



The way I see it, we may as well call him the S.G.A. President's Representative to the faculty.



Over Troubled Water

By BRUCE WRIGHT

Last year, as the culmination of a series of efforts for greater student involvement in the world of decision-making, the faculty granted approval to the reasonable request for student representation to the faculty. This representation was later extended to provide for one student member on most faculty committees. This is good. Any responsible measure which leads to greater cooperation among the various segments of the college is theoretically very good. However, one must admit that, in actual practice, this new source of student involvement was not fully exploited.

The struggle for student power through the United States has brought some remarkable results. It seems a bit ironic,

however, that students will fight long and hard to obtain certain goals and then, once the goal has been attained, the students are satisfied to sit back and rest for a while. This has been evident on countless occasions. Enthusiasm runs high during the struggle but once the victory is won, the enthusiasm fades.

Perhaps for some this token student power is enough, but what have we really gained if we fail to follow through, to exploit the power which has been given us? It is important to emphasize the word "given". The faculty did, in fact, give to the student body the right of representation on faculty committees. Should we abuse the power, the gift can be revoked. But equally as bad would be the students' failure to exercise our powers to the fullest degree, responsibly and spiritedly. Failure to do so could easily result in "faculty backlash," an understandable hesitancy to cooperate with future efforts for even greater involvement.

This year the faculty will

consider many matters of utmost concern to all Wesleyan students, especially in the areas of curriculum change and degree requirements. It would be a dreadful indictment against our student body if we fail to exploit every available means of involvement in these decisions. The selection of a student representative to the faculty is of paramount importance. The current provisions state that this appointment is to be made by the S.G.A. president. It is my opinion that the filling of an office of such magnitude and potential should be determined by a general student election, with procedures to be determined by the S.G.A. elections committee. I call upon President Leyda for his cooperation in this matter which will be brought before the Senate for consideration at the earliest possible time.

It is a new year. And we, the students, must prove ourselves both spirited and able, worthy of the confidence the faculty has placed in us. Our misuse, our failure to use these new powers could lead to serious repercussions.

Courts System Analyzed

The afternoon was accented by a soft, tranquil breeze and the sobering thought that today is Sunday. The cares of the classroom half lingered as dreams of yesterday. South Hall was engulfed in somber meditation. Then just as delicately as the afternoon had set in; a shout, the scrambling of bodies and the clash of flesh and furniture began the nightmare. Hanging from windows the

northern edge of South Hallsaw the body of a young girl and a mirror half slashing her twisted, fallen frame. Her name is unimportant, her fate in Rocky Mount's hospital facilities is unimportant. The feminine form will live, the life her mind and body will give in the future will remain unharmed by this incident, for time will heal the wounds and scars of this tranquil afternoon. Why?

Why was she in South? and more important what will happen to her after she has headed physically?

The laws of Wesleyan and the justice that the students wish to concern themselves with is established in three judiciary bodies. A dormitory council, a Primary Court and a Supreme Court rise in that order in responsibility and authority. The dorm council is concerned with minor infractions of dorm regulations and will place limited punishments on violations. Often fines of a dollar or two, paying for broken furniture and campus restrictions will constitute the variety of punishment for the guilty. Primary Court tries violations of laws concerning "alcoholic beverages" gambling and a variety of more serious offenses. Next the Dorm Councils as well as appeals from the Dorm Council verdicts. Because of the similarity of the written word of our constitution, the difference established between Primary and Supreme Court is one of "major infractions". The Discretion of the attorney general and the Supreme Court, in a lesser extent, will stand as the decision as the question of "major infraction". The court a person is before is justifiably the responsibility of the attorney general. The student of course has only the responsibility to appear before the court that summons him. The laws broken must be tried. And tried in the sense that laws can become out-dated and tried in the sense that the civilization that exists at Wesleyan only exists as a result of the strength of the courts. The justice implied and preserved by the dorm councils, Primary Court and Supreme Court can only exist as the concern of Wesleyan students exist.

Concern? The courts offer the place and the prosecutor but where and how does the defense develop. One man is elected to stand as a public defender. Yet one man can not encompass Wesleyan's variety of cases and people with the legal talents he may possess. So what men or women at Wesleyan could handle a court case? Where does gossip for defense

Gunter Orients The Senate To Its Task

By ED GUNTER

Too many Student Government Organizations begin their opening sessions of the year without really being fully informed of the problems and issues for the coming year. This year before conducting the first official business meeting of the "1970-71" Senate, prospective senators and representatives to the Senate will become fully informed in a orientation meeting of the exact issues and problems that the Senate is confronted with. In this way prospective representatives on

this years Senate will become the most informed students on campus on student affairs.

Each of the major issues this year will later be published in full detail in this paper. Each member of this year's Senate will contribute information and criticism towards the issue and the Senate handling of that issue. The orientation meeting will emphasize to the new S.G.A. the tremendous responsibility to gain back student support. I believe that the most tremendous issues and problems can be accomplished with that support.

Student Directory

Monogram Club	Bill Watson
Cheerleaders	Jan Turner
Economics	
Student National Education Association	Anne Bailey
The Bruits	Jim Van Laam
Student Music Educators National Conference	Paul Tuttle
Wesleyan Chamber Singers	None
Wesleyan Concert Band	
Wesleyan Singers	Bruce Wright
Aspects	Jim Van Laam
The Decree	Julie Robinson
Dissenter	Jeannie Farrish
Alpha Phi Omega	Chuck Martin
Circle K	Rand Calendar
Compass Club	Phyllis Webb
Students Against Architectural Barriers	Bill Brantley
Social Fraternities	
Alpha Delta Chi	Jim Dixon
Inter-fraternity Council	
Nu Gamme Phi	Ken Carter
Pi Epsilon	Jeannie Farrish
Student Government Association	Bob Leyda
Athletic Commission	Hugh Cross
Interfaith Commission	Marshall Old
Orientation Committee	Betty Jo Bryant
Social Commission	Sarah Askew
Theatre	
Wesleyan Players	Shiela Glover

Editorial

By The People . . .

There has been little discussion of the importance of the role of the student representative to the faculty committee. Admittedly THE DECREE has failed to report upon activities of the student representative with the exception of the instances of denial of a seat at meetings. We hope to make up for our neglect this past year.

At this point, we question the method of selection of the student representative to the faculty committee. According to the agreement, if we may call it that, between the administration and the Student Government Association, the current Student Government Association president appoints the representative to the committee. It appears that the most appropriate way to represent students is to allow them to nominate and elect the representative of their choice in a general referendum.

The motion is now before the Senate. We urge all students to consider and elect senators with discretion. We also urge that all students consult their respective senators and make their wishes known in this issue.

The Decree

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