

Wesleyan Goes Hungry So Others Can Eat

North Carolina Wesleyan College students did something about world hunger this week.

They went without eating for a day, and donated the cost of their lunches toward the efforts of Oxfam-American in Cambodia.

Dr. John Betlyon, campus minister at Wesleyan, reported that approximately 43 percent of the resident students participated in the Nov. 14th fast. A total in excess of \$230, which includes contributions, was donated to Oxfam-America, a nonprofit

agency which funds specific projects to help poor and starving peoples in the Third World to help themselves.

"We organized the fast at Wesleyan for two reasons," said Betlyon. "First, we wanted to give people a chance to make a personal commitment to the hungry of the world. Fasting is a symbolic way of doing that."

"Second, contributing food money is a simple and direct way of sharing some of our resources with people in Latin America, Asia, and Africa who are struggling to survive and become self-

reliant."

Specifically this year, monies are needed to help fight the imminent situation which faces 2.5 million people in Cambodia, Betlyon added.

The Wesleyan fast, sponsored by the Student Government Association and the Christian Fellowship, provided some support for Oxfam professionals who are in Cambodia overseeing relief efforts, in cooperation with other groups such as the American Red Cross, UNICEF, and the American Friends Service Committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

First, I'd like to compliment you and your staff on a good first issue, especially your article, *The Written Word and You*. Your plea for student involvement through the newspaper is well warranted. Now I only wish I had voiced my opinion on some concerns in time for the November issue. Because I'm a freshman I was reluctant to write--much less sign my name. Since then I have changed my mind, mainly because I was surprised, nearly shocked, not to see any editorials in the November issue. I would have thought some of the returning students at least would have something to write about. It appears, though, that students are quick to gripe and bitch, but are too lazy or apathetic to take advantage of their newspaper, their strongest channel for self-expression. I too, cannot see much chance for any changes on this campus if people don't let others hear and see what bothers them. What better way to get mass support than through letters to the editor followed by responses?

This is not to say that complaints alone should be printed. Hopefully, there are

good, beneficial aspects which students feel are worth passing on to fellow Wesleyanites. I see much potential for this college, but only if the students get involved in the shaping and growth, rather than allowing themselves to become stagnant.

I can only hope this letter will stir some people to pick up a pen and write--write about anything they feel needs recognition. In the future I plan to submit editorial to *The Decree*. Right now my main concern is the lack of other students' participation.

Advocate of Write-On

TO THE EDITOR

As the festive season of Christmas comes upon us, relief overflows in the hearts and minds of all students at N.C. Wesleyan. A month long break sounds too good to be true! No classes, no hassles, no cafeteria mysteries (I never did enjoy guessing games), no papers, tests, or even our favorite convocation goodies.

