unhappy.

Perhaps to some this may sound like a sermon—and maybe it is—for all of us. But, then, since exams are very much of a reality to us now a sermon might be in store.

Someone once said "Never chew your pills; swallow them, because when you chew them it makes them more bitter still." That quotation is real wisdom—for we must forget disappointments and go on to the new opportunities before us and put the past behind.

We must try to get some benefits from the things that have happened to us—our difficulties have made us stronger and wiser and perhaps have even diverted the pathways of our lives for the better. But having extracted know-how from these experiences we must make whatever use we can from them and then forget about them!

Probably the old saying of "Dreaming dreams . . ." is very true. However, "Seeing visions" is the end point of "work."

Good luck on your exams!

—L. W.

'Upperroom' Secedes

On Thursday January 12, 1964, the third floor of South Hall, better known as the "Upperroom" declared and signed a statement of secession from South Hall Dormitory Council.

The secession was declared during a dorm meeting on the night of January 12 during a debate on how to keep order in the dorm. This debate was in direct line with the request made by the Senate.

When the suggestion of a demerit system was brought up the members of the third floor and many members of other floors proposed that the dormitory have no authoritative "few" but instead base the peace and harmony of the dorm on the mutual respect which each individual has for each other. When the discussion dragged on the "Upperroom" disengaged itself from the meeting.

The "Upperroom" and members of other halls will give its views to the Dorm Council. If no action is taken the "Upperroom" will have its first policy making meeting the first Thursday in the second semester. The form of government it tentatively plans to have is one called a polity.

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Goldwater: Last Hope Kennedy: The Man

By RAY O'KELLY

On January 3, 1964, Conservatives and most Republicans were relieved to hear that Barry Goldwater had decided to seek the Presidential nomination. To this faction of the population Goldwater represents not a fly by night political office seeker but the Republican party's **last hope.** Conservatives who are not strict Republicans realize that their closest party, the Republican Party, can no longer attempt to equal those platforms proposed by the Democratic Party; Republicans learned this bitter lesson in 1960. If Nixon would have had a Conservative platform then Kennedy would not have had a leg to stand on; as it was the voters were confronted with two almost identical platforms. The voting was based on a matter of who was the best man— Kennedy won.

Americans' minds, those who took to Kennedy, became (pardon the expression) "dazzled." This voting block which represents a good majority of the country, now has decided to back the Democratic Platform (Civil Rights I exclude) in a manner with no relevance to the future effects these laws will have upon America. Save the "Conservative" 87th Congress, Kennedy legislation would have run wild.

I do not contend that the American people are completely out-of-it by not seeing the pitfall toward which we are headed but I do contend that the Republican Party should and must explain to our "dazzled" citizens exactly where we are headed. This lack of realization is no insult to our citizens' common sense, but with a little question asking the average citizen, I have found, weighs these questions very heavily and in most cases has remarked, "I didn't think of it that way."

Goldwater I do not idolize, but I do realize that he is America's **last hope** before the citizens, listening to Johnson's "Peace once and for all, end the Cold War," close the gap and over power our "Conservative" Congress with Democrate Party "Yesmen."

Please bare with this column as I try to inform some of you who may not have thought about "Conservatism." Actually most Americans, more than a majority are Conservative, but; American politics has with it "advertising agencies" which disrupt the real issues Americans treasure most: individualism; free from government slavery; life, liberty and pursuit of happiness in a free Democratic Capitalistic society.

The biggest problem in our Democracy has been stated that America is what we want it to be, if it falls it is our own fault. Every legislation pass which centralizes Washington more continues to milk its citizens of the purposes for which America was founded. Each nation changing legislation takes us a step further from our original state. Will we draw the line? What is our direction? What will we find when we get there? Will we be sorry? Will it be too late?

It is hard to decide which attributes carry the most value in the life of a politician: his politics or his personality. For John F. Kennedy personality was the most valuable.

From an objective point-of-view J.F.K. had all of the personal attributes a candidate would want, save experience and age; the latter of which may have been to his benefit due to his young and vital appearance.

Kennedy was a gentleman and a scholar. From his family he learned a system of manners, some of which were pre-World War I, that weighed heavily on the good impressions he made upon people in more influential positions. At the same time the once dirty faced football player knew how to communicate with the commonman and to a certain extent he understood what he needed.

John Kennedy's most important attribute was his education. While at Harvard he worked for his father at the Embassy in London. His bang-up job in England was augmented by his highly regarded book on Great Britain's lack of preparedness for World War II. **Profiles in Courage** is a good example of his ability to express himself intelligently.

His love for humanity, his vim and vigor, and his appreciation of perfection are all noteworthy of his character. On November 22, 1963, our country lost a most outstanding citizen.

LETTERS *to the* EDITOR

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Kennedy Article Liked By Reader

Dear Editor:

My compliments to Ray O'Kelly for his perceptive article appearing in the Dec. 18 issue of the **Decree** entiteld "Kennedy: The Myth." All Americans mourn the tragic death of our late president, but it is a sad state, and an insult to the integrity of the American people, when they are maliciously blamed for the murder of Mr. Kennedy, simply because they exercised their constitutional and God given right to disagree. Death does not create divinity, nor does it magically transform opposed political policies into that which is wholly right and correct.

For certain groups to attempt to create a guilty conscience over Kennedy's assassination in the minds of those with conflicting political philosophies is sheer sophistry. It is an obvious attempt to take political advantage of a decidedly delicate situation. For beneath this chicanery and mawkish sentimentality is the hidden theory that freedom of speech is "old hat," that the two-party system is dead, and that the old faith in the sacred right to disagree is sheer foolish fantasy.

Denny C. Wise

Meal Ticken Plan Suggestion Given

Dear Editor:

Did you eat breakfast in our cafeteria this morning? Whether you did or didn't makes no difference, you still paid for it. Do you and other resident students want to continue to pay for meals you don't eat? Under the present plan set up to feed us we pay $237.50 a semester. This sum is paid whether we eat all our meals in the cafeteria or not. For those of us who may not eat all our meals in the cafeteria this seems grossly unfair.

Therefore, I would strongly suggest that something be done to alter this situation. Many colleges have taken care of this problem by the issuing of meal tickets. In this way the student uses his ticket when he eats in the cafeteria. When he doesn't eat in the cafeteria he doesn't use his ticket, and therefore, doesn't pay for a meal he misses. This is a tried and proven plan that works. I feel that such plan is needed on our Wesleyan campus. I hope that my feelings on this matter are the feelings of most of our community and that steps will be taken soon to change the situation that now exists.

Name Withheld