

Merry Christmas

As the Christmas season draws near once again the Editors would like to take time out to wish each and every student a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The following is a kind of Christmas Card from Tom and myself to the Wesleyan community.

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars: you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its shame, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy. (Copied).

Unnoticed

And they came with haste and found Him, just as they had been told. Hosts of angels surrounded Him, and great throngs chanted His praises from corner to corner. People from every part of the world, representing all nations, races, and ideologies, danced and sang in an atmosphere of total bliss and gaiety. He was worshipped; He was praised. He was the center of attention. He was the Spirit of Christmas.

In the center He sat on his great golden throne, the symbol of wealth and authority. He spoke with the wisdom of the ages, but only a few listened. He was dressed in red velvet and black patent leather, and his jolly laugh and jovial manner filled the palace with glee.

And they all brought gifts and laid them at his feet. Great gifts and small gifts: gold, frankincense, neckties, handkerchiefs, pretty lace and precious gems. The decor was magnificent--bright lights, shiny tinsel, stunning costumes. And wrapping paper enough to cover the world was strewn about the palace as the gifts were politely exchanged. And over the palace there could have been seen for miles around a great light, manufactured specifically for this occasion by one of the nation's leading industries.

And they celebrated through the night, and continued for years and centuries. And still today they sing and decorate and exchange gifts and worship this Spirit of Christmas. While in one obscure corner of the room, almost covered by the wrapping paper and tinsel, almost deafened by the roar of the crowd, lay a babe-- a King, Unnoticed.

Dear Chief . . .

(Editors note: The following is a letter received November 10, 1972 by the editors. We were unable to print the letter at that time due to deadlines. Even though the problem stated in letter may have been solved already we have chosen to print the letter and all signatures (55) because we feel the letter proves to some degree that students are capable of striving together in a common cause. We sincerely apologise for the lateness of the letter appearing in the Decree but we assure all involved that it could not be helped.)

Dear Chief:

Recently all Dorm Councils on campus appear to have been drastically changed to fit the needs of the administration, rather than that of the students. The Dean of Students has practically reduced the councils to a mere social commissions by transferring more power to the A.R.C.'s.

The large majority of cases brought before the dorm councils have been by A.R.C.'s. Now they also have the power to levy punishment upon individual students without due process of law.

The "Bishop's Law" states that "the Dormitory Council shall have original jurisdiction over the following infractions when these infractions occur in the council's own dormitory:

- a. Excessive noise
- b. Litter and general unsanitary conditions
- c. infractions of dormitory rules

d. rowdiness and misconduct
In the past, the administration has generally interrupted the "Bishop's Law" so as to be fair and just to students as possible, however the newly refined interpretation on the part of our administration of this document is a blatant infraction upon our rights as members of the Wesleyan community. This interpretation states that the councils will have jurisdiction only over those cases which council members themselves bring to court, and although the A.R.C.'s are "council members" with no vote, they now have the power to punish without the right to trial by jury.

This revision of the "law" by our administration is not agreeable to the residents of North Hall Dormitory. An appeal will be made to the Student Life and Services Committee.

Respectfully,
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