

Wesleyan's Future A Promising One!

Four weeks have passed since the freshman class and upper classmen reassembled for another year of ups and downs. It started as an upper, this press presumes, for the freshman at least. The enthusiasm and anticipation displayed by the vast majority of new students was as welcome and needed by this campus as food to a starving man. For the first time in many years a group of students have shown a desire to blend fully into the mainstream of campus life. The questions many Orientation members fielded concerning memberships in campus activities was a most refreshing change.

It is hoped that this deluge of desire is not a passing one but instead a view into the future when Wesleyan, to Wesleyan students will always be an upper.

The sophomore, junior and senior class students of this institution should take a long hard look at the new students and use them as an example. The rest of us could use some of their pep and drive to reestablish ourselves as a united group. It started, this uniting, last year, and we must not lose the drive now. Elections are proceeding rapidly, concerts are already in the work stages and student government is cranked up and in high gear. Use it, be a part of it and let it work for you. And make your services available, too.

The future is not as bright as it could be—but not as dark as some students would have us believe.

Who should take the credit for the abundance of active new students this year? Well . . . the students themselves, of course, but also the rank and file membership of the Orientation Committee. I am not trying to pat Charles Rogers or myself on the back, but instead the 13 members who did the leg work, carried out executive plans and literally worked and worried 24 hours a day about plans before upperclassmen were even packing to come back to school.

The enthusiasm and unbiased approach the members displayed to new students to me is one of the main reasons the freshman class is active. They really worked for orientation. The spirit and honesty evoked by these unthanked upperclassmen was contagious and made orientation successful.

It is an achievement that I am proud of and one that the entire membership should cherish. The future for any college starts the day it opens its doors to new students and in that respect Wesleyan's future is a promising one.

The Decree

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Dear Chief . . .

As Campus Welcome Hostess for the city of Rocky Mount, I extend to you a most cordial CAMPUS WELCOME on behalf of all the civic-minded businessmen represented in the packet that you received this week. We are pleased that you will be attending college in Rocky Mount.

We are offering you these invitation cards as a means of letting you know that these businesses recognize you, the college student, as a vital, important member of the community; that they recognize your needs; and that they will provide a source for the solving of your special problems.

I urge you to carefully examine the material in this packet and to visit the stores in the near future to become acquainted with the products and services available at each establishment. Please note that some of the cards do have an expiration date.

I certainly hope this material will assist you in becoming more familiar with Rocky Mount as a city, and that it will aid you in establishing shopping patterns that will benefit you for years to come.

Sincerely,
Sylvia E. Overton
Campus Welcome Hostess

Dear Chief:

More than two thousand American students took summer jobs in Europe because they chose to pack up and see the continent on an earn-as-you-go basis. In this day of high prices the attraction of a paying temporary job in Europe with free room and board is obvious. A few weeks work, which in itself is a unique experience, earns the lion's share of the trip cost, and a few more weeks earns money for traveling around Europe.

Now fall and winter jobs are available in European ski and winter resorts. Standard wages are paid, plus free room and board. Jobs, working papers, permits and living accommodations are arranged in advance, on a non-profit basis, by the Student Overseas Services (SOS), a student run organization which has been helping American students in Europe for the past 14 years. To make certain each student gets off on the right foot in Europe—and to the job at the right time—SOS also provides a job orientation in Europe.

Jobs, work permits and other necessary papers are issued to students on a first come, first served basis. Any full or part time student between the ages of 17 and 27 may apply. Applications should be submitted early enough to allow SOS ample time to obtain the necessary papers and permits.

Students interested in applying for a winter or summer job in Europe may obtain the SOS Handbook on earning your way in Europe, which contains a job application form, job listings and descriptions, by sending their name, address, name of educational institution, and \$1 (for postage, printing, addressing and handling) to either SOS—Student Overseas Services, Box 5173, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93108 or SOS—Student

Overseas Services, 22 Ave. de la Liberte, Luxembourg, Europe.

