

Letters To The Editor

Faculty Moves To Extend Student Floor Privileges

per level hours, i.e. juniors and seniors. Also, those offered seem to reflect the interests of the professors, and, unfortunately, do not frequently coincide with those of the student. For students who have to take upper level hours, virtually nothing is offered. There is nothing offered in the field of history, political science, or education on campus. Certainly there are upper level courses provided, but the original purpose behind minimester was to establish a supervised study for students in a field or interest they wished to explore. Therefore, when one is not interested in any of the limited number of on-campus projects, what alternative is available?

Another gripe voiced by many students is the extra fee required by many of the proposed minimesters. When we pay \$2,050 to attend North Carolina Wesleyan College, this supposedly includes the cost of minimester. Why then is it necessary to charge students to take a minimester on campus? Another point to be made is that most students who remain on campus during May are forced to do so due to lack of funds with which to finance an off-campus trip. How, then, is a needy student going to be able to finance these additional on-campus costs?

The trips that have been planned. I agree, offer many students a great opportunity. Of course, some students are unable to afford even one of these trips, while other students are able to travel each year. Isn't there some way in which the school could set up a fund enabling one or several worthy students to take advantage of this opportunity?

I suggest that the Decree send out a survey questionnaire to the student body to find out how the students feel about the minimester, the courses they would like to have available, expenses, and so forth. Though it is most likely too late to effect any significant change this year, it could provide a basis for reforming and improving next year's minimester program.

Sincerely,
Becky Frankel

Dear Editor:

It has come to the attention of most Wesleyan students that the Decree has attained a sick

posture of late as a result of the motley crew of staffers who compose the paper. It is no secret that the newspaper office is normally inhabited by a group of undesirables that are welcome in few other places on campus.

It is not my purpose to classify or to stereotype the Decree staffer. Nor am I intent on glorifying my questionable name, but it may be in the interest of someone that this particular staffer--a photographer (traditionally a questionable profession at Wesleyan)--has short hair. I do not smoke pot (or tobacco), drink alcoholic beverages, use profanity, or engage in the many and various practices which qualify one to be a full-fledged Decree staffer.

As stated above, my purpose is not to inform the public of my moral character, but from my standing as a non-untouchable, I would like to point out a few facts which in turn point out incidences of blatant hypocrisy on the part of the Wesleyan student body and administration.

It is no secret that the newspaper has endured (hopefully) several attacks upon the character of its publications. I can say that in many cases these attacks were justified, but I can also say that the intolerance and insensitivity on the part of students and administration are not justified. The paper has doubtlessly made tremendous strides in terms of diversity of material and the development of noteworthy news since the October suspension of funds.

Yet there is an appalling failure on the part of other Wesleyan contingents to recognize this advance and to become involved in the production of the Decree.

The latest incident in this vein is the refusal to allow coverage of the Homecoming dance. In a conscious effort to broaden the scope of reporting, the staff had planned a six-page edition on the theme of Homecoming; this edition may not be realized as a result of the barring of reporters and photographers from the dance. The standing rationalization is that these staffers were dressed more casually than was desirable. The fact is that, due to the ardent desire to obtain news that better represents the Wesleyan milieu, a group of Decree reporters and photographers arrived at Tarrytown at an ungodly hour. Because they were not adorned in semi-formal luxury (no gowns, flowers, coiffure, etc.), their admission was not allowed. Thus the current edition will not contain coverage on the dance, a fact for which we will undoubtedly be criticized.

If this particular incident were unique or unprecedented, I would hardly be incited to write such an inflammatory letter. The motivation behind the letter is rather the disgust I hold for the general insensitivity and apathy of Wesleyan students and administration toward the sincere attempts of the Decree for a better newspaper.

Sincerely,
Gary Christopher

Sim O. Wilde, Faculty Secretary and Dean of Students reported in a letter to SGA President John Roberts that two items of business which concerned the student body had been discussed at the meeting held on November 25, 1969. The letter, in the form of a memorandum, was written and sent to Roberts in order to keep the student body informed of what was occurring at the faculty meetings.

The first item of business

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which concerns the student body directly was the faculty position of the food situation. Vance Mizelle, Chairman of the Student Life and Services Committee, reported that his committee had not had time to consider Dan Davis' request for a faculty position on the cafeteria situation. Mizelle also stated that he would have a report from his committee concerning this situation at the next faculty meeting.

Corbett Rushing, faculty parliamentarian recommended that the student privilege of presenting motions. Despite the fact the student representative has no vote, he can now present student-support motions, giving him a greatly increased expansion of privileges.

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