

We Could Kill God Again

There is a new director of Development on campus now and needless to say his arrival does not include the excess hope and bally-hoo the campus and friends of the college subjected itself to on the arrival of our last short-lived Director. Great. The college and its friends should not allow the addition of one new and promising administration to turn on everyone to rose colored glasses.

Mr. Hutcheson has a difficult job ahead of him to be sure. This newspaper has no idea as to what is involved in the area of College Development but to classify any individual as a Savior of an institution is a sad mistake. Two things happen. First, the person who is billed as "Savior" gets a lot of pressure on his shoulders. Second, all the other campus administrators could possibly unconsciously decide that since now, miraculously, everything is fine, the others lose interest in their quasi-development chores. Everything here is about the business of developing something isn't it?

So what do we do? What should we do now that we have all decided that Mr. Hutcheson is no a "Savior", but a hard worker who will do the job with vigor and ability? We help him. We do not hinder him by setting impossible goals and we do not leave him stranded alone to bear his cross. The different administrative agencies must co-ordinate their efforts and possibly should consult the new Development Director to possibly find ways to become more productive.

One way that would soften the Directors's work would be if more people know that there was a N. C. Wesleyan College tucked away in Rocky Mount behind a bunch of pine trees. This is done via P. R. (Public Relations)! It is essential that this college get its name in the minds of North Carolinians. Chowan College, in direct competition with this college in the never-ending quest for students, has its own radio program on Sunday nights on WEED. That's like a Dean Smith Show on WCAR, The UNC student radio station. Why is there not a NCWC program on Rocky Mount stations? Our basketball games were once aired but not anymore. The PR releases around here carry so much weight that when a student is elected President of the SGA, tapped into Omicron Delta Kappa, and appointed Associate Editor of a campus newspaper, it doesn't even make his hometown paper. That is not the fault of PR here, but perhaps illustrates that Wesleyan seems unimportant outside the limits of the wall.

What does this all boil down too? Perhaps the new Director of Development's first chore should be to develop the college's image in North Carolina and should make an all out effort to make Wesleyan known not only to people with money and companies with grants to give, but to the general populace. It is the general populace who has kids in need of a place to go to school, and that's what we need.

Maybe we need to fight for a four-year med school . . . that would get newspaper space, or perhaps the Administration should come out with a positive position on Streaking. UNC-Chapel Hill made CBS, State, Duke, St. Andrews, Chowan, and others made the News and Observer. But one thing is clear. We need to become a household word.

If all else fails we could kill God again. We need Students, not bluehaired ladies with \$1,000 to give.

Daylight Saving Time

Tried And Found Wanting

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The great unknown factor about winter daylight saving time is what good does it do? Unfortunately, we know all too well the harm it does, and the hazardous, disruptive inconvenience it causes so many, young and old alike.

However, when the President asked the Congress for year-round daylight saving time last November 8th, apparently not enough people across the nation seriously considered the consequences. Instead, the stampede started, with most being convinced that here was a great and good thing to do—a way to save energy painlessly and to help us through the energy crisis.

Legislation to bring it about was promptly introduced and sailed through both Houses of Congress and was signed into law by the President. Only a few stood up to be counted against it when the roll was called, and it passed 311-88.

Consequently, in double-quick time all Americans were forced to start going to work or school with headlights gleaming or flashlights shining through the gloom of the pre-sunrise rush hour.

The question remains, what good does it do?

The White House fact sheet of last November could only say that winter daylight saving time might save some oil. Even today after we've been blessed with a month and a half of dawn patrol breakfasts and rush hour traffic, John Sawhill, Deputy Administrator of the Federal Energy Office, recently admitted on Capitol Hill that "we just

don't know" if any energy is actually being saved by the current experiment.

When the legislation to establish winter daylight saving was debated in the House of Representatives, the Committee which proposed the bill admitted in its Reports to the House that "no studies have been carried out and no information is available which establishes with certainty that an overall reduction in energy consumption will directly result from the year-round observance of daylight saving time."

