

Editorials . . .

A CHOICE OF CHAPELS?

Hope has been born of having an alternate chapel service. Yes, should the newly reborn Vesper service be well enough attended, Dr. Hailey has announced that he will present a motion, through the Chapel committee, to have attendance at either the Sunday evening service or the Thursday morning service count as the chapel attendance for the week.

Few students would question the advantage of having a choice of required services. The present hour of 8:30 on Thursday is a very poor time for any worship service. Unfortunately, any later hour would tie up the gym and block other activities held there. So it appears that unless a miracle occurs, and chapel is not required at all, the present Thursday service cannot be changed. Indeed, in this light, Dr. Hailey's proposal seems a very commendable one.

But! The method of presenting this new idea almost surely will lead to its defeat. "Should enough students attend the Vesper service. . .," the announcement said. Thirty-two students were at the February 13th Sunday evening service (and even with the excellent attendance at the February 20th service, one must doubt that the attendance can be maintained after this series.) It appears very likely that Dr. Hailey will not find attendance at these services of a sufficient amount to recommend the proposed change.

An idea with such should not be discarded. The problem seems to be in the way this idea was presented to the students. With the often distasteful 8:30 service still the one and only service for which attendance is counted, who could possibly expect a student to voluntarily attend a second service. Would it not be much better to first initiate the Vesper's service as an alternate chapel and to first give the student credit for attending either service. From a sample of student opinion one must feel that under these conditions attendance at the Vesper service would be 4 or 5 times that of the 32 who came on February 13th. In fact, one would suspect that a Sunday evening service would be more popular than the Thursday morning service. That is, if credit is given. Moreover, the more "comfortable" hour should make a presentation of Christianity much more palatable.

One can only hope that the "powers that be" in this matter, instead of waiting to see if voluntary attendance merits an alternate chapel, first give credit for the Vesper service. Under the second condition almost surely attendance at the Sunday service will demonstrate the acceptance of this proposal by the student body.

WANTED FOR MURDER

And the poster read: WANTED FOR MURDER. And it went on: WESLEYAN COLLEGE. And it said: Wanted for the malicious murder of the LIBERATORS. Killed while attempting to free the said institution of the bonds of corruption and disease. Armed at all times with chains of backwardness and knives of blindness. Dangerous. Will attack any and all persons who attempt to instill justice and rightness. Will kill any and all persons who stand for the student and his wants. Will destroy any efforts to correct the evils.

And then, the poster reads: Among its lists of victims are those men who tried to change said institution to make it a college where honor and loyalty and interest and a sense of caring exists. Its latest victim (name unknown), stood for the student and expressed his personal views but now he too, is dead and GONE.

And at the bottom of the poster it said: NO REWARD OFFERED.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"DON'T WORRY ABOUT BURNING THE 'STUDENT SPECIAL' - JUST GET ME A GALLON OF CATSLUP."

Letters To The Editor

WHY?

Admitting that I am somewhat naive and not necessarily blessed with the understanding that some seemingly possess, I have come to the conclusion that if I am to learn and understand the events around me, questions should be asked. So now I will present several questions which I believe are relevant to all Wesleyan students. However strange, I do not expect anyone to attempt to answer my questions; indeed, I would find it rather shocking if a faculty member of this institution would by chance invite me into his office and try to answer the questions which I will soon present or bring to your attention. Indeed, some could care less!

All I ask is WHY? Why is it, that at this "INSTITUTION" of higher learning, students and faculty fail to debate among themselves many of the controversial issues that confront the average American in the year 1966 -- such as the value of the Vietnam War? Why do men fail to call this conflict a war? Why has the Congress of the United States failed to make a formal declaration of war?

