



- 1). Politics is a dirty business.
- a. yes.
- b. no.
- c. maybe; sometimes.
- d. none of the above
- e. all of the above can go cram it.

This was the first question on a psychological attitude test that I took when I was fourteen years old. I had been taught not to make sweeping generalizations, so I answered c. I was wrong -- the "correct" answer was a. I remember thinking that I was facing TRUTH -- not that politics really is a dirty business, but that the test was wrong and I KNEW I was right! I must have been a pompous little kid.

It actually has taken six years of growth to begin to perceive the dimensions of the above statement. I've learned that politics is not the only thing that's dirty -- anything that man touches is capable of becoming soiled -- because man is obnoxiously selfish. If I stop at this point of evaluation, I will become like most students at Wesleyan -- cynical. The nouveau college image to portray is one of coolly, apathetic "wisdom beyond years" -- but with no experience to back it up ("Wow man, I can dig it, but everything is hopelessly absurd"). There is one more step. True wisdom sees how bad things are and the necessity of living one's life doing something about it.

My third "revelation of truth" that I will share with you is that politics is not only a national T. V. campaign for the presidency. It is a way of life. You'll find it in any institution in the world including dear little Wesleyan. If you don't believe me, then think about the "speeches" given at the Founder's Day convocation. That should be obvious enough to convince any self-respecting student (that's about the only kind of respect one has left after one of those programs).

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
In politics, when one is given a position by the good grace of the person in power, the appointee's actions are always motivated by one thing -- staying in the good grace of the appointer.

Both administrations, Wesleyan's and Nixon's, are to blame for the current apathy. One can't help being completely discouraged after working conscientiously through the supposedly open channels, one is promptly rebuffed by an administrative veto.

But, as a "great American hero" once said: "Don't give up the ship!" Talk about a political statement. That was pretty obvious wasn't it? In case you're interested, I just happen to be related to that great hero. But please don't stop reading just because this writer sees himself as John Paul Jones.

Just as it is the American public's responsibility, come election day, to keep politicians on their toes and Nixon on the right track (no pun intended), so it is our responsibility as students and financial supporters to keep Wesleyan on its toes. Remember their lovely

little saying, "Freedom With Responsibility"? Well, we want a little freedom to show how responsible we are. In order to be responsible and keep Wesleyan responsible, we must be sure that Wesleyan can answer for every action. Therefore . . . "Wesleyan, we raise our voice to thee . . ." and SCREAM: 1) Where did the summer school activity fee go? 2) Why do the supposedly intellectual elite of this world succumb to the tactics of malicious gossip to achieve their purposes? 3) Why can't students, who pay extra money for an overload of hours, get their money back after they drop the additional hours over fifteen? 4) Why are there different levels of punishment for the same offense (Why does the means of punishment depend on whether you have long hair, whether you're male or female, black or white, student or teacher, rich or poor, sycophantic or honest)? 5) Why are black students' applications to this college considered separately from the white's and why are black students always assigned black room mates? 6) If Wesleyan, as an American college, supposedly reflects the American political system of democracy, then how on earth can the Dean of Students office abolish the right of students of trial by peers? Any red-blooded All-American gets dwey-eyed when the Bill of Rights is read -- and violently defensive when any of those precious rights are threatened. When the student's rights as American citizens and Wesleyan students are cancelled or denied, what is their reaction going to be? Anyone in power who makes illogical or unconstitutional decisions better be prepared for some violent reactions.

Any academically respectable college would say that their purpose is to better the American society by teaching the young self-respect, high ideals, and a more profound manner of thinking intelligently, logically, and openly. I'm sure Wesleyan would agree that this too is its purpose. By not acknowledging that Wesleyan students can think logically, act responsibly, or have intelligent opinions, isn't Wesleyan saying that it has made no contribution to society, and has failed in its attempt to elevate the students; therefore, Wesleyan has no purpose, and its continued existence is a was-

te of Rocky Mount's and student's money, and EVERYONE's "life's blood".

"To you with failing hands we throw the torch". It is your turn, students. We all know it is easier not to make a fuss and continue trying to get by as usual by just breaking the rules. But, I don't think that is right and I don't think that you do either. Note: I discovered what Truth and Right are -- living one's life trying to reach one's conception of Truth and Right.

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and how many of them are special students Mr. Garlow replied:

"There is always the possibility that someone may not know the facts, but each year within ten days after registration any student organization on campus can request through proper channels, specifically through the Dean of Students office, for any set of figures. If the student government official would have requested through Mr. Maxwell or even directly through me these figures could have been made available within ten days after registration."

Mr. Garlow further stated: "The full time equivalency of part time students is compiled at the same time as all other enrollment statistics (prior to October first)."

It seems that the elections for day student senators has not been postponed because of record or the lack of them, but because of some other, unknown reason. Whatever that reason is it is a sad state of affairs when a group of students is not represented on a student senate for almost an entire semester. It makes no difference whether or not, now that applications are available, day students apply for the senate seats to make this editorial a valid one. They should have been given a choice before now. Dorm residents . . . what if it were your representation?

Mr. Harrison and Mr. Kershner, as Election Chairmen, it seems, blew it. This column would like to know the real reason that day student senate elections are just being held. And for that matter it would be nice to find out why some people think this Year's freshman class needs longer to get to know each other than that of any other freshman class in this college's history.

By HERB HENNEY

Those of you who read this rag with any sort of consistency will know that this is a new column. You are right. The purpose of this series is to make you aware of some of the discoveries in science that don't receive national attention. I also hope to speak with the professors of the sciences here at Wesleyan to get their views on many issues. So stick around and I just might say something that will interest you.

I was reading Science Digest the other day and came across an article I would like to share with you concerning marijuana. I am compelled to say at this point that I don't use nor advocate the use of marijuana. There have been some discoveries concerning marijuana that merit some comment. It has been found that the pure form of marijuana (delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol - THC) has some medical value. Tests show its effectiveness in lowering high blood pressure, treatment of migraine headaches, epilepsy, and lowering body temperature (suspended animation).

The U. S. Army has studied suspended animation in dogs which has been induced by a single injection of pure THC. These dogs have been placed in suspended animation for as long as eight days. The dogs recovered and were normal in all respects. The Army has also found that THC could possibly be a battlefield aid for casualties, enabling these men to be put into suspended animation until they could receive proper medical attention.

THC has also been found to be twenty times more potent than reserpine (the current drug being used) in lowering high blood pressure. The drug's capability for lowering body temperature has important applications in suppressing high fevers on body metabolism.

Another aspect that has come out of these studies is that marijuana purchased on the streets contains small amounts of THC; therefore some scientists believe that the "high" usually associated with smoking marijuana is in the impurities or is a psychological factor.

Next time . . . who knows; it depends on what I feel like writing about.

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