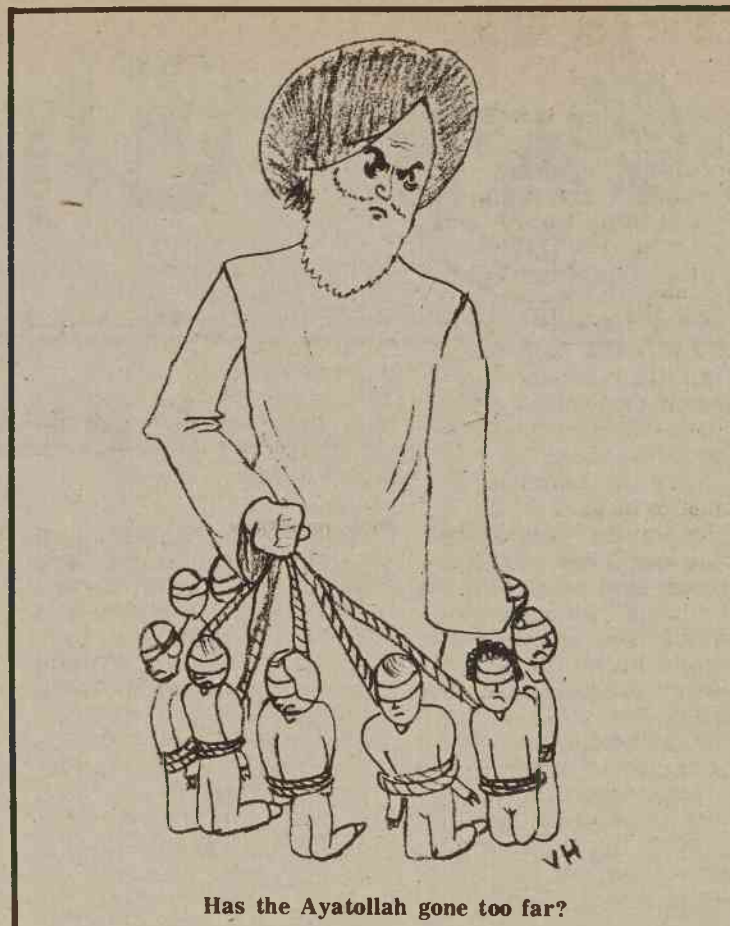
After December 3, all dorms will have been decorated--each lobby unique-

-and the Secret Santa's undone. The various fraternities and sororities will have engaged in their seasonal follies, all striving to relax prior to ... Exams!

The faculty and administration seem to be busying themselves, all preparing for the end of the semester. Dr. and Mrs. Petteway made their yearly appearance in the cafeteria for the tree trimming along with a few faculty members. How strange it seems that we students are required to attend all meetings and assemblies called by the faculty and administration, yet they fail to pay us the respect and offer support by actively coming to our athletic activities, performing arts series, and recitals. Imagine a faculty member or administrator fined for not completing his convocation card. How sweet it could be!

So with those sweet dreams in our minds (along with lots of cramming for exams!) and our bodies openly welcome the season's relief from our tensions, let me wish you ... a very Merry Christmas!

Joy Matthews



Has the Ayatollah gone too far?

KHOMEINI'S IRAN

On November 3, 1979 sixty-two Americans were taken hostage in the American Embassy in Tehran, Iran under the order of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Anti-American demonstrations were and are held outside the embassy. The mobs shout: "Death to Carter," "Khomeini struggles, Carter trembles." Even little children chant: "Death to America." Khomeini has said, "America is the mother of corruption." An Iranian radio station broadcasts: "The United States is enemy number one of humanity." Khomeini's office made a statement over an Iranian radio blaming the Mecca incident on "Criminal U.S. Imperialism." It added "the Muslims must...expect this kind of dirty act by American Imperialists." Khomeini has said the fifty remaining hostages will be tried as spies and, as he said, "Carter knows what will happen." Khomeini has demanded President Carter release Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi. He has also charged Presidents Nixon and Ford, along with Carter stand trial as partners in crime of the deposed Shah.

Does all of Iran follow the Ayatollah, the de facto religious ruler?

Away from the embassy, Tehranian citizens go on with

everyday life, not participating in riots outside the embassy. As a matter of fact, Americans are celebrities in parts of Tehran, receiving winks, smiles, and waves. Khomeini states that his religion does not like war. Will this leader let his religion interfere with his demands? Is Khomeini forfeiting his religion for the sake of political clout?

President Carter has frozen all Iranian assets in American banks. He has also stopped all Iranian oil from entering America. He was glen when thirteen hostages were freed, but was quoted saying, "the last hostage is just as important as the first." Carter has also begun investigations on the visas of Iranian students in the U.S. The U.S. has asked for the United Nations' Security Council to review Iran's action. After changing foreign ministers, Iran will still not accept the United Nation's ruling. The President has dispatched American warships to the Persian Gulf. The President has been quoted saying, "We don't want to, but if we are forced to, we will use military pressure."

Has Khomeini gone too far? Do You support your President?

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