Accordingly, it was impossible for me to support such nebulous legislation just on the off-chance that it might save a little fuel—no one knew how much—while creating many other problems, and so I voted against it.

Nevertheless, the ayes had it and winter daylight saving time became law with a Presidential signature on December 15, 1973, and went into effect on January 6, 1974.

The backers of this turn-back-the-clock idea said it would be a safety measure, but the statistics on the children killed or injured on their way to school through the dark of night, and other problems created, tell a different story.

Claims were also made that year-round daylight saving time, rather than just during the summer months, would result in less confusion, but the reverse is plainly true. Parents have been forced to radically alter their schedules to get their children to school. And schools have found it necessary to move back their opening

hours—thus causing confusion there.

Much of business and industry have also been adversely affected. It all adds up to more confusion and frustration, not less, and no observable benefits.

Proponents of winter daylight saving time claimed there would be less crime with people burning daylight instead of electricity in the afternoon, but we haven't heard of any sudden outbreak of law and order caused by daylight saving time.

Like too much other legislation passed down through the years, this whole question has been decided on the basis of what might happen, but didn't.

And so, without further ado, the hasty action taken should be reconsidered. For every one it might please or help, there are many others it will continue to displease and harm.

Why do we have to wait til mid-summer to get a report from the Secretary of Transportation on the vague accomplishments of a scheme which was tried and found wanting during World War I and World War II, as well as since January 6th of the crisis-ridden year 1974.

We've had enough experimentation. Winter daylight saving time should be repealed—for our children's sake, if not for ours.

"Murder" Reviewed

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the audience, providing the first real chance for it to collect its wits. He assumes that we condemn the assassins for what they have done, but asks us to consider certain other points. We should thank them, for example, for facilitating the ultimate separation of church and state by eliminating this (presumably) power-hungry priest. And besides, with whom can we really identify, this "martyr" Becket or the assassins? In principle, it is difficult to argue with what we must take to be van Blarcom's implication—that we destroy more than we create, and hence we must identify with the assassins.

But can we not also identify with this Thomas, portrayed in

Reading Program

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Rooms will be available in residence halls for students who wish to live on the Wesleyan campus during the four-week period and all college facilities will be open to them. Commuting students may also register in the improvement program.

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this production as a cowering, seemingly befuddled lackey? Somehow, we wonder what the king feared from him, and in this also we see ourselves, either indifferent or cowardly in the face of injustice. This man is no martyr; he is pathetic. So we are both the assassins and the Archbishop. Destruction proceeds while fail to act to end it.

Van Blarcom must be congratulated. His bold production has stirred more than the usual discussion of a WCT play. We must also appreciate the willingness of the cast to be subjected to such choreographic contortions and applaud its physical endurance. It enacted the director's interpretation effectively. Cathy Crismon, Liz Martin, Patti Thompson and Lynda Land as members of the chorus, and Gail Shearer, Mary Glenn Swanson, and Bettie Garrick, the priests, are due special praise. Olga Korbut would have been impressed.

Finally, several random thoughts: there were about twice as many students in the cast as in the audience on the night I was there. And thus I am told that there is "nothing to do" on campus. I must also assume that the usual Decree reviewer was out of town for these performances. You all missed an impressive experience.



VANCE MIZELLE

Mizelle Plans Tour

Vance Mizelle, Wesleyan English Professor, will conduct a tour to several European cities this summer. The trip will start in New York and include tours of Berlin, Munich, Nuremberg, Hamburg and Prague, Czechoslovakia. This tour will take place in August and last two weeks at an approximately cost of \$750.00. All interested persons please contact Mr. Mizelle on campus or call 442-6876.

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Editor's Quote Book

"Once the citizen loses his sense of personal responsibility for the welfare of the nation—of participation as an active, loyal citizen—we shall indeed be destroyed from within."

—Sen. Karl Mundt