

Wesleyan's Manifesto—

We Will Stand Strong

For years North Carolina Wesleyan has been in a very awkward position. We are the "Castaways" of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. We have played a secondary role in the higher education plans of the church. We seem to be of little significance when compared to the air-conditioned auditorium of our counterparts in Fayetteville. We even rate below our Junior College counterpart in Louisburg. Simply speaking we have had to go it alone. Our support from the church has been only monetary in the past. As soon as our financial situation was revealed we were counted out by the church. The only people who thought otherwise was the faculty, staff and student body of our school.

So we, the college, went at the problem with all our resources. We put the issue of who or what was to blame behind. Onward we went with marathons, dances, and auctions. As we did we formed a bandwagon full of concerned Rocky Mount citizens and alumni and friends all over the country. Our school was rejected by the state but that did not bother us because we didn't want to become part of the infinitely political state system.

Admittedly things have looked grim at times. In fact, most of the time. Our goal has seemed unreachable. The situation has been difficult and very trying. Uncertainty piled on uncertainty has been the rule causing nothing short of complete frustration.

We have though, with the leadership of Judge Carlton stayed in the fight and now it appears that our fortitude is being rewarded. Recently the City of Rocky Mount, in a town

meeting unanimously voted to raise funds necessary to keep N. C. Wesleyan running for at least three more years. Since then the Methodist Church has met and in a dramatic change of policy decided to raise \$400,000 for Wesleyan over the next two years. We are not out of the woods yet but now there is a very strong chance that with some more work we will make it to our goal.

Our job has been tough from our inception but we have consistently met the challenge. The college exists now because it's lifeblood, the faculty, staff and students have willed it to continue. N. C. Wesleyan will stand firm in the future for just that reason. All of us here at Wesleyan see things that are good and worth preserving. We are far from perfect, but it is because of that admission that we grow stronger as a community of higher education. We change with the times but remain proud of our heritage.

In conclusion it can only be said that North Carolina Wesleyan will stand stronger in the future. We will stand that way because of the support of our friends in Rocky Mount, our alumni all over the country, along with the strong willed Methodist ministers who rose to our support when we needed it the most. We at Wesleyan can rephrase Churchill by saying never before have so few been so thankful for so many! Finally it is as Dr. Jones said in class one day, "The best time to buy stock is when the market is down." We the Wesleyan community and our supporters have and we shall reap the dividends!

— Matthew Wentz

Read This! . . . says Al Horne

On Thursday, May 8th, all Wesleyan students received a memo concerning the open and flagrant violation of rules concerning the use of alcoholic beverages on campus, and the visitation of dorms by the opposite sex during closed dorms. This memo was conceived, written and distributed by the Dean of Students, Al Horne. When asked why this memo came out with only three weeks remaining in the school year, Horne stated that the open disregard and violation of these rules and regulations began with the beginning of the May Term. "I did not like having to send it out," stated Horne, "but I cannot tolerate wholesale disregard for rules and regulations." Dean Horne also stated that he feels that the open use of alcohol is the most important problem on the Wesleyan campus. Horne fears that there is a problem of alcoholism among some Wesleyan students. "I feel that alcohol is a contributing factor to other problems on campus," stated Horne. Dean Horne named a few of these problems as being in the forms of broken bottles in the streets and on the side walks, destruction of school property, and general roudiness. When asked to name some instances of the violation of these rules, he cited an open bar in the back of a station wagon between South and Edgecombe dorms one weekend, and the visitation of males into the girls dorms not during open dorms, via windows, and the same for the

girls into the boy's dorm. He stated before this violation of rules according to Horne begins with the beginning of the May Term. Horne stated that because of this violation of rules and a few other factors, that there has been serious consideration as to the educational value of the May Term.

The faculty, according to Horne; however, has already voted to retain the May Term for the seventy-five-seventy-six school year. When asked if there would be any changes in the present rules for the next school year, such as the allowing of alcohol on campus, and twenty-four hour open dorm, Horne replied a flat no. He said there must be a change in the feelings of the church towards alcohol before it will be allowed on campus, and he does not see that change in the near future. Horne did state that he was looking for an alternative to the present open dorm policy because he feels the present one is inadequate and out dated, but as of yet he has been unable to find one.

These problems, and the open disregard for rules and regulations have made it necessary for Dean Horne to crack down on the violation of these rules during the remainder of the May Term. When asked if he was serious about the suspension of students for the violation of these rules, Horne replied that he had to be serious.

— "Pig Pen" Peters

Vietnam, An American Tragedy

Approximately 25 years ago Harry S. Truman obligated the United States to an anti-communist position. In the Truman Doctrine of 1947 he stated that, "it must be the policy of the United States to support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures." Thus began the Cold War. His policy was reinforced by strong United States intervention in the Korean Conflict. Truman's idea was expanded on by Dwight Eisenhower when he said in the Eisenhower Doctrine that, "the United States is prepared to use armed forces to assist any such nation or group of such nations requesting assistance against armed aggression from any country controlled by international communism."

So the United States entered the 60's with an aggressive attitude toward communism. Vietnam was a natural place for United States intervention. The French had left earlier, suffering from an exhausting and endless war. They negotiated a treaty to gain some honor for seven and a half years of blood. The United States then saw a necessity to enter to prevent the spread of communism. First we sent supplies and advisors and then in 1965 we entered with combat Marines. Support from the United States was strong. Congress backed the troop intervention and American citizens applauded President Johnson's actions.

Now we see that it was everyone's fault that the Vietnam tragedy occurred. We then expanded the war to tremendous proportions involving billions of dollars in destruction and lives lost by the thousands. No one knew in 1965 what Vietnam was to become but it's escalation caused Americans all over the country to realize what a mistake our involvement was.

What we were all guilty of was carrying over the thoughts of the 50s into the 60's. We did not look at the world situation realistically. We grossly over-estimated our power to control the world's destiny. We stuck our noses out too far and got it's end chopped off. Now we are faced by the heavy burden of guilt and are trying to rationalize by adopting South Vietnamese babies and transplanting many other South Vietnamese on American soil. But the mass removal of Vietnamese citizens is as unrealistic as our military intervention years earlier. Our leaders are suffering from a guilt complex as they well should along with the rest of our country but we must overcome this feeling and learn from our mistake of meddling too much in other's affairs. Our president seems more willing to move foreign citizens to the United States and provide for them rather than facing the 8.9 per cent of Americans who are unemployed. None of his proposed \$600,000,000 for the 70,000 Vietnamese will help our unemployed.

In conclusion, we, the American people, have a moral obligation to help in any way to restore Vietnam through humanitarian gestures. The airlift of Vietnamese to America has already begun and cannot be changed so we must make the best of the situation and help them fit into our society. We must try to heal the wounds though they can never be totally erased. Only time will rid us of our guilt. We must recover and stabilize ourselves. It is up to us to pick up the pieces and learn from our mistake, our "American Tragedy", and never pass that way again.

— Matthew Wentz



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