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Bill Garlow

Organizes student life

Bill Garlow is a busy man, and the biggest favor I could do for him in this interview is to let people know exactly what his responsibilities are not. He is not the Dean of Students, which he believes connotes an "aura of formality." He is not the Administrative Bad Guy, though that image will undoubtedly occur to those students who fail to Walk Softly under his Big Stick, (he is the acting Disciplinarian under the title of Vice-president in charge of Student Life, though he would prefer no title at all.)

Student Life in a new organization at Wesleyan, covering all student activities outside of academics. The categories of Student Life include Student Activities (under Bertie Bost),

Student Services (under Al Horne), and Student Discipline (under Bill Garlow, though Bill will be ultimately consulted on all three categories).

In the hour that I spent with Mr. Garlow, he received eight phone calls, and two knocks at the door, which made me wonder that he had any time, much less energy, to spend talking about his job. My doubts soon vanished, however, as he enthusiastically, and I think, gratefully, entered into the interview.

When asked to explain the importance of a Student Life program on campus, Bill answered, "In the past, there had never been any clear cut organization for student affairs; consequently, students didn't

know exactly where to go for answers and decisions. When students begin to understand and get used to this new system, they will know where they should go if they want to have a party, or get a private room, or to get answers to student rules and regulations. There will be better communication between students and administration." He went on to say, "When the financial crisis hit, things fell into disarray. Wesleyan just had to make do. The then Dean of Students Al Horne was pushed into about eight different jobs, including counselor, disciplinarian, coach, student activities coordinator, and so on. It was a terrible burden for one person, but now things have changed, with better organization."

When asked where he stood on issues such as open dorms, and alcohol on campus, Bill was adamant. "There will be no open dorms under college policy, and drinking will not be condoned." Period. "If a student is caught violating these two policies, they will be asked to leave campus, with the understanding that they may reapply for admission after the semester is over."

"What about the Methodist Conference?" I had to ask. "Are we trying to please them too much with our new policies?"

Bill answered with this: "When the President appealed to the Methodist Conference for funds they were very hesitant. Wesleyan had a bad reputation in terms of values and morality. Low morale and lack of college pride were evident everywhere. Prospective students visiting the campus were solicited for drugs. Athletic teams were losing. The Methodist Conference wasn't convinced that Wesleyan was a good investment. Therefore we had to prove to them that we were worth it, and with that decision came a necessity for order. We had to turn our public image around."

"Just what is the President's position in all of this?" I asked. Bill replied, "What the students want to know outside of academics is my responsibility. President Petteway makes no front-line decisions concerning the students. Mine is a very critical position. My decisions will not be refuted by the president to the students. If the President disagrees with my position on an issue, he will

consult me privately. My first consideration upon accepting this position was that I was able to make decisions independently."

On the subject of off-campus residence for students, Bill remarked, "As of now, the only students who may live off campus are those with senior standing, and a good academic and social background. We don't encourage off-campus living because those who chose to live off campus slowly isolate themselves from on-campus activities. When Wesleyan has a big enough enrollment where it is necessary for some to find off-campus housing, then those with junior status, or who are 21, will not have to petition for it. They can simply arrange to live off-campus."

One of the last remarks he made concerned the incoming new students. "Most of our new students, and most of those already here seem to be pretty special as far as academic status and individual interests. Over half of the students enrolled for the fall semester will be new faces. I'm looking forward to their arrival, and I think we can expect a good year."

Jan Wilson

How to succeed in college

In writing this article I solicited advice from various students and professors on how to make your college career a more rewarding one for you. Read on new students, and upperclassmen alike, for some valuable and confusion-saving tips.

1. Do not be afraid to ask questions in class. When you don't understand something, let the professor know. The professor will appreciate it, and so will many of the shy students.

2. When you hear a word that you don't recognize, look it up, or ask what it means. Chances are, the person who used it just learned it himself.

3. You are not an apple-polisher if you are friendly with your professors. Say hello to them and stop for a chat, as that is good food for everyone's soul.

4. Watch those midnight snacks. Get up early and eat a nutritious breakfast in the cafeteria.

5. Do not overextend yourself getting involved in various clubs and organizations. As Daisy Thorpe relayed to me, "Cream will rise to the top." In other words, you do not have to scramble to make a name for yourself.

6. Dress expressively and colorfully. Don't wear what everybody else is wearing. Accessories are always fun.

7. There is no class to cheating in class. If you see

someone cheating in class, either talk privately to the student or let the professor know about it. You will be doing yourself a disservice by letting the situation go uncorrected.

8. As for generalizations: Theatre people are not necessarily freaks; Jocks are sometimes smart; Jesus freaks are not always squares; Education majors don't just blow up balloons all day, and Poli Sci., majors are not always a member of Alpha Delta Chi.

9. If you need to wear glasses in class, wear them. They are very fashionable now.

10. Join things, or initiate a club yourself.

11. This from Dr. Finney "How to treat your feet-run to class.

12. Write for the newspaper.

13. Explain absences to professors. Don't use the same tired story. If the excuse isn't valid, at least make it entertaining.

14. Do not procrastinate.

15. Invite friends and fellow students into your rooms for friendly get-togethers.

16. Flush the toilets. Nobody wants to know everything about you.

17. If you have any problems, there are excellent facilities in Rocky Mount. The Mental Health Clinic, and the Health Clinic. For on-campus counselors Daisy Thorpe and Sim Wilde are good to talk to.

18. Give flowers to those you admire.



Inviting welcome

A visitor admires Wesleyan's beautiful fountain and attractive welcome sign. She is probably relaxing after a hard day of moving in a friend or relative attending Wesleyan.