



"Yes, I've been through freshman orientation. I know where the 'Retreat' is!"

## Editorial

### This Is Orientation

According to Webster, orientation is defined as the process of familiarization and adaptation to a situation or environment. We assume that this definition should lend itself to the purpose of the orientation committee. However, many students of the class of 1974 feel that they have hardly been oriented or introduced to Wesleyan College in the period designated for this. Instead, they feel and we tend to agree, that the committee chose to entertain them rather than to acquaint them with the functions of this academic community.

There was no scheduled tour of the library; doubtless a pool party was more important than an introduction to the literary facilities available here.

There was no explanation of the economic social and economic conditions that exist in Rocky Mount. The closest they got to that was busing the students to Rocky Mount churches. Religion is only one part of the community that Wesleyan students ought to be aware of. The committee has failed to realize that the lack of information on the city has widened the breach between the college and Rocky Mount. Few of us have had explained to us the significance of tobacco or the Burlington Mills Industries, and therefore are unable to understand the socio-economic situation within the community. The information might be superfluous to a North Carolina resident, but it would prove enlightening to a student from a different region of the country. We all fail to realize at time that Wesleyan cannot be a totally separate entity; indeed the Decree depends upon the merchants for monetary support.

Hazing. It is now a dirty word in all but the most conservative and backward of schools, and yet we were still indulging in it for one day this year, on the recommendation of our orientation committee.

We cannot agree that reducing students to the level of "lowly frosh" can either improve the students' attitude or the "esprit de corps." As one member of the administration said, it is a pretty unfortunate situation wherein the class unity has to be provoked by abuse. It would seem that concern from the members of the committee would be more valuable in creating loyalty than harassment.

We suggest, since hazing has been recently abolished by the Student Life and Services Committee, that the Orientation Committee next year dedicate its efforts to an academic and practical calendar of events rather than providing entertainment that is somehow wasted on a class of freshmen.



ORIENTATION???



# Over Troubled Water

By BRUCE WRIGHT

Let's quit playing our little game of token morality and get down to the business at hand. Wesleyan's rules and regulations regarding student conduct are not only an obstacle barring our stride toward maturity they are an insult to our integrity as well. It is indeed ironic that a school which is so progressive in academic matters can be so conservative in social matters. This is especially true concerning the women's dormitory residents, to whom this article is humbly dedicated.

Question: Are Wesleyan's women best prepared for the out-side world through enforcement of the present regulations? The college that does not prepare its students in the best way possible is falling short of its responsibility to the student. The college should indeed feel some measure of responsibility to the parents, but few would argue that the growth and maturity of the students should be the foremost consideration in the establishment of rules and regulations. The college should not, and cannot be expected to assume, the role of mother now that Junior and Sissie aren't at home anymore. The Admissions Catalog stat-

es very clearly that "the general rule at Wesleyan concerning student behavior is simple: all students are assumed to be ladies and gentlemen and are expected to act accordingly." Having established this general rule the student might expect to encounter the minimum in restriction. This is hardly the case, especially as far as women are concerned.

I ask that every member of the college community, faculty, administration, and students alike, read those pages in the Bishops' Law designated for women's dormitory regulations. Study especially the sections concerning sign-out procedure and the policy for overnight trips. Then ask yourself if these rules are justifiable in an institution whose basic goals are the free pursuit of learning and the total growth of the individual.

The Administration of the college has, for several years, followed the concept of "freedom with responsibility," that a student is free to do as he or she chooses if that student is willing and able to accept the responsibility for the action.

There has been little debate as to the virtue of this phi-

losophy. It follows, then, that our end goal is a state of total freedom, coupled with total responsibility.

To deny the freedom before the lack of responsibility has been demonstrated is, as I have stated, an insult to our integrity. If we prove ourselves irresponsible, then slap our hands, but don't chain them in the name of protectiveness. It is indeed true that some restrictions are necessary for the common good. We may wear a scarf to protect us from the cold. It is good to remember, though, that the same scarf, if drawn too tightly, can choke us to death.

Who will be there to protect us when we leave these cloistered walls? It's a different world on the outside. God forbid that our life here at Wesleyan should not prepare us for that world in which we must take our place. The S.G.A. plans an intensified effort this year toward the re-evaluation of dormitory regulations, many of which are useless and antiquated. We ask for the cooperation of all segments of the college community in consideration of these changes. Let us practice our concept of "freedom with responsibility," and build upon it.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Usually I would decline from embarking on a scathing denouncement of Bob O'Keef yet I feel a few words should be said.

The line I'm sure Mr. O'Keef is most proud of reads "Following intermission, the Bishops seemed simply to be on the field and not in the game," if this were true I wonder why Pfeiffer couldn't score more than two goals the second half as there seemed only eleven bystanders between them and the goal. If Wesleyan limits the opposing team to two goals while "not in the game" I really don't think Mr. O'Keef should open his mouth about Wesleyan's playing ability unless it is to praise.

Though I was disappointed in his article, I must credit Mr. O'Keef with talent, the talent of being tactless and wistful in his writing. This may or may not be derived from lack of experience; it may just be an inherent trait.

I'd also like to mention Mr. O'Keef's grading scale. He gave A's to Dave Smith and Tom Henderson for their performances, and that's as a writer grading a soccer player. I really wonder what kind of grade they could give him as a student and representative of Wesleyan College? If Mr. O'Keef can live with that answer then it is really a waste of time talking to him . . . of listening.

Mike Pierce

Dear Editor,

Several times in the recent past someone has neglected to turn on the front campus lights. This may be purely accidental or an attempt to conserve elec-

tricity. If the latter be the case, the intentions of those in power should be directed elsewhere. The use of a few volts can dispel the uncomfortable feeling one gets while walking in the dark.

The chances of getting mugged on campus are hopefully slim. The lights would deter not only would-be assassins but would-be accidents. The casual stroller could be forewarned of cans, bottles, and drunks lying on the sidewalk.

Of course there are those who prefer the dark. Couples will be forced to retreat further into the pines but this is only a slight disadvantage far outweighed by the advantages.

Lets have some light shed on the subject and brighten up the campus atmosphere.

Sincerely,  
Stan Grey

## Supreme Court

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To criticize our court system for being unnecessarily defined by our Constitution is a much needed criticism. The action to be taken now is to those proposals of last year's senate that the student body feels necessary to IMPROVE our courts. And the proposals that may come to the front now must be presented to this year's senate. Today is October 5. Today the Senate met for the first time. Today action will probably not be taken on the court system. Will you force that action at the next Senate meeting on October 12?

### More Under Water

Geologists believe there are many more volcanoes hidden beneath the sea than the 500 or 600 volcanoes—active and dormant—known on land.

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