

Faculty Division

It seems to us a tragedy that the students of Wesleyan College allowed themselves to be divided into two factions during last week's Academic Council elections. We refer specifically to the development of so-called liberation and conservative connotations attached to the candidates. For those of us who are truly aware of the situation feel that the division and enmity generated by the spirit of the campaign will hamper the progress that the Council might make in drawing up the guidelines for Curriculum III. We admit, however, that division and open argument are often necessary to the expression of all opinions on any given issue, but if two sides polarize into fighting factions, no matter what their names, those of us that retain our integrity and sanity must speak out and object.

A few questions should be asked at this point:

1) What does one mean by the terms liberal and conservative?

2) Who designed these terms or labels? Were they designed by responsible, independent members of the student body or a small group of faculty and administrative leaders determined that their will shall be done?

3) Are we, students of Wesleyan, going to stand quietly by while we continue to be divided and weakened further by the faculty's inability to resolve their own differences?

We have allowed our divided faculty to polarize us into partisan groups, each bitterly denouncing the other in the secret recesses of the dormitory, cafeteria, and library. Will we find academic excellence in this manner?

We doubt it seriously. Let us unite, even if the faculty cannot, to lift our three-track curriculum above the growling of our fellows. Let us try to be educated.

Social Revision

In response to the letter from Mr. Hardison which appears in this week's "Dear Chief" column, we would like to offer the following comments and suggestions. First, we appreciate this explanation of the functions which the Social Commission has planned and the expenditures already made. It should now be clear to the student body why the commission does not sponsor events more frequently. Second, we feel that a small admissions charge should be applied to the Homecoming Dance and the Ides of March Concert. This should be a normal fee based on individual admission, and should not be construed as a profit-making effort. It should, however, provide the Commission with more money to allocate for the Spring Formal and other second semester events.

Third, we feel that refreshments and decorations are essential to functions sponsored by the Social Commission, because these events should be the finest of the school year. However, if the Commission lacks the resources needed for these items, perhaps some campus organization(s) would be willing to assume the cost, if properly recognized for their efforts. And last, we sympathize with the Commission chairmen for their lack of support by the students. But as everyone knows, there are approximately forty students who coordinate and participate in all extracurricular activities, so interested students with time to spare are rare. Therefore, we support your thoughts on regards to manpower efforts by Greek and other campus organizations, and we feel that these organizations would be more than willing to help. Of course, the support which is needed most is the moral support of the student body, and we feel that your letter informing the students of the Commission's activities, has helped to stimulate the needed interest.

Convocation -- October 21

Our guest speaker for Convocation on Thursday, October 21, 1971, at 11:00 A.M. will be the Honorable Howard Lee, Mayor of Chapel Hill North Carolina. Mr. Lee will speak on "The Death of Compassion: The need for new priorities in America." This is the second Convocation devoted to the theme "Love and Death in America."

Dear Chief . . .

Dear Chief:

I would like to discard my post as columnist for a moment and instead write both a personal letter to you as friend and editor and at the same time write an open letter to the student body and faculty in my capacity as co-chairman of the Wesleyan Social Commission. My intent is multiple. I would like to present a statement concerning the state of the social commission and at the same time introduce the commission to the students. I would also like to announce plans already made by the commission and quell a rumor or two. Actually, all of the above relates to our commission's "state."

To begin with, many times students find fault with this commission of the SGA because there are only a few functions during the entire year which we sponsor. Plainly, the Social Commission of our school can only afford a few functions. The SGA budget for this year included \$5,800 for use by this commission. That kind of cash buys a great deal of beer . . . but top quality entertainment does not come cheap. Thus I would have to say that the state of the social commission is perhaps dire as far as capital. Be that as it may, I sincerely believe that Helen Steiner (co-chairman), Mrs. Alexander (administrative

advisor), and I have so far done the best possible job in trying to bring top-quality entertainment to the Wesleyan community. What we have accomplished thus far concerns the annual Homecoming celebration and a concert. At a later time, we shall concern ourselves with the Spring Formal. As for Homecoming, we have booked a group from Atlanta, Georgia the "Liberation" which consists of eight members. This is a brass band with two drummers and should prove to be most enjoyable in that their repertoire reaches from Chicago to Crosby, Stills, and Nash. They have played many times at UNC.-Charlotte to enthusiastic crowds.

Ides Of March

The cost of contracting this band is \$1,000. Many committees are also being formed to handle refreshments, the court, set-up, etc. As for the concert, "The Ides of March", recording artists, have been contracted. I have seen this group in person and can honestly say that their showmanship and the quality of their music makes them the most enjoyable act I have seen in quite awhile. The cost of contracting "March" is \$3,000 and they will be presented in blanket concert on Jan. 14.

It is rumored that the Al-

mann Brothers may be appearing here. As far as the Social Commission is concerned there are no plans to that effect at this time, but any group of persons or organization who has the resources has our pledge of help. The Spring Formal has not been discussed and no band has been contracted because I feel it is too early in light of the fact that we have no idea how much money the commission will have at its disposal for the second semester.

Commission Needs Financial Help

Now you can see why it is my opinion that the Social Commission is in dire straits, at least financially. We have already spent \$4,000 of our budget and have yet to incur expenses for advertisements, tickets, the cost of setting up lights for the concert, refreshments, decorations, and much much more. So what I propose is this: I would like to see decorations and refreshments at Social Commission functions held to a minimum this year. Most of us don't go to dances to see paper flowers and eat ham biscuits. We go to dance and to see and hear interesting performers. Also I propose

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NCW Senate Listens To Numerous Committees

The Senate met this week, and the order of business included a report from the Food Services Committee. The Food Services Committee reported that a number of complaints and suggestions had been turned in. It was suggested that the cafeteria breakfast hours be extended to 9:00 to allow those without an 8:30 class to eat. A suggestion box will be placed in a convenient location in the cafeteria to allow the students to voice their opinions. A complaint came from students diets. They are forced to eat the food provided or eat off campus and forfeit the meals they have paid for. It was suggested that these people submit their diet requirements so that the cafeteria could provide a meal choice within the limitations of their particular diet. Also suggested were ways to make the cafeteria more relaxing to eat in. Among these ways were a rearrangement of the furniture, additional paintings on the walls, and piping in music of a relaxing nature.

The school spirit committee reported that in distributing the Senate Minutes, copies would be mailed to the Alumni Associations to keep them up to date on issues on campus and allow them to voice an opinion on these issues.

The Projects Committee reported that the faculty evaluation forms would probably be ready for distribution on or about November 15.

The Grievance Committee reported on the grievances they had received. They are as follows: 1) The problem of maid service in the girls' dorms was discussed and suggestions made. 2) It was suggested that phones be placed on both ends

of the resident halls for convenience. The residence halls would pay for the installation of these telephones out of the dorm fund. 3) The Freshman girls requested that they be given the same rights as the upper class girls. The request in question concerned late permission granted the upperclassmen but not the Frosh. 4) It was suggested that money changers be put in the dorms to provide change for the phones, washing machines and driers, and machines in the snack bars.

Election procedures were discussed. Among the procedures discussed were Simple majority, Plurality and the Nominating Ballot. The Nominating Ballot is blank and the vot-

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