Sincerely,
Student Overseas Services

Dear Chief:

The Office of Education is sponsoring a new student financial aid program which is available to first-time, full-time students for the 1973-74 school year.

The new Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program—more popularly known as Basic Grants—is designed to assist eligible students planning to enter colleges, universities, community colleges, approved vocational and technical schools, and hospital schools of nursing.

When the appropriation is sufficient to fully fund the program, students will receive grant assistance of \$1400, less the amount the family can be expected to contribute for the postsecondary education of the student. No grant can, however, be more than one-half of a student's cost of attendance.

For the 1973-74 academic year, \$122 million is available to assist an estimated 425,000 students. The maximum award is \$452 and the average award is \$200.

The amount of each student's expected family contribution and the amount of his award is determined on the basis of a formula developed by the Office of Education and applied consistently to all students who apply for a Basic Grant.

Basic Grants, unlike loans, do not have to be repaid and may be used to cover a student's tuition, fees, room, board, books, supplies, and miscellaneous expenses. They are the "floor" of the assistance package available to eligible students. Other forms of student aid may be provided in addition to these grants.

Applications are available from financial aid officers at institutions of postsecondary education, high school guidance counselors, post offices, State employment offices, county agricultural extension agents, or by writing to Basic Grants, Box G, Iowa City, Iowa 52240.

Thank you,
Dept. of Health,
Education & Welfare

Dear Chief:

The National Research Council has again been called upon to advise the National Science Foundation in the selection of candidates for the Foundation's program of Graduate Fellowships. Panels of eminent scientists appointed by the National Research Council will evaluate qualifications of applicants. Final selection will be made by the Foundation, with awards to be announced on March 15, 1974.

Initial NSF Graduate Fellowship awards are intended for students at or near the beginning of their graduate study. In general, therefore, those eligible to apply will be college seniors or first-year graduate students this Fall; in particular, eligibility is limited to individuals who by Fall 1974 will have completed not more than one year of full-time or part-time graduate-level study. Subject to the availability of

funds, new fellowships awarded in the Spring of 1974 will be for periods of three years, the second and third years contingent on certification to the Foundation by the fellowship institution of the student's satisfactory progress toward an advanced degree in the sciences.

These fellowships will be awarded for study or work leading to master's or doctoral degrees in the mathematical, physical, medical, biological, engineering, and social sciences, and in the history and philosophy of science. Awards will not be made in clinical, education, or business fields, in history or social work, or for work leading to medical, dental, law, or joint Ph.D.-professional degrees. Applicants must be citizens of the United States and will be judged solely on the basis of ability. The annual stipend for Graduate Fellows will be \$3,600 for a twelve-month tenure with no dependency allowances.

Applicants will be required to take the Graduate Record Examinations designed to test scientific aptitude and achievement. The examinations, administered by the Educational Testing Service, will be given on December 8, 1973 at designated centers throughout the United States and in certain foreign countries.

The deadline date for the submission of applications for NSF Graduate Fellowships is November 26, 1973. Further information and application materials may be obtained from the Fellowship Office, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D. C. 20418.

Thank You,
Fellowship Office
National Research Council

Dear Chief

The Ford Foundation and the National Fellowships Fund are pleased to announce the following fellowship programs for the 1974-1975 year:

Graduate Fellowships for Black Americans
Graduate Fellowships for Mexican Americans
Graduate Fellowships for Native Americans
Graduate Fellowships for Puerto Ricans

These Fellowship programs are for students (a) who plan to pursue full-time study toward the doctoral degree in the Arts or Sciences or (b) who hold a first post-baccalaureate professional degree—such as the MBA, MPA, MSW or M. Ed.—and plan to continue on to the doctoral degree in preparation for a career in higher education. These fellowships are for one year only, but are renewable upon reapplication if satisfactory progress toward the doctorate is maintained. Applicants are expected to plan to study full time and to complete the requirements for the doctorate as soon as possible.

Our immediate concern is to inform interested persons about the available fellowships and to encourage those who are eligible to apply. However, applicants must act quickly to meet deadlines.

Thank you,
The Ford Foundation