

## Dorm Opening

After Thanksgiving vacation, the dormitories did not open until 3:00 Sunday afternoon, at which time the housemothers were to return to campus and allow occupancy of the residence halls. This system is suitable, but only for those students who live a relatively short distance from campus and are able to leave home to return to school at any time during the day. The new regulation concerning the time of dormitory openings fails to consider those students who have a relatively long distance to travel in order to return to school and must avail themselves of any possible means of transportation, regardless of the time in which it will arrive in Rocky Mount, not to mention those students who must arrive here by car in which the driver must immediately make a return trip of several hundred miles. It is ridiculous to ask the driver to wait until 3:00 to make a return trip or expect the student to wait on the porch of the dormitory for several hours before obtaining entrance.

It seems plausible and possible that dormitories could open sooner to allow early returning students to immediately occupy the dormitories upon arrival on campus.

## An Honor Code

At a recent Senate meeting the problem of cheating on quizzes and exams was discussed. During the course of discussion it was brought to light that there is no "honor code" at Wesleyan to regulate manners of academic honesty.

The honor system, known under many names, is an integral part of the college community at many schools. For those not familiar with the honor system it should be explained that under this system each student is responsible for his own honesty and for the honesty of those around him. Students are usually expected to sign a written pledge on quizzes and other academic work to the effect that no cheating was done. For instance, a student at State writes, "I have neither given nor received aid on this examination." The essence of the system is that a student's work can be accepted without question as truth and that any violation of a student's work is an offense against the entire student body. Each student is responsible not only for his own honesty but also for that of those around him. Students who enforce the honor system are not spying, they are, in their eyes and in those of their fellows, protecting their individual liberties and the reputation of the student body. An Honor Committee composed usually of elected representatives of the student body is the regulating agency for this system. After conviction by his own admission or by trial before the Honor Committee, an offender against the Honor System is punished, usually by expulsion or suspension from school.

Presently at Wesleyan the Community Council is the only organization which has any relation to an honor court. However, in The Bishops Law, it is stated specifically that this council is not an honor court. It does appear there is a need for an organization which has as a specific purpose, the regulation of academic honesty. The honor system places the responsibility for this honesty with the student rather than with the faculty and administration, and this is where it should be. The system has proved its worth at the many colleges and universities where it is now in effect. As a means of not only preventing dishonesty in scholarship but also of fully integrating the student into the college community, an Honor Code at Wesleyan would be a decided improvement over the present and vague "Wesleyan Code."

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# WESLEYAN:

## As I See It

By Duffie Monroe

It appears that the student body at Wesleyan, more specifically the student government, is not able to take on basic responsibility because there is none to be taken. A well-oriented student government does not operate effectively or efficiently while in a circle composed exclusively of unimportant decision making. The acceptance of responsibility is located outside this circle, and at present, the SGA is unable to extend its arm of power.

It is said that Wesleyan is continually existing in a state of apathy but not basically the type of apathy that comes with the feeling of concern. The apathy we experience here is more a feeling of hopelessness. Wesleyan now has set itself a goal, a goal of responsibility, and this goal cannot be achieved because of an immovable barrier which exists and blocks all attempts at achievement. In order to gain the power of responsibility, while staying within the norms of society, the student government must either move or remove this barrier or fall to the wayside in defeat.

In effect, the student government is just "playing house." A little drastic, perhaps, but true. The administration and staff fails to delegate responsibility and the power to make vital decisions. Yet, it appears that the "Parents" of the house-players feel that the student leaders at Wesleyan are not capable of making important decisions on their own. It is completely overlooked that the student leaders on this campus are certainly mature adults who are capable of accepting the responsibility that is denied them. And through this action on the part of the administration and staff, the students have no direct contact with the concepts of life which they must all face in the near future. The administration

## Sadden Other Not

By King Fun Ho

Sadden other not,  
with your tearful eyes.  
Nor tell you other,  
your mistreated tale.  
But bravely take up your cross,  
and bear it with a grace.

Have courage, my child! Have cheer!

Hear ye not the breezy whisper;  
feel ye not the sunny warmth?  
This is life--our source of energy.

Why not make the best of it,

Recall you perhaps?  
Of Shakespeare the wise.  
"Life is but a stage," says he,  
Your role now, may be a dread;  
yet tomorrow, it may be the best.

So, sadden other not,  
with your tearful eyes.  
Nor tell you other,  
your mistreated tale.  
But follow the foot-steps of our fathers,  
and tread gladly in their stead,

is acting like over-protective parents sheltering their young from the hardships of the cruel world.

Again we return to the circle of frustration. Students need room to grow but this is impossible, as the student is placed in this circle with no exits to responsibility and growth. This constant frustration leads to a lack of morale, a sense of apathy and a complete lack of feeling, which is the result primarily of a definite lack of communication between the faculty and administration concerning student desires.

Students cannot take on responsibility because there is none to be taken. The necessary responsibility is denied by a faculty and administration who considers the students only children playing at the game of governing themselves, and more pointedly, playing at the game of life. We are imprisoned in a circle of frustration with no feasible exits to reality and responsibility. Where lies the exit and who has the power to show this exit to us?

## Potpourri

By Doug Groseclose

What has been your reaction to the recent decision of the Supreme Court regarding registration of members of the American Communist Party? Is this a step backwards, another concession to the Communist Party? What will be the result of this decision when the Communist Party begins putting candidates on the national ballots? Are we moving towards the destruction of our system from within? I think NOT!

This decision is the logical, legal move for the Warren Court. It seems to definitely conform to the other decisions rendered by the court in the years since 1954, and continues to protect the individual in American society--rather than the society as a whole. Working on the theory that a good system of government will somehow endure the ravages of criticism and dissension from within, the court has made another decision which follows the Constitutional lines within which it operates.

I firmly believe that this decision was the wisest which could possibly have been made. The very suppression of the Communist Party in the United States goes against the principle of freedom of speech, as established in the Constitution. If we continue to limit the right of American Communists to act according to their beliefs, we are suppressing the right of each individual to believe as he wishes. Before this decision the government was saying, in effect, you can believe what you want to, but don't practice what you

believe openly--if it goes against the basic construction of our society.

To get to the point of my argument, it seems to me that the exposure which the Communist Party will not receive is the best possible way of destroying the party in America. By revealing, rather than concealing, the actions of the American Communists, the Supreme Court has opened the way for a more widespread campaign by these people--but it has also opened the Party to criticism from without, a factor with which the Party has not contended before. The actions of the American Communists will not be hidden behind a "cloak of secrecy" anymore, and this can be the main reason for their destruction in America. It is easy to operate any organization behind closed doors, free from public intimidation, but is extremely hard to survive the persecution which exposure brings. This, I believe, will be the case with the American Communist Party.

The recent decision in the North Carolina legislature regarding the Speaker Ban Law is also a move toward the destruction of the Communist element within our society. Getting these people into the public domain rather than letting them operate within the protective bounds of suppression, will expose them for what they are--and will ultimately help end any small amount of influence which they may have.

"A city does not become free merely by calling it a 'free city'. For a city or a people to be free requires that they be given the opportunity, without economic, political, or police pressure, to make their own choice and to live their own lives." John F. Kennedy

### FOUND:

In the Methodist College "Small Talk". "Time out--for the--Laugh A Day--only YOU can remember Wesleyan in YOUR will. Confer now with your lawyer. President Collins, if desired, is always available for consultation concerning college welfare."

Two of the Bishop soccer players from this past season have been named to the all-opponent team of Belmont Abbey College.

Wesleyan goalie John Baker was named to the first team, and fullback Red Gatehouse to the second team.

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