

Letters To The Editor

Editor's Note:
In order to fulfill our policy of covering campus news, we attempted to investigate the incident of the pass-key that was stolen from Campus ARC, Tom Fredricks. Here are the results of our investigation of the incident.

Dear Miss Robinson,
I received a telephone request from John Hinnant regarding an incident concerning the master key which belongs to our Campus ARC, Mr. Tom Fredricks. It was his understanding that the key had been

gone from Tom's possession for quite a period of time and that this might constitute an unauthorized possession of a college key.

I spoke to Tom about it. Apparently, the key was on a ring of keys which belonged to Tom. The entire ring was taken from his room without his knowledge as a prank by some of the pledge class. It is my opinion that they were unaware of the fact that the master key was on it. The key and the key ring were out of Tom's possession for approximately 15-20 minutes.

Since there were no damages resulting from this and since it appears that it was a prank which did not result in any problems, I have dismissed the matter.

I did speak to Tom about the seriousness of the key being gone for even a short period of time. He understands this and will make every attempt to see that the key is not out of his possession. If you or any of your staff have any questions about the matter, I will be happy to discuss it.

Sim Wilde

Editorial

Precedence And Prejudice

We question the motivation behind the faculty motion to go into executive session at last Tuesday's scheduled faculty meeting. Generally, the fold into executive session is indicative of a meeting to be held without the presence of some members of the group who are not on the teaching faculty. However, we feel that in this fold, the student representative Dan Davis, was the one member whose presence was not wanted.

At the meeting last week, the first meeting in which the student representative was excluded, our fears were that the denial of attendance would set a precedence for future exclusion. It appears that this is what has happened. It has been reported that the motion was made to go into executive session before the agenda had even been introduced. It has also been reported that the faculty vote stood at a narrow 15-14. We were as encouraged by the 14 votes of the faculty as we were discouraged by the 15 that excluded Dan Davis. We hope that last Tuesday's will be that last meeting that is dissolved into executive session on the motion of a faculty member who has admitted that he is personally prejudiced against the student representative.

We commend those members of the faculty who were open-minded enough to refrain from voting for the exclusion of our representative before the agenda of the meeting had been announced.

The Viva-Section

This column represents the points of view of Jim Van Laan and Dave Sipler and in no way reflects the opinions of THE DECREE, its staff, or the student body. It is our sincere hope that the column will be read objectively and opinions be sent to the editor of THE DECREE for publication.

The controversy over EN LOCO PARENTIS regulations is neither a new phenomena nor unique to the Wesleyan campus. Student circumnavigation of rules of conduct is a problem on ALL campuses and existed before Sir Thomas More dropped out of Oxford.

The arguments of both administrators and students are too well known for me to enumerate them, but I would observe that neither side is completely right nor totally wrong. To dispense with all rules of conduct would perhaps result in confusion and consternation. But to attempt to enforce admittedly archaic rules of con-

duct by excessively harsh punishments would result in the complete destruction of administrative authority (respect for which long ago reached the crucial low point).

Reform is needed. Everyone consulted agrees with that statement--radical or conservative, student or faculty, even administrative officials and at least one member of the Board of Trustees. Why then isn't any action taken? The same old problem--lack of agreement over methods and procedures, mistrust and distrust, appearance age. The result is that we "make do" with what now exists until it collapses. Stupid isn't it?

It is however the traditional method through which changes are implemented--"necessity is the mother of invention" and all that. But why the hell must we wait when even the most unenlightened individual can see where the present course of action is leading us. Each time the machine breaks the parts

become harder to find and re-assemble. The next time the machine breaks may well be the last. Why chance it? We can

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Senate Allocates Money For Decree

John,

The February 9 Senate meeting opened with a motion from the Constitution Committee which provided a constitutional amendment allowing a rising junior or senior to run for the presidency of the SGA. As stated in BISHOP'S LAW, before any constitutional amendment can be submitted to the student body for a vote the amendment must be passed by the Senate by at least a two-thirds vote of approval. When the above-mentioned amendment was placed on the floor for a vote, it received seven affirmative votes as against four negative votes with one abstention. Falling one vote short of the required eight, the motion for amendment was thus defeated. The constitution committee further moved to table a previously passed motion concerning Article IX, Section 1 of the SGA constitution. The committee wished to see the results of the pending constitutional amendment dealing with the composition of the Constitution Committee before considering Article IX, Section 1 of the SGA constitution. The motion was seconded and passed.

John Kordulak, chairman of the Grievance Committee, reported that he had taken a list of grievances to Mr. Sawyer. The grievances dealt with campus lights, the letter 'L' at the campus entrance, and the chimes system. Kordulak stated that Sawyer would act toward remedying these grievances. The Grievance Committee has spent much time and effort on the question of additional te-

lephone service in the dorms. During the week, I received a memo from Dean Wilde which stated that the financial situation of the college made any additional telephones in the dorms an impossibility. I hope this is not the last word.

When the floor was opened to old business, the Senate passed a motion of approval for the allocation of \$670.00 to the DECREE from the SGA matching fund. As a further matter of old business, the Senate passed a motion of approval concerning the questionnaire circulated by Ken Carter. The questionnaire sought student opinion on the questions of exam schedules. Approximately 62% of the questionnaires were returned to Carter with a majority of students being in favor of a system whereby a professor will set up two or three different exam dates. The motion of approval stipulated that the results of the questionnaire be taken to the faculty meeting by student representative Dan Davis. The Senate Committee on the Capital Funds Campaign reported that it met with Circle K and plans have been made for a dinner and talent

show to raise funds for the campaign.

New business brought a discussion between Sarah Askew and several senators regarding the affairs of the Social Commission. Except for the fact that the Senate was informed of the restrictive budget of the commission, little was resolved. In furtherance of new business, I reported to the Senate that I had received during the week a request from President Collins to seek out Senate thought on the possibility of establishing a chapter of the Gamma Beta Phi Society on campus. The society is dedicated to academic accomplishment and service. Senate opinion was unfavorable to the establishment of such a society. As reported before, I believe the Senate praises without qualification your proposal to deal with the food situation on campus. I believe Ned Hill will prove to be a most competent member of the Board of Directors as the representative from the Senate.

Respectfully,
Bill Brantley
President of the Senate

Tightening Of Policy

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really knows what kind of college Wesleyan is. The result of young colleges everywhere, Dean Wilde noted, is the factor of constantly questioning the purpose of the college.

A basic problem of Wesleyan students, Dean Wilde said, is the over-whelming lack of academic concern. The expectations of the faculty are much higher than the performances of the students, resulting in feelings of inferiority, frustration, unrest, and tension.

In trying to better the student moral, the administration sees only one way and that is to tighten up on the po-

licy of Wesleyan, with discussion and consideration from both points of view.

Some of the policies mentioned included a tighter policy toward "drunks" on campus, a policy of opposition to drugs on campus, harder lines on the conditions of buildings and dormitories, conduct and behavior of students, and a harder demand on student activities to build up their effectiveness.

Students will now have a more influential role on campus, sharing responsibility with the administration creating the policies of Wesleyan, Dean Wilde said.

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Activists Tapped

It was announced at the Tuesday assembly by John Kordulak, that the six new members of "The Activists" were Dan Davis, John Hinnant, Bill Brantley, Jim Gill, Ken Carter, and John Hornaday.

"The Activists" is the honorary male society at Wesleyan whose requirements are to be in the top 35% of their class and excel in two fields of interest.



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