

Editorials . . .

Food Improves

The cafeteria situation, that is, the manner in which the food is served and the food itself, has previously been a thorn in the side of the Wesleyan community. Complaints from the student body ranged from "horrible" to "ridiculous."

Little over a month ago, a new dietitian was appointed and since that time the food served at Wesleyan has improved almost 100%. The students are now afforded a wider and better selection, more variety in the manner prepared, and a main course which is non-greasy and attractive.

The majority of the credit for such an improvement goes to Mrs. Alexander as Supervisor, Auxiliary Enterprises. It is hoped that such an improvement will continue in an effort to serve the students a majority of the foods which they like and feel are worth their money.

Where Does All the \$\$ Go?

If a student takes the trouble to examine previous catalogs for Wesleyan he will discover that the cost of maintaining himself has risen enormously since the 1960-61 opening of the college. In that year, according to the catalog, the tuition and academic fees totaled \$450. There was at that time NO comprehensive fee. For the 1966-67 academic year there will be a \$650. tuition and academic fee and a \$120. comprehensive fee: a total of \$770.

Furthermore, from the proposed \$150. charge for room in the 1960-61 catalog, next year the student must pay \$250. If one compares the 1960-61 costs with that of next year (1966-67) he will find that the increase is \$400. (excluding board from both figures since in 60-61 no figures were given). The increase amounts to 60% from the first year of operation! Startling, isn't it? Now these overall figures make one wonder just where all this money is going. Certainly one can understand some increase, but a figure of such proportion seems like just a little too much. But let us leave the overall expenses and examine that "comprehensive fee," a fee which did not even exist in 60-61.

Where does this money go? According to the catalog it covers the cost of publications, insurance, and other general fees and activities. Of course, no specific charges are enumerated for each area. As a matter of fact the specific areas are not listed so "specifically." Moreover, all efforts to find just how this fee is divided up have "met with a stone wall" in the business office. Their attitude seems to be "it's none of your business."

It would seem that where this money goes is most certainly the student's business. After all, who pays the fees? At many other colleges and universities the "comprehensive fee" is divided up into several areas and when a student pays this fee he receives a receipt showing exactly where the money goes. But at Wesleyan can this be done? Oh, no. There is just one big lump fee.

With the approach now at Wesleyan one must indeed wonder, "Where does all the \$\$ go?" One must be led to ask is this money being used just as in the fall of 1964 when a \$4.00 athletic fee was listed for the use of a gym that was not open. Perhaps this failure to provide an explanation of the "comprehensive fee" does have a purpose. Perhaps it serves to cover up such gross errors. Until someone will provide a better explanation the student must "wonder."

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"YOU HEARD ME SHUFFLING MY RESEARCH NOTE CARDS, MRS. HANSON— I'M WORKING VERY HARD WRITING A TERM PAPER."

Vote

As a responsible Wesleyan student, it is your duty today to vote. The choices which you make may very readily decide the future of this college and yourself through the actions of those elected to hold the S.G.A. offices for next year. The choice of candidates is vital to you—so vote wisely. But more important, get out and vote. It is your duty—it is your future.

Letters To The Editor

These opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor are not necessarily the opinions of THE DECREE. They are printed in an effort to give the student a voice in his college life and the college community.

THE DECREE reserves the right to cut or change any portions of Letters to the Editor which it feels are unjust or incorrect.

The students is reminded that through such letters to the DECREE he is afforded a chance to express his opinion. He is cautioned to use it wisely and well.

DEAR EDITOR:

There is a certain obese person on our campus who seems to be playing Dick Tracy with our revered campus constable Ralph. This same pseudo-person has recently been transferred to the renown third floor of South Hall for reasons supposedly known only to our honored Administration. This self appointed James Bond has the reputation of being a "rat."

I would like to raise a few questions to this person, if he has recognized himself. What unearthly thrills do you get out of prying into the affairs of other people, and then turning them over to the school authorities for something you think is wrong? Who are you to decide what is right or wrong? God? Or maybe you are working for a certain section of our Administration, turning over certain facts for certain special rights. How much fun do you get out of driving the school station wagon around at night? You are using part of my money to play your game of cops and robbers. Maybe you are drawn to the driver of the "little red

honey wagon" because of certain physical characteristics that you both share. If you wish to question my proof of your informing I will be glad to answer you.

I believe that this person I have been talking about was placed on third floor South Hall to "rat" on the members there of. I also say that he should not be allowed to use school property to conduct his espionage when he is doing so at the expense of other students. If I am wrong I wish that someone would inform me of it. As anyone can clearly see from the wording of my letter I bear no personal grudge against this upholder of justice about which I speak.

"ATLAS"

TO THE EDITOR,

This letter is a reply to Mr. Arrington, who, in the last issue of the Decree, blasted this school as a "hole in the swamp" which he wouldn't recommend "to his worst enemy." Mr. Arrington gave a long list of grievances and screamed that he couldn't "be the only one" to feel anti-Wesleyan. Well, there is more than one side to every story-- I am diametrically opposed to Mr. Arrington, and, to use his terms, I'm "not the only one."

First of all, Mr. Arrington, I grant that many of the specific issues you raised are reasonable ones, but all of them are not. As an example, take the matter of credit for being in the Chapel Choir. This has been, since the very beginning, a special choir made up of volunteers who enjoy singing and want to be "the very best." The satisfaction gained from such an activity can be even more important than college credit, or is that too much for you to comprehend, Mr. Arrington? I personally was a member of this

choir for two years and have no regrets at all--it was a rewarding experience for me, well worth all of the work it involved.

Some of the other issues you raise, although more reasonable, still do not make too much sense. To be sure, there is plenty of room for improvement, but remember, this is a comparatively new school. What do you expect-- instant perfection. Many difficulties have to be worked out in time, and I feel sure that they will be. So if it is "instant perfection" you have in mind, perhaps you are at the wrong place.

As for recommending this school to others, I do not hesitate to recommend Wesleyan to anyone. I liked Wesleyan the first time I saw it, I still like it, and I guess I always will. I did not come here because it was convenient (it wasn't), nor did I stay because I was too lazy to change. I came and stayed because, for me, this was the school to attend. So you see, Mr. Arrington, everyone does not hate this "hole in the swamp" after all; perhaps you should try modifying your ideas a little and be grateful for the opportunity you have instead of trying to "knock" everything in sight.

Allen Martin
Class of 1966

An Open Letter To The Student Government Association

We have before us today documents from the Executive heads of the Student Government Associated dated March 8 and March 23, 1965. They deal with matters apparently of great concern to the students, such as Search and Seizure Procedure, Interrogation Procedure, and the role of the Security Officer. We also have other referrals dealing with such topics as the Legislative authority of the Senate of the SGA, the relationship of the SGA to the faculty, the relationship of the Finance Committee of the SGA to the college Comptroller. We are also aware of the problems related to the procedure concerning the suspension of students for academic reasons, and the procedure concerning the suspension of student for violation of Chapel attendance.

This committee is embarrassed that some of these matters should even come up, for they have been supposedly settled by recorded procedures. Some of these procedures have apparently been forgotten by some members of the campus community. We are painfully aware of the clear relationship between these problems and student morale, and this is the center of our great embarrassment.

The Student Life and Services Committee is necessarily one with a very full schedule. We are pressed, have been pressed since the first meeting this year, and will continue to be pressed. Nevertheless, we assure you of our urgent concern. We are in the process of formulating recommendations to alleviate all of the problems of which we are aware, and we would earnestly appreciate any suggestions and recommendations which you, the members of the SGA, might have in helping us.

Sincerely yours,
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