

EDITORIAL

Wesleyan College is rapidly gaining the distinction of being the home of surprise policy changes. The administration feels that it is not necessary to warn students about a new or reactivated policy. Instead they merely send a memorandum stating what the policy is and that it is in effect and therefore students will be held accountable.

A prime example of this situation is the chapel cut fining program. Chapel attendance had grown lax and the Dean of Students was supposed to be studying the problem. After he completed his investigation, he began to remedy the situation. Dean Wilde sent individual records of attendance and carefully included the amount each student owed for not attending. We know that Wesleyan is in need of money, but this is not the way to obtain it. Instead, we feel that it would have been much fairer on the part of the Dean if he had announced the new fine policy and put it into effect at that time rather than making it retroactive. Wesleyan was able to raise revenue but the administration lost a part of its past respected position.

Another unfortunate plan from the Dean's office descended on the student body after the first chapel service of this semester. It seems that the administration has had some difficulty in deciding who has failed to attend chapel. In order to be more efficient and not lose any vital revenue, it was decided that Wesleyan would play kindergarten. The student body was divided alphabetically and filed through the door in a singular order, stopping to give their name. The three student checkers were forced to hurriedly scribble down the names. The exodus from the gym was delayed by twenty minutes and there was still the possibility that all names were not taken correctly.

Perhaps the administration should develop a new head counting system. Consideration should be given to those students who must attend labs and classes and even after the chapel delay they face the long cafeteria lines. We are sure that the Dean is searching for the most efficient method of handling this problem.

We heartily support the administration in many of its programs for the benefit of students, but the fear arises that our leaders are swaying from their past policies of fair and equal treatment.

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WRITING CONTEST

Raleigh... The first writing contest sponsored by the Tar Heel Writers Roundtable has been announced by Roundtable Director Bernadette Hoyle. Categories are short story, article, juvenile fiction, and poetry. All entries must be unpublished and deadline for submissions is June 15, 1968.

Contest rules include enrollment in the Fourth Annual Tar Heel Writers Roundtable, a two-day session for published and unpublished writers, to be held August 16-17, 1968 at the Sir

Walter Hotel.

First place winners in each contest category will receive a beautiful trophy, second and third place winners will receive certificates. The awards are being given by the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, N. C. where the Roundtable is held annually, and will be called the Sir Walter Hotel Writing Awards.

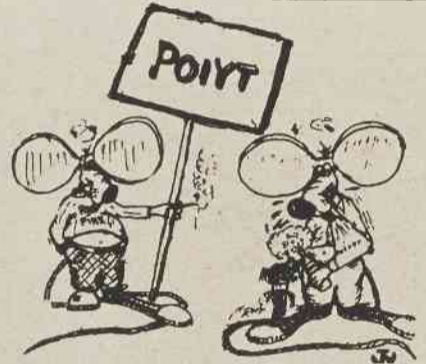
Contest rules and official entry forms may be obtained by writing to Bernadette Hoyle, Box 5393, Raleigh, N. C. 27607.



If we can save the Vietnamese from something they really don't want, maybe all this is worth it!

POIYTIN' AROUND

by
Steve De Arm & Mini-ha-ha



Welcome back to Spring Semester 1968 to the old Brain Factory. We send our condolences to all those who didn't make it back and to all those who did. We toast all those who made Dean's List (academically) - you lousy slobs.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, Omar Duts is no longer with us, but we'll try to keep up the beat. (Sorry about John, Peg). We now welcome a new figure to the column, Mini-ha-ha, a pseudonym, of course.

We would like to welcome back Steve DeArm's old roommate. Seriously Knapp nice overall congeniality. Is it true that Walter "Atlas" of Edgecombe dorm better known as "Mirror Man" has a mirror on his bed to admire his physique: Seriously Walt, nice muscles.

BEWARE, girls. A certain blond senior might try to snake you. Nice track shoes, Blondie. Congratulations to Barbara Brown! She won \$100 in the WRMT Mystery Celebrity contest. We all knew you'd make it big someday. Terry Neubold says he can pull straight "C's" this semester but thinks trying for a few "B's" would tax his brain too much - what brain? We assume that JWF's vocation is in the field of psychology, but what about his avocation?

A new benediction for Chapel Service: Line forms to the rear....Really Sugar-Baby, you shouldn't play games. We hear that a George Wallace campaign poster was placed in Mr. Rushing's Pol. Sci. class. Dr. Bond walked in and asked for the free balloons it advertised. No more will be said for we don't want to blow this out of proportion.

ported pipe tool!

Pete Hathaway's magnificent attendance record to away-basketball games finally ended on Friday, February 2, 1968. He thanks Herb Hall for the mess up. However Pete "re-treated" to a quick recovery.

Let us all bow our heads in a moment of silent prayer for the residents of 3rd floor Edgecombe because George Littleton and Pete Schuyler are rooming in 324 - together even. Would you believe birds of a feather....

The fashion consultant to the Decree staff has been taking a survey of our male students. Most of them lean to the right (political views?) A rising interest in graffiti by our more popular faculty members has been reported. It is true that Dr. Bond is going to write a book entitled "Graffiti" in the Faculty Lounge?

We extend our sympathy to those faculty members who are victims of the new "anticanine" movement started in the comptroller's office. We also send our regrets to Jeff, for poor Louise must also leave... We have word that Miss Mary Ann Proctor will soon achieve full understanding of the saying "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned."

Watch out, M.A.P., we have a feeling you're in for it - but justly so... We also wish to extend our apologies (God we do care) for the actions of Mike Knott and Baxter Smith (the dancing bear) at the retreat on Saturday night, Feb. 3. WE all love a good time, and we guess the Decree staff is no different.

We would like to congratulate Pete S. and Terry N. who announced their engagement Saturday Feb. 3. One of the more prominent authors of this column had the honor, however dubious, of being the first to know.... It will be interesting to see who attracts the biggest turn-out, the newly founded Vault or Peabody's Pub re-opening. No doubts in our minds.

We do wish Mike Dwyer and Dick Shannonhouse would get some "couth." Is it true that one of our young businessmen is PW'd now? Watch it, we heard you discussing it in the hall with another girl! You're gonna get it, Edward. Tony D. has awarded the song "Beg, Borrow and Steal" by the Ohio Express, the new words seem pertinent though.

Conclusion: and so we bring to a close another exciting episode of the Saga behind the scenes at Wesleyan. At last, another bestowing of the infamous Hickey of the Week Award. And now in Rocky Mount the winner is Harrell Pratt.

Poiytin' Note - Goodbye to Buzz Woodard as he leaves for a contract with the U. S. Army Pictorial center at Fort Bragg. P. Leeland will appreciate the loss of one who so diligently fouled his magic tricks.

Wesleyan Receives Grant

Two unrestricted grants of \$1,000 each for educational advancement have recently been awarded to Wesleyan, according to Dr. Collins.

The grants came from City Service Foundation and from the P. Lorillard Company Foundation, both of New York. J. Edgar Bennett, president, transmitted the tobacco company's grant. It will be used to enhance and help meet the needs of the college's sciences Division.

C. S. Mitchell, president of the City Service Company and a native of Spring Hope, presented the other grant. Mitchell paid Wesleyan a visit last May while here to attend a family reunion. He expressed pleasure with the college and indicated continuing interest in its progress.