Why do students constantly gripe about how the fountain is being used? Why must the President of this place -- LET US NOT DARE CALL IT A COLLEGE -- waste my time giving an anti-drinking sermon in chapel when I am well aware of his views in regard to the subject. Why all the talk on the subject? The students are aware of the position the Methodist Church has taken on the issue and certainly know drinking is not allowed on the Wesleyan campus. Indeed, why waste my time - which all of my professors say is so valuable. WHY ALL THE TALK? Why not just kick everybody out who drinks on campus and be done with this stupid issue. Why not really try to stimulate my thinking one early Thursday morning, rather than trying so desperately to put me to sleep?

Who do organizations like Phi Kappa Epsilon lack not only the support of the students but the faculty and administration as well? Why must the school newspaper threaten to stop publication? Why do FACULTY MEMBERS COMPLAIN about the

school as much as the students - yet no change? Why all the red tape - not only in the business office but in every office of this school? Why do faculty members tell me that Wesleyan is another Duke, U.N.C., or Davidson when in fact - it lacks something A.C. has?

Why is it that one of the best voice instructors Wesleyan has can't even arrange for students in his choir -- WHICH WE ALL KNOW IS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD -- to receive credit (in hours) for the hard work they do? WHY is there such a changeover in the faculty every year? Why do the really great teachers at this school leave? WHY don't some teachers teach more and stop trying to so greatly impress their students with their poor attempts at sarcasm?

WHY do so many students complain about the Economics department? Why does this school print in its catalog that they offer Sociology, but don't even have an instructor? But the school says it could not find a person to teach the course. But, their problem becomes my problem. They said it would be offered - now offer it for those students who request it.

In short, why all the talk and yet still, all the NOTHINGNESS? Am I crazy? You bet! I must be! At least I admit it! So I'm insane -- but Lord, I can't be the only one. Would I recommend Wesleyan to a high school senior who is looking for a good college to spend his next four years? Yes? Hal! You must be crazy too! I wouldn't recommend this "hole in the swamp" to my worst enemy!

But now you ask a question. If I dislike Wesleyan why not transfer? WHY? Because I'm just like 8 out of 10 other students, to do so would mean beginning all over again, and who wants to relive "the good old college days!"

In conclusion, you have no doubt noted that I'm mentally sick, a little frustrated and believe WESLEYAN STINKS. But then if the truth were known, you'd feel the same way. If not, then you gripe too much and praise too little the college you attend.

If you feel tired, run down and sluggish, if you feel like cutting your classes all day and dashing down to the Rainbow Club for

a cold beer, have one on the house - just for me, for although I don't drink, I can surely understand why any Wesleyan student might take up the habit.

Why in the world would anyone write a letter like this! Why? Sincerely, Ronnie Arrington

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Dear Editor:

Why is everyone so upset? Most of the girls on third floor Nash Hall would like to clear up the controversy concerning our relationship with God. Outside the Wesleyan campus it has been assumed that we endorse the "God is Dead" theory. But outsiders are more upset than we, the students, are. For, indeed, God is not dead. We believe, rather than discouraging the belief in God, Dr. James' Chapel Service made us re-examine our faith. We have discussed our reaction to the presentation. We feel that this program has brought us closer to God and has renewed our faith in the LIVING God.

Many of us have received letters from home protesting the "God is Dead" program. We think this misunderstanding was brought about because CBS did not fulfill its written agreement. One minute was to be set aside for the express purpose of stating that neither Dr. James nor Wesleyan College support Dr. Altizer's theory. CBS did not fulfill this part of the agreement. Due to the confused presentation, N. C. Wesleyan has lost prestige. In what way could we re-establish Wesleyan's good name? God is Dead is such a profound statement we need something to compare to it for equal publicity. For this reason we feel that Wesleyan should take legal action or demand some type of atonement against CBS.

- Respectively,
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The Editor The Wesleyan Decree Campus

Dear Editor:

I should like to reply to Mr. Lewis' letter in The Decree regarding guest lecturers on campus. I am appreciative of the expression of interest and concern which this letter reveals. But the letter represents, in my opinion, yet another evidence of the lack of communication between the student (in this case a recent alumnus) and the sources of information, be they administration, faculty or otherwise, which could and would happily have answered his questions, had

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