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## 'Shadows of Night' Claim First Place In Talent Contest

Reviewed by Ed Smith  
Winners of the Circle-K Talent Show presented in Wesleyan's Everette Gymnasium March 14 were the "Shadows of Night," Bruce Wright, Brian Flynn, Barry Lambert (Most Original), and Nu Gamma Phi (Best Comedy).

The "Shadows of Night," Wesleyan's own Motown-sound group with Ernestine Dancey, Lesie Pitman, and Mary Johnson, backed up by Art Falcon, Richard Petaway, Richard Saunders, and Malcom Shearin, sang "She Will Break Your Heart" and "Love Makes Me Do Foolish Things." With powerful stage presence, a compelling sense of 'soul,' and good musicianship, the "Shadows of Night" took the audience

into their hearts and settled the competition for first place before intermission.

Bruce Wright and Brian Flynn, both excellent solo performers, won second and third place awards respectively. We wondered, though, why Bruce Wright had broken custom by using music instead of memory, and we wished that Brian Flynn's microphones had been better adjusted.

Barry Lambert's reading of "The Creation" was accompanied by a drum interpretation by Dave Canada. A novel oral interpretation of the selection, along with an unusual accompaniment, seemed to mitigate the general sloppy content of the selection and justify the choice of the per-

## ROBERTS WINS



formance as "Most Original."

Nu Gamma Phi's presentation of the song-and-dance number, "There Is Nothing Like A Dame," from Rogers and Ham-

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In heavy voting last Friday, John "Hodad" Roberts emerged the clear winner in a contest with current Vice President Glenn Cockrell for the Presidency of the Wesleyan SGA. Elected also were Bill Brantley for Vice President, Mary Lang for Secretary, Karie Naylor for Treasurer, James Gill as Attorney General, and James Dixon as Defense Counselor. Only two posts, those of President and Attorney General, were contested.

According to Hank Farish, Elections Commissions Chairman, nearly 70% of Wesleyan students voted, making a record for participation in elections. He attributed the students' participation to the forcefulness of the campaigns waged by the two presidential candidates.

The campaigns included dinner speeches by all

of the candidates, pep rallies, and speeches to class meetings and dorm members. The presidential candidates also addressed letters to all students, competing for the students' support. While feelings ran high during the campaigns, many students felt that political acrimony is generally good for political health.

John Roberts, interviewed shortly after elections returns were announced, expressed his belief that, with a responsible student government, student support could be mustered for the achievement of the students' goals and needs.

Bill Brantley, the new SGA Vice President, showed a strong belief in student activism and in student competency to handle constructively the powers that he hopes that students will get during the coming year.

## Dean Rusk To Speak April 3rd On Building A Peace

Dean Rusk, former Secretary of State, will speak at Wesleyan April third, in the Convocation series "Crisis in America."

According to Corbitt

Rushing, Mr. Rusk was chosen to speak at Wesleyan because he is one of the most informed persons concerning the United States and its relations with other govern-

ments in the world. His topic will be "The Crisis in Building a Peace." Dean Rusk has held many offices pertinent to our foreign policy such as (Continued on page 2)

## Interfrat Tourney Turns Up A Split

Highlighted by the shooting skills of Dana Dickens and Roger Taylor, and Doug Cook's beautiful layup for Nu Gamma Phi, the third annual interfraternity tournament was held on March 11 in Everett Gymnasium.

In the pledge game, the Alpha Delta Chi pledge class, led by Jimmy Dixon and Tommy Wagstaff overcame the well-balanced Nu Gamma Phi attack and went on to a

68-62 victory. Dixon scored 25; Wagstaff added 20. Also in double figures for the Chi pledges were Brian Twiddy and Phil McPhail. The well-balanced Phi attack was led by Roger Taylor who scored 55 of their 62 points. Tom Snyder and Russ Shoop also participated with 4 and 2 points, respectively. At one point, the Alpha Delta Chi lead was as many as 21 (Continued on page 3)

## Finance Committee Meets To Discuss Budget Requests

The N. C. Wesleyan SGA Finance Commission, headed by SGA Treasurer Al Horne, met Tuesday, March 11, to discuss annual budget requests from Wesleyan's student organizations. Since the budget cut announced at the close of last year by college Comptroller Floyd Sawyer, dissent and unrest among student organizations has been evident, the Commission members said.

Commission members felt that minimal operations, due to the college's budget cuts, had become

intolerable.

All student organizations revealed an increase in their monetary requests, with the exception of the SGA's Miscellaneous Fund, which was cut by \$500.00. The cut was made, according to SGA President Jess Blackman, in view of the anticipated income from the pool tables, income which will go into the Miscellaneous Fund.

Two organizations were deleted completely from the books of the SGA for the 1969-'70 (Continued on page 3)

## 'THE STUDENT AS NIGGER'

by Gerald Farber

EDITOR'S NOTE: This controversial essay, because of its length, will be re-printed in the DECREE in two parts. This week a problem is explicated; next week its solution is suggested. Certain paragraphs and phrases not necessary to the total development of the essay have been omitted because of lack of space, but we could not take it upon ourselves to amend or emend Mr. Farber's style.

"Students are niggers. When you get that straight, our schools begin to make sense. It's more important, though, to understand why they're niggers. If we follow that question seriously enough, it will lead us past

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the zone of academic bullshit, where dedicated teachers pass their knowledge on to a new generation, and into the nitty-gritty of human needs and hang-ups. And from there, we can go on to consider whether it might be possible for students to come up from slavery.

First,...let's look at the role students play in what we like to call education.

At Cal State L.A., where I teach, the students have separate and unequal dining facilities. If I take them into the faculty dining room, my colleagues get uncomfortable, as though there were a bad smell. If I eat in the student cafeteria, I become known as

the educational equivalent of a nigger-lover. In at least one building, there are even rest rooms which students may not use. At Cal State, also, there is an un-written law barring student-faculty love-making. Fortunately, this anti-miscegenation law, like its Southern counterpart, is not 100 per cent effective.

Students at Cal State are politically disenfranchised. They are in an academic Lowndes County. Most of them can vote in national elections -- their average age is about 26 -- but they have no voice in the decisions which affect their aca-

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