

# Editorial

We were shocked last week to discover that a committee of the SGA Senate is working on an Honor System for Wesleyan. While we certainly are opposed to all forms of plagiarism and would like to see any legal process to stop it, we can see no justification for abandoning a system of law for a system of honor, if honor is worth anything. The most concise statement to this effect is our letter to the editor of last year: "An honor system becomes more than a system of law, more than Man needs or can justify imposing on anyone other than himself. For, by the nature of its promulgation and enforcement, an Honor System has behind it, as well as the force of legality, the force of morality. An Honor System allows man to damn man, not just to condemn him through legal premises and processes. I hold that only God can damn a man. (And if God does not exist, then no one can.) Morality, Honor, is a question of the individual's soul, and I leave it to the individual and expect him to leave it to me... I defend the philosophy of the system of laws, of the legality, that can, if it must condemn a man. But I grant it to no one to damn a man's soul; as an Honor System presumes to do.. Whatever flaws we may have in our present system of laws, our present system of laws at least does not presume to the Hubris of thinking itself eternal or so powerful as to condemn an immortal human soul."

It is our deep hope that Wesleyan will not make the common, hypocritical mistake of trying to convert discipline into a moral issue.

## Editor's Mail

As a newly registered voter, I have taken a particular interest in this year's presidential campaign mainly because my opinion will be of importance for the first time. So during these past few months I have tried to look at my community, my state, and my country quite closely. My observations reveal, more than anything else, a great need for change. But a change not in practice as much as in attitude. What has happened to respect, both for the individual and for our country? To where has our personal and national pride gone? How can we overthrow college administrators, loot and destroy shops, and burn draft cards simply because we cannot agree with the present system? Does our dissatisfaction give us the right to violent protest? Our freedom has allowed us certain rights but, ironically enough, these very rights are making us vulnerable to the loss of our freedom.

Every individual is born with rights but he must earn his privileges. No longer is the individual of any importance. The encouragement of personal worth and fulfillment appears to be changing and becoming non-existent. We are gradually evolving into a society of violence. Violence because many of our citizens believe they are living in this nation to take, not to give. Their freedom, they believe, has given them certain rights but what they fail to understand is that they must earn their privileges. One earns privileges only by meaningful contributions to his society. So what has the rioting racist, or the draft-dodger contributed that gives him the idea that he has the "privilege" to steal or destroy.

We people living in our United States must learn tolerance and respect for our fellow man. Our nation was founded on the principle of individual rights. Let us exercise our rights but, more important, let us learn when and how to exercise them.

Sincerely,  
Nancy H. Gresh.

### BOARD MEETS

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Board of Trustees has accepted their responsibility for the best interests and growth of the college and that its conclusions are valid." Dean Wilde stated that it was a "Victory for the college as a thinking community in terms of what the outcome could have been."

In other action, the Board officially named the gymnasium Everett Gymnasium in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. Robert Everett, who last year gave Wesleyan their 600-acre Rose Hill Plantation near Nashville.

The Board of Trustees also reluctantly approved a tuition increase for next year. Although remaining in the median range of most private colleges, tuition and fees for next year were raised to \$1150 while room and board was increased to \$900. This brings the total student fees to \$2050, an increase of \$300 over this year.

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# FACULTY FORUM

By Raymond E. Bauer

The October 25, 1968 issue of "The Decree" featured an article in "Faculty Forum" by Dr. John S. Davis which sort of "Stole my thunder." I find myself in complete agreement with him concerning the lack of participation in the various activities by the students as a whole. By participation I mean, not only engaging in the activity, but being a spectator as well.

My major concern at this point is in the field of athletics. North Carolina Wesleyan College is in the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with seven other member colleges. The purpose of this organization "shall be the promotion of an amateur athletic program in the intercollegiate sports, emphasizing broad participation on the part of the student body." We, as a conference, are governed by the integrity of each institution in that there will be no subsidization of athletes. This means that the college officials must treat all students on the same basis. Speaking for our athletic area, I can assure you that such a policy will be adhered to so long as we are associated with athletics here at N. C. Wesleyan.

This means that we have a student athlete emphasis for our intercollegiate athletic program. I have the greatest admiration for those comparatively few men on our campus who sacrifice themselves and their time to participate without reward other than personal satisfaction. It is somewhat difficult and frustrating for them to try and comprehend the meaning of their sacrifices when it does not seem to matter to the college community in general.

Over the years here at N. C. Wesleyan, since the fall of 1960, I have observed the development (?) of the athletic

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(Continued from Page 1) He concluded his statements by saying that as the college grows, the knowledge of the community will grow.

It is the students, the faculty, and the administration which work together to create impressions from which local industries form their attitudes about the school.

During the nine months, when the majority of the Wesleyan students are present in the area, a great deal of money is added to the economy of the community. It has been estimated that the average student spends approximately \$300 every year for miscellaneous expenditures. A total of (Continued on Page 4)

program. Active participation, on a percentage basis, has diminished due to various reasons. I have heard from time to time the various expressions: the administration is not interested in athletics; the faculty penalizes a person for participating in athletics; the coaches are not competent; the athletic director does a poor job of scheduling; there is no first-rate athletic program. Possibly there is some justification for any and all of the above statements, but I am firmly convinced that all of them can be satisfactorily answered and remedied. However, that is not the purpose of this article.

The purpose of my writing this article is twofold. First, I should like to inquire as to the whereabouts of young men who are interested in participation in any sport; desire, responsibility, whereabouts of young men who are interested in participating in athletics. We have never set experience as a criteria for participation in any sport; desire, responsibility, hustle, "guts," yes, but not experience. Yet, in the past several years, we have had to forfeit baseball games and then cancel intercollegiate baseball as an activity; threaten to cancel the wrestling schedule; cancel the cross country schedule this fall; and now forfeit a soccer game. Why? The answer is very simple—there were not enough men available to field a team. We could not find five men to run cross country this fall. Coach Music was realistic enough to know full well the significance of the turn-out of men for soccer. A few injuries and there would be much consternation in fielding a team. It happened. Surely, out of 322 men enrolled, it would

seem possible to compete in those activities.

Secondly, I should like to inquire as to the whereabouts of the student body in support of their athletic teams I am now on dangerous ground, because I am referring to the past primarily. I have been somewhat gratified by the spectators at the soccer games this fall. I believe we are having more students attend. But my natural optimism for the future is curbed by the pessimism of past experience. We seem to have a hard core of approximately one hundred students who attend athletic events. For the rest of the students, they could not care less. This is very confusing for me.

### MOCK ELECTION FAVORS NIXON

In the mock elections held by the Interfaith Commission of the SGA last week, a total of 353 students and faculty indicated their preference for the next President of the U. S.

Nixon led in the balloting, with 160, while Humphrey held a close second, with 122. Wallace came in third with 27 votes.

In what Humphrey called the "grapefruit league," McCarthy polled 10, Dick Gregory 13, and Pat Paulsen 15.

Last in the write-in category with one vote each were Anthony Dingman, Peabody-Sherman, Ted Kennedy, Eldridge Cleavor, Snoopy, and Muskie-Kennedy.

While a respectable minority of students apparently echoed Amanda Ambrose's sentiment that "voting this year is like deciding whether to beat your wife in the morning or the evening," many others gave their allegiance to the competing national candidates.

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