

Wesleyan

As I See It

By Duffie Monroe

As you may know, this is the last issue of the DECREE for the academic year 1965-66 and I watch it go with much regret that I could not have done more, and yet, with much pride that the DECREE has improved so much. I think it has been a good paper this year -- a good representation of this college.

And yet, I honestly feel that many students on this campus will somehow have the same feelings as myself -- in their respective duties and responsibilities. Each one, in his own way, has watched the year go by and has attempted to make it and Wesleyan a prosperous endeavor to be looked back on at some future date with pride and a glowing sense of accomplishment.

I could go further and list those people who have contributed so much of themselves and their time, but rather, I would like to dedicate this column to one fine young man who, in my opinion and the opinion of many others, has far exceeded himself and those who have come before him, and of those, I'm sure, who will come after him.

I am speaking of Guy Turner, the out-going President of the S.G.A. -- a fine young man, a fine member of this college community, and a man of whom everyone of us should be proud and grateful that he has represented us so well.

I don't honestly believe that I have met many people like Guy, and in my mind, I can think of only one young man whose achievements equal his, Ed Lewis. They both possess that one quality which is extremely rare, the courage and sincerity to stand up for what they believe and make it known to those around them.

I could write for pages on the things Guy has accomplished in his years of attendance at N.C.W.C. But those of you who know Guy need not be reminded of all that he has done for you -- or all the many tireless hours that he has worked to make his years and yours at Wesleyan years that are beneficial and privileged.

But Guy Turner has been submitted to a gross injustice on the part of the Administration and Faculty who denied him their recognition for the work that he has done.

It was my understanding that awards were presented based on certain requirements. I speak primarily of the President's Cup Award which is presented to a member of the senior class on the basis of outstanding academic achievement, leadership ability, and participation in furthering the ideals and aims of this college, i.e. an all-around student. I do not mean to indicate that Miss Barrett was not worthy of this award, but certainly, Guy Turner and others have fulfilled those qualifications to the nth degree. What more does the administration want? What more leadership ability, academic achievement, and effort do they expect than that which has been demonstrated by Guy Turner?

It is inconceivable to me that such a gross injustice could be committed. Yet too, if the Administration and Faculty cannot see fit to reward a young man who has dedicated himself to the college -- then I am proud to say that the student body can show such recognition in the presentation of a plaque to Guy Turner for everything and all that he has done.

If there was some way -- any way -- to award a young man like Guy I wish I could find it. And yet, I feel that the reward is in the hearts of the students and seemingly, the students alone and this in itself is enough. Each one of you -- as a student -- should go to Guy and say "Thank you". And I, for this newspaper say to Guy Turner -- "Thank you for a job well done. I am proud to have known you, to have served under you and to experience the superiority of your leadership."

Circle K-- Active Part Of College Life

Throughout this year the Circle K Club has remained an active part of the life of the campus, one of the few clubs to continue activity this year. The club has ushered at chapel throughout the year, as well as at assembly when asked. Many tours have been conducted for visitors by the members of the club, Circle K members meet visiting teams and show them where to stay and eat when they arrive at Wesleyan. The Circle K raises the flag each morning on the flag pole that was erected by its members two years ago. Of special interest to students this year have been several events sponsored by the club, Mr. Tim Valentine spoke to the student body on the Speaker Ban Law, and the recent Talent Show received fine response from the student body. The members of the club have enjoyed the fine work of Bill Gruver and Butch Harvey this year as Chairmen of the Programs Committee. Many interesting programs have been seen by the members of the club throughout this year.

Recently the club presented a check for \$330 to Dr. Allen F. Cordts as the culmination of their project for this year. The money is to be used to purchase a large table and a newspaper rack for the new library. To secure money for this project the club members worked at two car washes this year for a total of about 300 man-hours, and with the Kiwanis Club on their annual peanut sale.

At the District Convention, held in March, Bill Gruver was elected Lt. Governor of the Eastern Division of The Carolinas District, of Circle K International. This is an office which was held by Melvin Gay, now club president, two years ago.



Guy Turner, S. G. A. president, displays the plaque given to him by the student body in recognition of his outstanding work for the benefit of the college community.
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Sixth Annual Award Convocation Held May 17

On Tuesday, May 17, the sixth annual Honors Convocation was held in the Wesleyan College gym. The Convocation began with the singing of the school song by the college choir. A short morning prayer was conducted, and the anthem, "He Watcheth Over Israel" by Mendelssohn followed. Then came the introduction of Dr. Ralph James who delivered the Convocation address. His topic was "A New Earth".

The highlight of the Convocation was the presentation of awards by Dr. Donald L. Frye. A total of nine awards were presented to the outstanding students in each category. For the first time the Wesleyan Players Award was presented to the senior contributing the most to the Wesleyan College Theater. The donor is anonymous. Bill Barto received a cash award and a plaque. All the awards were cash and plaques with the exception of the President's Cup Award. The Music Review Club of Rocky Mount presented Bill Gruver with the Outstanding Scholarship and Achievement Award in Music. For the first time a plaque was given with the cash award. The Freshman Writing Award was presented to Ralph Wright. The fifth award was given by the Rocky Mount Civitan Club to Don Hines as the Outstanding Athlete of the Year. Outstanding Academic Achievement Award given by the Rocky Mount Kiwanis Club was presented to Julia Barrett. Miss Duffie Monroe was the recipient of the Leadership and Service Award for Women given by the Rocky Mount Pilot Club. The Leadership and Service Award for Men given by the Wesleyan College Chaplain was this year presented to Melvin Gay. The outstanding senior in all general areas was presented the President's Cup Award. The recipient receives a small cup and the larger cup will have the student's name engraved on it. The third President's Cup Award was presented to Julia Barrett.

Joe Boling received a plaque for his work in initiating wrestling at N. C. Wesleyan and Buzz Barker received the Athletic Award, a trophy, for soccer.

Think Of These Things

Would you believe ignorance is strength? If not, how about freedom is slavery? Perhaps edification will sway your opinion. After all, a college student shouldn't object to examining a logical argument. (Don't go to sleep; you might be conned).

Think about strength -- inner strength. Someone postulated man has a soul. Advancing this logic, let "soul" stand for that force each has inside his frame which keeps a guy motivated, be it between the ears or slightly to the left and behind the vermiform appendix. You might say that tucked away in the soul are odds and ends of the meaning of life. These "grounds for existence" are probably well-guarded, and are divulged only to closest of friends. If you will acknowledge that no single absolute truth exists (because oodles of people are looking for it), you must then agree that the "grounds for existence" in the soul from whence cometh strength are in flux. This fluctuation gives meaning to the cliché "you learn something new every day." But is not that "something new" which you will learn tomorrow unknown to you today? That is you don't know everything, so in the sense that you lack knowledge you are ignorant. Aha! You see -- if

you don't want to merely exist in ignorance; rather you prefer to find out what's over the mountain -- you decide to live longer so that in accumulating a large number of days, you learn plenty of new things. THEREFORE (heh,heh), ignorance, or lack of knowledge, is strength, or reason for living.

Suppose you could do what you wished. The only obligation, death, would be universally inescapable. In the purest sense of the word you would be free. Assuming that you would want freedom for all men as well as yourself, it would be necessary to decide what each must do to maintain freedom. For instance, if freedom includes being able to go from place to place without fear of being stoned, shot, trampled, or hanged by your fellowman, then each individual is responsible for his behavior to ensure his not contributing to the stoning, shooting, trampling, or hanging of fellow individuals. When such responsibilities are not assumed other individuals must use force if necessary to see that they are. SO from this is drawn the conclusion that freedom, or allowance to do what you wish, is slavery, or being responsible for maintaining that right.

George Watson



Six Wesleyan students were recognized at the sixth annual awards convocation for their outstanding work for the college community. They are (l. to r.) Julia Barrett, Outstanding Academic Achievement Award and President's Cup Award; Melvin Gay, Leadership and Service Award for Men; Duffie Monroe, Leadership and Service Award for Women; Bill Gruver, Outstanding Scholarship and Achievement in Music; Bill Barto, Wesleyan Players Award, and Ralph Wright, Freshman Writing Award. (See page 8 for other award winners.)
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